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From: Martin White
Sent: 07 June 2016 16:08
To: DPD
Subject: Consultation about the Statement of Community Involvement

Dear Sir/Madam,

I read with interest the Statement of Community Involvement.

I support the intention to use specific methods to ensure that underrepresented groups are reached and involved in the planning process as set out in paragraph 4.2. This would appear to be consistent with the local authority duty to improve the health of local communities and to reduce inequalities.

My point is that it would be useful to set out what those specific methods might be and then apply them at the entry point of the process. Making reasonable adjustments while taking into account the balance of involvement and the operation of the planning process.

The following, set out in this document, would help to demonstrate a commitment to consultation:

1. avoid referring to the SCI and using Plain English
2. at what point would a large print, easy read version or language other than English be produced?
3. what adjustments can be expected to ensure that 'under represented' groups are engaged? especially those who don't have internet access or use of computers
4. what adjustments can be expected to avoid discrimination around protected characteristics?

Thanks,

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