

Wiltshire County Council's SCI: Consolidated Schedule of Proposed Changes – Additional Information to Clarify Matters Raised by the Inspector Prior to the Reporting Stage of the Examination

The following information is submitted in accordance with an official request from the Planning Inspectorate to clarify certain matters relating to the County Council's schedule of proposed changes.

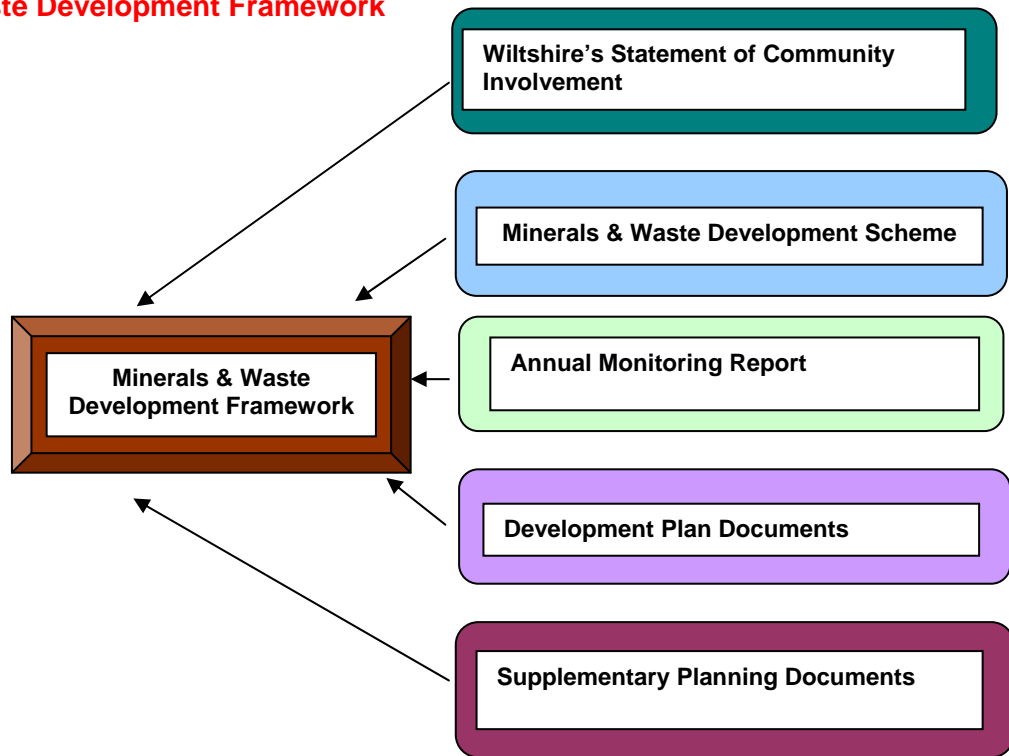
1. To address the concerns raised by Melksham Parish Council in respect of the lack of references within the SCI to the 'Parish Charter', the County Council would wish to offer the following [additional] text (as denoted in red) at Paragraph 1.4.

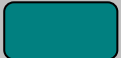

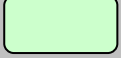


1.4 The SCI sets the standards that the County Council will employ to meet legal requirements. It also details our overall vision for wider community involvement, and considers how consultation exercises undertaken in respect of statutory planning functions can link with other community engagement initiatives, in particular the Community Strategy and during the preparation of the Local Transport Plan and Municipal Waste Management Strategy, as well as wider initiatives such as the 'Parish Charter' that all Parish and Town Councils work to and develop.

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- To clarify the County Council's proposed amendment to Figure 3 (proposed new Figure 4) of the SCI, the following diagram has been developed to explain the structure of the Minerals and Waste Development Framework.

Figure 4: Illustrative Structure of the Wiltshire and Swindon Minerals and Waste Development Framework



DOCUMENTS FORMING THE WILTSHIRE AND SWINDON MINERALS & WASTE DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK	
	A policy document covering community involvement in planning at the County level
	A project plan for preparing documents to go into the Framework
	A report that monitors progress on preparing the Framework and Output Indicators
	DPDs (e.g. the Minerals / Waste Core Strategies or Site Allocations Documents)
	Optional LDDs (e.g. Supplementary Planning Documents)

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3. To clarify the County Council’s proposed amendment to Appendix 5 (new Appendix 3) of the SCI, the following text is offered to address the following concerns in respect of Tables (a) and (b):
 - a) references to the publication of “Initial SA / SEA Reports” at the Regulation 25, pre-submission stage of DPD / SPD preparation; and
 - b) the overall lack of clarity in respect of the 3 distinct stages of DPD preparation (objection submitted by the GOSW).

APPENDIX 5-3

CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT: HOW THE COUNTY COUNCIL WILL SEEK TO INVOLVE STAKEHOLDERS IN PLANNING PROCESSES

(a) Preparation of Development Plan Documents & Sustainability Appraisal (incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment)

Key Stages for Community Involvement & Making Representations	Which groups or in individuals will the County Council seek to involve?	When will Consultation / Engagement Activity Occur?	What methods of consultation / engagement will the County Council employ?
Evidence Gathering, developing the baseline for Development Plan Documents and developing the scope of the SA / SEA	Specific statutory bodies with social, environmental or economic responsibilities (including the ‘consultation bodies’ defined in Regulations), representatives from industry, local organisations and the public (as identified through the Forum process).	As the baseline elements for plan preparation and appraisal are being formulated and the consultation stage.	Minerals and Waste Forums, workshops, use of the County Council’s web-site and traditional consultation methods.
Consulting on the scope of the SA / SEA.	The statutory ‘consultation bodies’ (English Nature, the Countryside Agency, English Heritage and the Environment Agency).	In accordance with the timescales set within the County Council’s Minerals and Waste Development Scheme.	Traditional consultation methods.

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<p>Preparing and consulting on 'Issues and Options' reports (Regulation 25)</p>	<p>Specific statutory bodies, representatives from industry, local organisations and the public (as identified through the Forum process).</p>	<p>In accordance with the timescales set within the County Council's Minerals and Waste Development Scheme.</p>	<p>Minerals and Waste Forums, workshops, the County Council's web-site and traditional consultation methods.</p>
<p>Preparing and consulting on 'Preferred Options' pre-submission draft documents and the Draft SA/SEA reports (Regulation 26)</p>	<p>Specific statutory bodies, representatives from industry, local organisations and the public (as identified through the Forum process).</p>	<p>In accordance with the timescales set within the County Council's Minerals and Waste Development Scheme.</p>	<p>Minerals and Waste Forums, workshops, the County Council's web-site and traditional consultation methods.</p>
<p>Preparing and consulting on 'Submission Draft' Document, SA/SEA Reports (Regulation 28). + Alternative Sites Proposed (Regulation 32)</p>	<p>Specific statutory bodies, representatives from industry, local organisations and the public (as identified through the Forum process).</p>	<p>In accordance with the timescales set within the County Council's Minerals and Waste Development Scheme.</p>	<p>Minerals and Waste Forums, workshops, the County Council's web-site and traditional consultation methods.</p>

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(b) Preparing Supplementary Planning Documents & Sustainability Appraisal (incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment)

Key Stages for Community Involvement & Making Representations	Which groups or individuals will the County Council seek to involve?	When will Consultation / Engagement Activity Occur?	What methods of consultation / engagement will the County Council seek to employ?
Evidence gathering and developing the baseline for the SPD and the SA (incorporating SEA)	Specific statutory bodies with social, environmental or economic responsibilities (including the 'consultation bodies' defined in Regulations), representatives from industry, local organisations and the public (as identified through the Forum process).	As the baseline elements for plan preparation and appraisal are being formulated and the consultation stage.	Minerals and Waste Forums, workshops, the County Council's web-site and traditional consultation methods.
Consulting on the scope of the SA / SEA	The statutory 'consultation bodies' (English Nature, the Countryside Agency, English Heritage and the Environment Agency).	In accordance with the timescales set within the County Council's Minerals and Waste Development Scheme.	Traditional consultation methods.
Preparing and consulting on the Draft SPD and the SA/SEA report (Regulation 17)	Specific statutory bodies, representatives from industry, local organisations and the public (as identified through the Forum process).	In accordance with the timescales set within the County Council's Minerals and Waste Development Scheme.	Minerals and Waste Forums, workshops, the County Council's web-site and traditional consultation methods.