APPENDIX 1

Statement of Community Involvement

Consultation Statement

June 2023

Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) – Consultation Statement

1. Introduction

1.1 This consultation statement summarises the consultation that took place on the draft revised Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). It sets out how the draft SCI was publicised and provides a summary of the responses received during the consultation together with any recommended changes to the document.

2. Consultation

- 2.1 The draft SCI was subject to a 6-week period of public consultation between 15 February and 29 March 2023.
- 2.2 The draft revised SCI was published on the Council's website on the 'Statement of Community Involvement' page and through the Council's online Planning Policy Consultation Platform. A news article was added to the front page of the Council's website. Comments were invited electronically via the on-line consultation system, or alternatively by email or letter.
- 2.3 Email notification about the consultation on the draft SCI was sent to all people registered on the Council's local plan consultee database. This included general and specific consultation bodies and individual members of the public with interest in plan making in the district. A letter was sent to those people without an email address. In total this involved direct notification to 675 people registered on the consultee database. The full list of the Specific and General Consultation Bodies invited to make representations on the draft SCI are included in Appendix 1.
- 2.4 Direct notification about the consultation on the draft SCI was also sent via the Council's general email update service to all those people signed up to receive updates on council 'latest news' 5,766 people. A further reminder notification was then sent to all those people who subscribe to receive planning and local plan updates and information 3,815 people.
- 2.5 The draft SCI was advertised on the Council's social media accounts Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn. These social media accounts were used on 5 instances to present information about the consultation on the draft SCI, resulting in 3,187 'impressions' ¹ during the consultation.
- 2.6 In addition, paper copies of the draft SCI were made available for inspection at the Council's office at Mill Lane, Wingerworth and at local libraries: Chesterfield; Clay Cross; Dronfield; Eckington; Holmewood; Killamarsh; Wingerworth; and the Mobile Library Service.

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¹ Impressions are how many times the content is displayed on a device.

3. Response to the Consultation

- 3.1 A total of 25 representations to the draft SCI were received from 13 individuals and organisations as follows:
 - Derbyshire County Council Lead Local Flood Authority
 - Nottinghamshire County Council
 - National Highways
 - Environment Agency
 - Natural England
 - Historic England
 - Severn Trent Water
 - The Coal Authority
 - Chesterfield Royal NHS Trust
 - Dronfield Civic Society
 - 2 Individuals
- 3.2 A summary of the representations and the council's response together with any recommended change to the document is set out in Appendix 2. The full text of the representations is available online through the Council's consultation system², by clicking on the magnifying glass of the supporting text.

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² https://bolsover.oc2.uk/

Appendix 1 – List of Specific and General Consultation Bodies notified of consultation on the draft SCI

Specific Consultation Bodies			
Alfreton Town Council	Mobile UK		
Amber Valley Borough Council	Morton Parish Council		
AMEC Environment & Infrastructure UK	National Grid		
Limited (Leamington Spa office)			
Ashover Parish Council	National Highways		
Ault Hucknall Parish Council	Natural England		
Avison Young, on behalf of National Grid	Network Rail		
Barlborough Parish Council	NHS England Area team - Derbyshire		
	and Nottinghamshire		
Barlow Parish Council	NHS Hardwick Clinical Commissioning		
	Group		
Bassetlaw District Council	NHS Property Services		
Beeley Parish Council	North Wingfield Parish Council		
Blackwell Parish Council	Nottinghamshire County Council		
Bolsover District Council	Old Bolsover Town Council		
Brackenfield Parish Council	Peak District National Park Authority		
Brampton Parish Council	Pilsley Parish Council		
Brimington Parish Council	Rotherham MBC		
BT Group PLC	Scarcliffe Parish Council		
Calow Parish Council	Severn Trent Water		
Chesterfield Borough Council	Sheffield City Council		
Clay Cross Parish Council	Shirland & Higham Parish Council		
Crich Parish Council	South Normanton Parish Council		
Darley Dale Town Council	South Wingfield Parish Council		
Derby & Derbyshire & Nottingham &			
Notts LEP	Authority		
Derbyshire County Council	South Yorkshire Police and Crime		
	Commissioner		
Derbyshire Dales District Council	Stretton Parish Council		
Derbyshire Police Authority	Sutton - cum - Duckmanton Parish		
	Council		
Dethic Lea and Holloway Parish Council	Tansley Parish Council		
Dronfield Town Council	Temple Normanton Parish Council		
Eckington Parish Council	The Coal Authority		
EE	Three		
Environment Agency	Tibshelf Parish Council		
Grassmoor, Hasland & Winsick Parish	Tupton Parish Council		
Council			
Harthill with Woodall Parish Council	Unstone Parish Council		
Heath & Holmewood Parish Council	Virgin Mobile Telecoms Limited		
Historic England	Vodafone and O2		
Holmesfield Parish Council	Wales Parish Council		
Holymoorside & Walton Parish Council	Wessington Parish Council		
Homes England	Western Power Distribution		
Killamarsh Parish Council	Wingerworth Parish Council		

Matlock Town Council	Yorkshire Water		
General Consultation Bodies	Tomermo Trater		
Ability	Georgian Group		
Active Derbyshire	Hasland Hall Park Community		
, rearre 2 enzyenne	Association		
Bramley Park Residents Association	HBF (Home Builders Federation)		
British Waterways	Health and Safety Executive		
Calow Community Centre	Heath Village Development Committee		
Campaign for Real Ale limited	High Speed Two (HS2) Limited		
(CAMRA)	Trigit Opeca Two (1102) Elithica		
Campaign to Protect Rural England	Historic Buildings & Places		
CAMRA	Holmgate Tenants and Residents		
	Group		
Canal & River Trust	Killamarsh RAGE		
Castle Hill & Pitt St Tenant & Resident	Lea Brook Valley Project, Dronfield		
Group			
Chesterfield & District Shopmobility	Lee Rowley MP		
Chesterfield and North East	Mark Fletcher MP		
Derbyshire Group of the Ramblers			
Chesterfield Canal Partnership	Marsh Lane Tenant and Resident		
	Group		
Chesterfield Canal Trust	Midlands Association for Amputees		
	and Friends		
Chesterfield Civic Society	Morton Village Hall		
Chesterfield Gospel Hall Trust	Motoring Organisations Land Access &		
·	Rec. Assoc		
Churches Community Network Alliance	Muslim Welfare Association		
- England & Wales			
Citizens Advice North East Derbyshire	National Council for Voluntary		
	Organisations		
Civil Aviation Authority	National Federation of Gypsy Liaison		
	Groups		
Clay Cross and Danesmoor Allotment	Northa Fields Allotment Association		
Society			
Clay Cross Countryside Centre	Ogston Bird Club		
Clay Cross Methodist Church	Old Dronfield Society		
Clay Cross Police	Our Vision our Future		
Coalfields Regeneration Trust	RenewableUK		
Council for British Archaeology	Renishaw Methodist Church		
CPRE	Rural Action Derbyshire		
Danesmoor & Clay Cross Tenants and	Rykneld Homes		
Residents Assoc			
Derbyshire & Nottinghamshire	Sight Support Derbyshire		
Chamber of Commerce			
Derbyshire Archaeological Society	Sorby-Breck Ringing Group		
Derbyshire Autism Services Group	Sport England		
Derbyshire Constabulary - Designing	St Pauls Church Hasland		
out Crime			
Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service	Staveley Job Centre Plus		

Derbyshire Swift Conservation Project	SYPTE Planning Team		
Derbyshire Wildlife Trust	Tenants Participation Advisory Service		
	Ltd		
Dronfield & District Tenants and	The Eckington Historical Society		
Residents Group			
Dronfield Civic Society	The Gardens Trust		
Dronfield Green Belt Resident's Group	The Georgian Group		
Eckington and District Monday Group	The Lawn Tennis Association		
Eckington Civic Centre	The National Trust		
Eckington Focus Tenants and	The Ramblers Association		
Residents Group			
Eckington Footpaths Groups	The Society for the Protection of		
	Ancient Building		
Eckington Pensioners Action Group	The Theatres Trust		
Evergreen Disabled Gardening Club	The Victorian Society		
Federation of North East Derbyshire	The Volunteer Centre		
tenants and residents			
Fields in Trust	The Woodland Trust		
Forestry Commission	The Woodland Trust		
Friends of Dronfield Station	Traveller Movement		
Friends of Morton Colliery Heritage	Tupton Tenant and Resident Group		
Group			
Friends of the Earth	Williamthorpe Angling Club		
FTT & Traveller Law Reform Project	Wingerworth Community Association		

Appendix 2: Summary of Representations and Council's Response.

Rep. ID	Respondent	Para. No.	Comment/Objection	Council Response	Recommendation
Section	1: Introduction				
10897	Derbyshire County Council – Lead Local Flood Authority	1	No comment.	Noted.	No change.
10921	Environment Agency	-	No comment.	Noted.	No change.
10898	Natural England	-	Support the principle of meaningful and early engagement with stakeholders in local planning matters, but unable to comment in detail on individual Statements of Community Involvement.	Noted.	No change.
10906	Nottinghamshire County Council	-	No comment.	Noted.	No change.
10915	Severn Trent Water	-	No comment.	Noted.	No change.
10914	The Coal Authority	-	No comment.	Noted.	No change.
10920	Haywood	1.2	To be totally inclusive, in point 1.2'Ensuring it to be, fair, open and accessible', for people without computers which will mainly be the older generation, any council consultation must be advertised in 'The News' as this publication reaches (or should reach) the whole population of NE Derbyshire. A phone number or address should be provided so that residents without access to a	The News magazine is only distributed to all households in the district 3 times a year. It is therefore not possible to commit to use it to publicise all consultations on the Local Plan and other policy documents. We will however publish articles in 'The News' which notify stakeholders of the opportunity to comment on the Local Plan and other planning policy	No change.

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			computer / email can request a	documents where this is	
			printed copy to respond to.	practicable and timely to do so.	
				This is made clear in paragraph	
				2.13 of the draft SCI.	
				The limited frequency of the	
				publication of the News makes it	
				impractical for use in publicising	
				planning applications which are	
				required to be advertised on a	
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				weekly basis.	
				The request for articles in the	
				The request for articles in the News to include direct dial	
				telephone contact details is not	
				directly related to planning and	
				the content of the SCI.	
				However, the request has been	
				passed to the Council's	
				Communications Team and	
				noted for future editions of the	
				News magazine.	
Section	2: Getting Involved in	Plannir	ng Policy		
Who we	consult				
10908	Booth	-	Older and visually impaired	The draft SCI proposes to use a	No change.
			members of a community may be	range of consultation methods	
			adversely impacted by your	and publicity procedures to	
			consultation proposals if they are	maximise the opportunities for	
			not actively involved in one of the	community involvement in both	
			defined consultation bodies.	plan-making and planning	
			Individuals are encouraged to sign	applications.	
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			up to receive information on		

planning policy and planning applications but in the main many only are interested when a policy or application may directly affect them. Older people may be uncomfortable using technology to access your website to obtain information. Visually impaired individuals may pass notices in public locations or outside a proposed development site several times but not pick up on planning proposals.

In terms of plan-making, this includes direct notification to individuals registered on the Council's Local Plan database via email, or letter for those without an email address. It also includes making paper copies of documents available for inspection at the Council office and local libraries.

In dealing with planning applications, neighbour consultation letters set out that anyone wishing to view proposals and not able to access information electronically can contact the Council to make alternative arrangements.

The Council will aim to ensure the Local Plan and other policy documents it produces and publishes on the website are fully accessible to people with visual impairments. Upon request the Council will also produce the Local Plan and other policy documents in large print if necessary. This is

10905	Dronfield Civic Society	2.10	It is understandable that General Consultation Bodies would not be in an infrequently-updated formal document. However, there must be a list maintained in the department, and it would be easy to make this an online list so that the community can see at any time the current list.	referenced in paragraph 2.15 of the draft SCI. A full list of all interested groups, organisations and individuals invited to make representations on the Local Plan is maintained as part of the Local Plan process and set out in the Consultation Statements prepared at each formal public consultation stage.	Delete paragraph 2.10 and replace with: We do not include a list of General Consultation Bodies because they change more frequently. A full list of General Consultation Bodies
				The Local Plan Consultation Statements are made publicly available on the Council's web site and it is not considered necessary to publish the list of General Consultation Bodies separately. However, a signpost to where people can find the list of these bodies would be a useful addition to the SCI.	is maintained as part of the Local Plan preparation process and included in the Consultation Statements which are published on the Council's website at each public consultation stage.'
	ourhood Planning	_			
10909	Booth	2.30	Neighbourhood Planning seems a positive way forward to enable communities to input to a planning document specific to their area. It also provides an opportunity for the	The main purpose of the SCI is to set out the stages at which communities can get involved in the process of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan. However,	Add new 2 nd sentence to paragraph 2.30 as follows: Through the
			views of difficult to reach individuals within the community to be incorporated into a strategic	it is considered that further text could be added to this section to expand upon the role and	preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan communities can

document supporting the planning decision process. It would appear that only a few Parish Councils have produced a Plan. Is it therefore possible for your Statement of Community Engagement to have wording to encourage greater take up of such plans?	benefits of preparing a neighbourhood plan.	have a direct role in developing a collective local vision and local planning policies for their area, including identifying where new homes and other new development should be built.' Amend 1st sentence of paragraph 2.33 as follows: 'We advise encourage groups considering making a Neighbourhood Plan to get in touch with the Planning Policy and Environment Team at the outset of the process to help ensure smooth running of the project'.

Section	Section 3: Getting Involved in Planning Applications						
Getting	Getting Involved in Planning Applications						
10899	Dronfield Civic Society	-	3 significant omissions in the SCI. 1. Handling applications within the scope of DCC.	Consultations on County Matters Planning applications are carried out by Derbyshire County Council in accordance with their own SCI. The District Council's role is as consultee only, which involves seeking comments from various internal departments, Ward Members and Parish Councils.	No change		
			2. Lack of KPI's.	Planning KPIs relate to speed and quality of decision making. In terms of the scope of this document and community engagement, there would not be any relevant KPI's only the statutory consultation periods as set by government			
			Lack of engagement and feedback commitment	Section 3.0 of the SCI details engagement with the community in relation to planning applications. Comments received on planning applications are read and summarised by the case officer in their delegated/committee report. Due to the volume of comments received			

				in relation to planning applications it is not feasible to provide individual feedback. However, contact information is provided both within the SCI and on our consultation letters detailing how the public can contact the department if further discussion is required.	
10910	Booth	3.4	For major applications e.g. Industrial developments the visual impact on properties beyond 90 metres can be significant and have adverse impacts on the property itself. It could also adversely impact on potential property purchasers' decision process if the development is not identified on a property search because it is beyond 90 metres. The number of people who now read local newspapers is falling dramatically so the use of this format to identify planning applications needs serious reconsideration by National and Local Government. The development of local community consultation groups to feed information to for cascading more widely may be appropriate.	The 90 metres relates only to consultation on planning applications and does not relate to Local Searches. This is considered to be a proportionate approach given that proposals for major developments would also be publicised by site and press notices. Paragraph 3.3 of the draft SCI also states that 'The Council may also publicise wider when appropriate to maximise opportunities for community involvement' and so the 90 metre 'limit' is not a blanket approach. We understand that the government is investigating new technologies that would allow for wider and more intuitive	No change.

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				consultation methods, such as	
				planning alerts to mobile	
				phones. As and when new	
				technologies become available	
				the Council will give due	
				consideration to adopting them	
				depending on their cost	
				effectiveness and compliance	
				with our privacy guidelines.	
10900	Dronfield Civic	3.4 &	Publicising in local newspapers	It is a statutory requirement to	No change.
	Society	3.5	doesn't reflect current trends. It	publicise certain planning	
			would be better to use a social	applications within the press,	
			media platform that the public can	and this will have to be adhered	
			opt into.	to unless a change is made to	
				the legislation. It is noted that	
				more people are now using	
				social media, but it is not	
				possible to cover all such media	
				platforms. Alternatively, the	
				public access from the Council's	
				website already allows people	
				to create customised searches	
				and alerts for applications in	
				their street or settlement.	
				Advice on how this can be done	
				is available on-line.	
			The 'public posting' process needs	Site visits are undertaken for all	
			to have appropriate checks from	applications by Council Officers	
			the Development Management	when the location of the site	
			team - we have seen cases of	notice is checked to ensure it is	
			notices positioned as much to	visible and accessible. Where	

			obscure as publicise, posted late or not at all, and neighbour notification failings.	no notice has been erected a notice is placed on or near the site by the Council Officer.	
Getting	Involved in Other Applic	ations			
10901	Dronfield Civic Society	3.6	Exclusions in paragraph 3.6 should not take precedence over conservation areas or listed buildings. For example, advertisements in a conservation area should involve public consultation.	Paragraph 3.6 is to be read in the context of the section on other applications and is included for the avoidance of doubt.	Amend first sentence of paragraph 3.6 to read: 'For these purposes planning Other applications do not include applications the following submissions: 'To discharge planning conditions Amend final bullet of paragraph 3.6 to read: 'for prior approval for all/any works permitted by The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 ("the Order").'

General	Information on Consulta	3.6 & 3.7	Nowhere within this guidance does it identify where information can be obtained on potential works that may be of relevance to local communities particularly in relation to trees. Local authorities have been criticised for allowing significant work or removal of trees without proper consultation with local communities and environmental groups. It would be helpful if the section could provide some guidance on how individuals can comment on such proposals.	Trees are referenced in paragraph 3.6. However, consent from the local planning authority is only required to undertake works to trees protected by Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs). It is therefore appropriate to undertake formal notification on proposed works to trees protected by Tree Preservation Orders. Notice of an intention to undertake works to trees within Conservation Areas is also required but that does not take the form of a formal application and only 6 weeks' notice is required. No formal notification is appropriate or necessary.	Amend paragraph 3.4 to read 'For all planning applications, applications for Listed Building Consent and any application to undertake works to trees covered by Tree Preservation Orders the following protocol will be followed: Letters will be' Amend paragraph 3.6 to delete 5th bullet point as follows: for works to trees covered by Tree Preservation Orders
10902	Dronfield Civic	3.8 &	Action needed to check online	We will consult neighbours and	No change.
1000_	Society	3.14	posted material section. Action	consultees on subsequent	
			needed to prevent gaming the	planning applications so that	
			system by multiple applications	there is an opportunity to	
				comment on subsequent	

				applications submitted. Except in the limited circumstances set out in Part 3, Section 70A of the Town and Country Planning Act (1990) the Council cannot refuse to determine a planning application.	
10912	Peter Booth	3.10	Feedback on comments made on a planning application either in writing or via the website will be made available on the website. This is not ideal for anyone who is unable to access or has difficulty using technology to access information on the website. 21 days to make comment on an application may be what is required by applicable legislation but if someone leaves to go on holiday a couple of days from a notice being posted without seeing it will only have approximately 4 or 5 days on their return to see it and comment. 28 days more appropriate.	The site notices and neighbour consultation letters include telephone numbers to allow those who cannot view the planning applications online to gain access to information. This is also detailed in paragraph 3.8. The timescales are established in the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015. They are considered appropriate and facilitate an acceptable timeframe for submission to be made and allow a balance to be struck between those who wish to comment and the applicant seeking determination of their application.	No change

10913	Peter Booth	3.12	Assumption again made that everyone can access or has technology to access the website to obtain details of planning decisions. On request information can be emailed out on weekly planning decisions on a weekly basis. Consideration should at least be given to sending an email specific to the application to anyone who has raised an objection or took the time to provide comment. If the Council wishes to promote better community engagement at such feedback is important.	Phone numbers allowing access to Council Officers are given in the SCI. Paragraph 3.23 identifies how access to the weekly list of applications can be achieved. Due to the volume of comments on applications received it is not feasible to provide individual feedback/responses on comments made to applications or to notify interested parties directly of the outcome of applications determined. The SCI sets out how stakeholders can view and	No change
				comment on planning applications and obtain	
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	n Making and Planning (This metter is sufficient the	ling alorated house a white to the
10903	Dronfield Civic	3.19	The document should set out clear	This matter is outside of the	Include hyperlink to Council constitution in
	Society		criteria for acceptable delegation of	scope of the SCI. The scheme of delegation forms part of the	first sentence of
			applications. It seems that at present it relies on individual	Council's constitution.	
			councillors to spot a troublesome	Council's constitution.	paragraph 3.19.
			application to prevent it going		https://democracy.ne-
			through as delegated approval. A		derbyshire.gov.uk/docume
			specific set of criteria to determine		nts/s17155/The%20Consti
			those safe to be delegated would		tution%20of%20the%20C

			be more appropriate and would be fail-safe.		ouncil%20Revised%20Jul y%202021.pdf		
Other I	Other Information						
10917	Historic England	3.30	Paragraph 3.30 with respect to the development management process it may be useful to incorporate a section on dealing with listed building applications and scheduled monument consent and the process.	It is agreed that the paragraph should include reference to advice that can be obtained in relation to Listed Buildings. The scheduled monument consent process is managed by Historic England. Further text to explain that in addition to planning permission there may be a requirement for other consents for development proposals would also be a useful addition to the SCI.	Amend paragraph 3.30 as follows: 'In addition to managing the system for determining applications, the Development Management team can provide advice to householders, businesses and others considering development projects; and the Council's Conservation Officer can provide advice in relation to development affecting a Listed Building. For other consents that may be needed before any work may start, such as Scheduled Monument Consent, Felling Licences or		

					Wildlife Licences you will need to contact the relevant consenting body. Further information can be obtained on these from the Council's using the contact details set out here. Planning webpages; 3 or alternatively, you can telephone 01246 217159 or email developmentcontrol@ ne-derbyshire.gov.uk for advice."
10904	Dronfield Civic Society	3.31	The Development Management team should make clear the committed timelines for enforcement action where there has been a breach. The public can and will get involved where through malicious intent or otherwise development actions have been taken to the detriment of the community. Stopping these destructive acts will be far easier when it is clear that swift and	Due to the varying nature and severity of Enforcement enquiries it is not possible to provide detailed timelines as this varies on a case-by-case basis. However, all investigations are caried out in accordance with the Local Enforcement Plan and reference to this could usefully be included in the SCI.	Amend paragraph 3.31 to read: 'The team also investigates alleged breaches of planning control. Matters brought to our attention are dealt with in accordance with the Local Enforcement Plan.

³ https://www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/planning-and-local-plan/planning-permission

		decisive action will be taken by the district council team.		To report an issue to our Planning Enforcement Team please use our online form.
		ion Bodies for a Local Plan	Tan	T
10918	Historic England	Welcome the reference to Historic England as a 'specific consultation body' in Appendix A.	Noted.	No change.
10916	National Highways	The 'Highways Agency' is now 'National Highways'.	Noted.	Add reference to 'now National Highways'.
10907	Chesterfield Royal Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	As a minimum should include Chesterfield Royal Hospital NHS FT (acute care) separately, which is impacted at a greater scale than individual GP practices from growth across the identified area. Growth in housing has a material impact on attendance at the hospital which is well documented in ONS data and supported by our own activity data/heat map. This impacts directly on service capacity, physical space requirements and equipment capacity and replacement rates. In addition, we are supportive of moving towards an agreed combined Health and Social care impact assessment process across	The list of specific consultation bodies at Appendix A of the draft SCI which includes Primary Care Trusts (now Integrated Care Boards) is defined by the Regulations and so cannot be altered by the Council. However, the Council will ensure the Chesterfield Royal Hospital NHS Foundation Trust is included on the Local Plan consultee database as one of the bodies with whom it will consult on the preparation of the Local Plan and other policy documents.	No change.

			the Derby and Derbyshire system, including Primary Care.					
Append	Appendix D – Key Stages of Neighbourhood Plan preparation							
10919	Historic England	2.33	Under Appendix D, Historic England is keen to front load the neighbourhood development plan process and are keen for neighbourhood planning groups to consider the historic environment at the outset. I include a link below with relevant information, of which we would be grateful if it could be passed on to the relevant groups. https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/pla nning/improve-your-neighbourhood/	Noted. Through its dialogue with neighbourhood planning groups the Council will highlight any historic environment issues affecting plan areas and signpost to Historic England's advice note. The inclusion of the link to the advice note in the SCI would be a useful addition.	Add link to Historic England's advice note on neighbourhood planning in paragraph 2.33.			