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Dear Ms E Smith

AMBER VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL – ADVANCE NOTIFICATION FOR DRAFT STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

On 12 February 2020, the Borough Council's Cabinet agreed the format and content of an updated Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) for the purposes of public consultation.

The key purpose of a SCI is to set out how local planning authorities will involve local communities, businesses and other organisations in the planning process. The requirement for local planning

authorities to produce a SCI was one of the changes to the development planning system introduced by the Government through the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. This reflected a greater emphasis on consultation and involvement with local communities in the planning process, in relation to both the preparation of development plan documents and the determination of planning applications. It recognised that effective community involvement in the planning process will help to ensure that planning policies and decisions on planning applications will better reflect the needs and concerns of local communities.

In 2006, Amber Valley Borough Council adopted a SCI, setting out the procedures and methods that the Borough Council will follow in preparing plan documents and in determining planning applications, as well as specifying the range of groups and organisations that it will consult and involve.

Whilst the adopted SCI has continued to underpin the consultation and engagement undertaken by the Borough Council in relation to development plans and planning applications, there is now a need to review and update the adopted SCI, given changes in planning legislation and national planning policy since 2006, as well to reflect current practice and expectations in relation to community involvement in the planning process.

The updated Statement of Community Involvement will be published as a basis for consultation for a period of 6 weeks. However, as this 6 week period ends on Friday 10 April 2020 (Good Friday), the consultation period will be extended to Tuesday 14 April 2020.

The draft updated SCI can be viewed or downloaded via the Borough Council's website from 4.30pm on Friday 28th February 2020 (see link below).

www.ambervalley.gov.uk/statementofcommunityinvolvement

A hard copy of the draft updated SCI can be also viewed in Reception at the Borough Council's offices at the Town Hall, Market Place, Ripley, during normal opening hours (Mondays/Tuesdays/Thursdays/Fridays – 9.00 am to 4.30 pm; Wednesdays – 10.00 am to 4.30 pm).

Any comments on the draft updated SCI should be sent by email to ldf@ambervalley.gov.uk, or by post to:

The Planning Policy Team
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to arrive by no later than 4.30 pm on Tuesday 14 April 2020.

Any comments received will then be taken into account before a final version, incorporating amendments to the draft as appropriate, is agreed and formally adopted.

The SCI will then be reviewed within 5 years from the date of adoption, in accordance with the duty on local planning authorities introduced by the Town and County Planning (Local Planning) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2017.

Yours sincerely



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