

Planning – Getting Involved

Summary of the Statement of Community Involvement: Your guide to getting involved in County Council planning matters

Introduction

North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) is responsible for dealing with all minerals, waste and County Council related planning matters in North Yorkshire, except for those areas within the North York Moors and Yorkshire Dales National Parks. This includes deciding planning applications for mining, quarrying and waste management facilities, as well as applications for County Council related development such as schools, roads and adult care facilities.

As part of its role, the Council also has responsibility for preparing minerals and waste related policy, known as the Minerals and Waste Plan, which sets out a local basis for minerals and waste planning within the plan area up to 2030.

The new Minerals and Waste Plan is being developed through an extensive consultation process with stakeholders, including the

minerals and waste industry, environmental organisations, parish councils and members of the community.

Community involvement is an important part of the planning process. Because of this Council has a responsibility to produce a Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) which sets out how we will involve different groups and individuals in preparing our new Minerals and Waste Plan, and in taking decisions on planning applications dealt with by the Council.

This document provides a summary of the Council's SCI, and explains how you can get involved in local planning decisions.

Our Statement of Community Involvement

The NYCC Statement of Community Involvement was first adopted by the Council in 2006. However, a number of changes have been made recently to the planning system which has led to the need to revise the SCI.

The document explains what the Council will do to involve people in preparing new minerals and waste related policy and in determining planning applications for minerals, waste and county related planning matters. It also sets out our vision for community involvement for planning related activities in the North Yorkshire Plan area.

“The County Council’s vision is to ensure that all members of the community are provided with the opportunity to engage actively and equally in the process of preparing the Minerals and Waste Local Plan, and in any other consultation procedures concerning planning matters dealt with by the Council.”

The SCI aims to:

- promote and raise awareness locally of minerals and waste planning issues;
- respond effectively to the differing needs of the community and to actively encourage their involvement;
- ensure that information is made accessible to everybody through the use of electronic equipment and other means necessary;
- encourage more people from all community groups to become involved in minerals and waste issues affecting their locality; and
- listen to and consider the views of the local community and stakeholders, in order that decisions are well balanced and take into account the public interest.

North Yorkshire County Council’s engagement promise

All consultation carried out in relation to the Minerals and Waste Plan must follow the Council’s engagement promise. This means we will:

- communicate clearly and write all documents in plain English;
- make it easier for you to get involved, where appropriate, through roadshows, exhibitions, workshops and our website;
- consider ideas and comments fairly;
- make sure your involvement is meaningful and effective;
- share information and feedback
- keep the process as simple as we can where possible;
- co-ordinate consultations; and
- make all our consultation documents available in alternative formats.

Community Involvement in the preparation of the Minerals and Waste Plan

There are a number of different groups and individuals, known as Consultees, who we seek to involve in the preparation of the Minerals and Waste Plan.

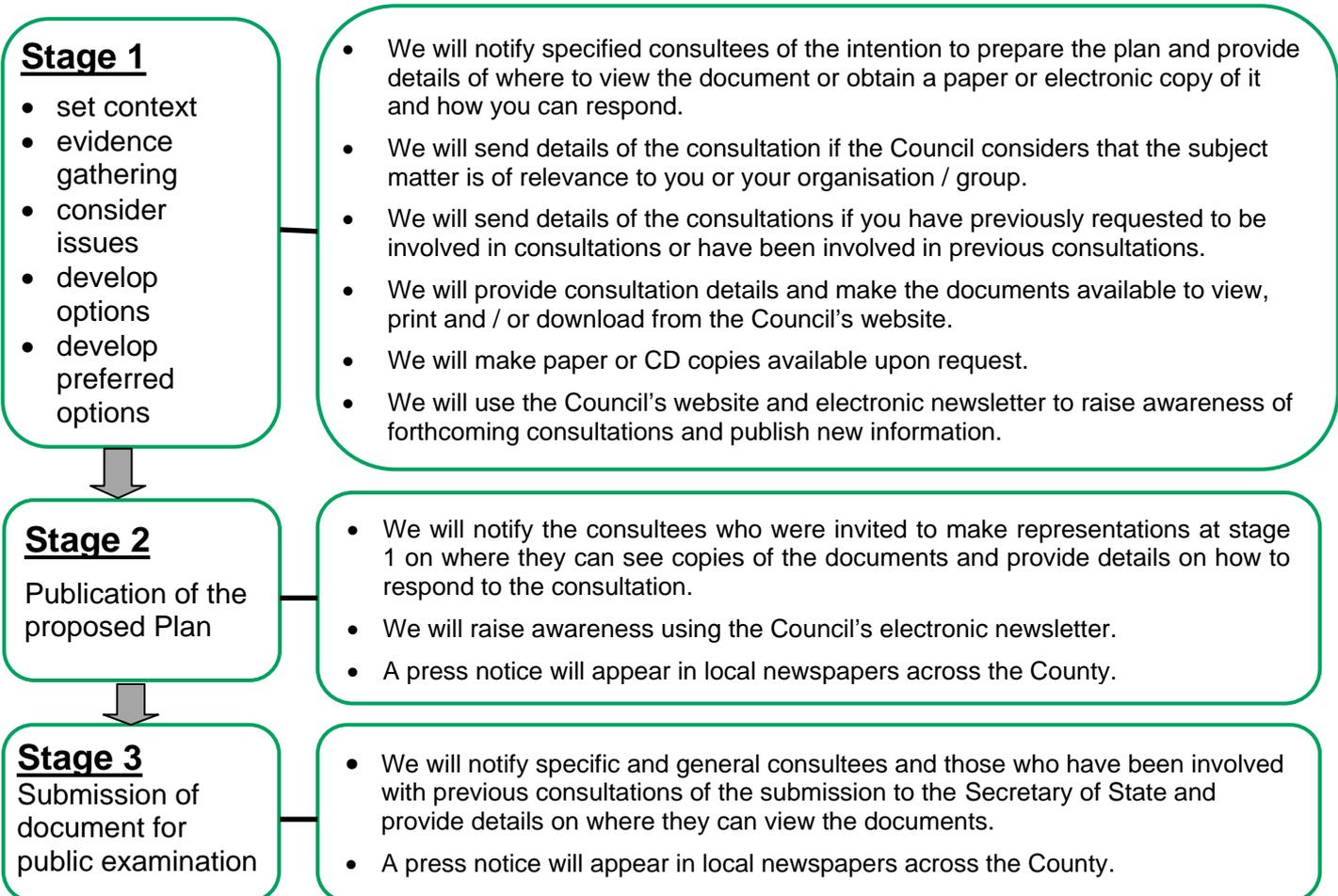
When undertaking a consultation the Council must decide who to consult. To do this we must decide whether the group, organization or individual;

- has an interest in the issue dealt with by the plan;
- has relevant expertise or data related to the plan;
- has specific needs that are addressed by issues covered in the plan;

- represents all or part of the geographic area covered by issues in the plan.

A list of consultees is maintained on a database. Anyone who would like to be involved in consultations can ask to be added to the database and will automatically receive information about consultations that are happening. You can do this by using the contact details on the last page of this guide.

Community involvement in the preparation of the Minerals and Waste Plan broadly involves three key stages. The flow diagram below identifies these stages and summarises the main purpose of that stage and what we will do to involve people during them.



How can I get Involved

Anyone who would like to get involved in consultations relating to the preparation of the new Minerals and Waste Plan can contact mwdf@northyorks.gov.uk or write to:

Minerals and Waste Planning Policy Team, Planning Services, North Yorkshire County Council, County Hall, Northallerton, DL7 8AH.

You can also ask to be consulted on planning issues related to specific plans or applications by contacting planning.control@northyorks.gov.uk

or writing to:

Head of Planning Services, North Yorkshire County Council, County Hall, Northallerton, DL7 8AH

Community Involvement in Development Management

Opportunities for community involvement in planning applications may occur at a number of stages in the process and will vary depending upon the nature of the planning application and the specific details of the development.

The SCI provides details on the following matters relating to planning applications:

- pre-application discussion and enquiries;
- pre-submission consultations;
- consultations when a planning application has been submitted;
- how to make a representation in relation to a planning application;
- determination of planning applications and planning committee;
- public inquiries, and
- monitoring and compliance.

Find out more

If you would like to find out more about what the SCI contains, you can download it from our website at www.northyorks.gov.uk/mwdf

Individual paper copies are available upon request.

Our website contains lots of up to date information on the progress of the Minerals and Waste Plan, including details of all the documents we have produced so far. Details of planning applications can be viewed at:

<https://onlineplanningregister.northyorks.gov.uk/>

Contact us

North Yorkshire County Council, County Hall, Northallerton, North Yorkshire, DL7 8AD

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