

MID DEVON STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT JULY 2020

Temporary amendments until 31st December 2020 to the Mid Devon Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) July 2020 that are necessary to meet Government restrictions on movement and gatherings

Temporary amendments are identified in **bold**, with ~~strikethrough~~ for deletions from the text of the underlining for additions to the text.

Page Number	Paragraph / Policy number	Temporary amendment
	Policy SCI/1 Document Availability	Delete clause b: “b Deposited at Council offices and public libraries within Mid Devon during consultation periods;”
	Paragraph 3.7	Delete paragraph 3.7: “3.7 Copies of all local plans and supplementary planning documents, as they are produced, will be available for inspection during normal office hours at the Council’s main office at Phoenix House, Tiverton and at public libraries throughout Mid Devon.”
	Policy SCI/2 Local Plan Preparation	Delete clause iv), amend clause v) and delete clause vi) and the subsequent sentence: “iv) Public exhibitions v) Public meetings if requested by a town or parish council <u>where these are held on-line or by telephone</u> vi) Site notices when development allocations are proposed The Council’s report will be made available for public inspection at Council offices and public libraries within Mid Devon.”
	Paragraph 4.2	Delete the second and third sentences: “If necessary, the Council will meet with interested parties to discuss proposals for the local plan. When considering strategic planning matters, specific and general consultation bodes and those who have made representations will be

		<p>invited to attend workshops in which particular issues will be debated in detail.”</p> <p>Add the following words to the final sentence:</p> <p>“These could include attendance at relevant group meetings or forums <u>where these are held on-line or by telephone</u>, and publicity of local plans via social media.”</p>
	Policy SCI/3 Local Plan Publication	<p>Amend the final section of the policy as follows:</p> <p>“General contact methods to notify all other stakeholders, using the following methods <u>which reflect the social distancing measures as a result of Covid-19:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Press release ii) Information on the Council website iii) Social media iv) Public exhibitions v) Public meetings if requested by a town or parish council <u>where these are held on-line or by telephone</u> vi) Site notices when development allocations are proposed <p>The local plan will be made available for public inspection at Council offices and in public libraries within Mid Devon.”</p>
	Policy SCI/4 Supplementary Planning Documents: Masterplans	<p>Amend the final section of the policy as follows:</p> <p>“Masterplanning Supplementary Planning Documents will also be publicised as follows <u>which reflect the social distancing measures as a result of Covid-19:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Press release ii) Information on the Council website iii) Social media iv) Public meetings if requested by a town or parish council <u>where these are held on-line or by telephone</u> vii) Site notices <p>In preparing the Supplementary Planning Document, the Council will take into account any representation made in response to this consultation.”</p>
	Paragraph 5.2	Amend paragraph 5.2 as follows:

		<p>“The Council will prepare the draft Supplementary Planning Document taking into account any responses received to the scoping consultation. A formal public consultation will take place before the Supplementary Planning Document is adopted. Consultation will be carried out using a mixture of direct contact and general publicity, with additional measures to reach underrepresented groups, which could include attendance at relevant community groups, meetings, <u>workshops</u> or forums <u>where these are held on-line or by telephone</u>, and publicity of masterplans via social media. Direct contact will be made by letter, email or other appropriate means. When a masterplan is being considered for an area within Mid Devon, early community involvement is to be encouraged. In addition to the methods listed in Policy SCI/4, the Council will consider whether further measures such as leaflet dropping, exhibitions or workshops are warranted. The level of consultation will endeavour to be proportionate to the likely impact of the plan.”</p>
	Paragraph 5.4	<p>In the last sentence add the following words:</p> <p>“Comments made during the course of any workshops, <u>where these are held on-line or by telephone</u> will be gathered and summarised by the Council, then taking into account as the final Supplementary Planning Document is produced.”</p>
	Policy SCI/5 Supplementary Planning Documents: Other	<p>Amend the final section as follows:</p> <p>“General contact methods to notify all other stakeholders, using the following methods <u>which reflect the social distancing measures as a result of Covid-19:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Press release ii) Information on the Council website iii) Social media iv) Public meetings if requested by a town or parish council <u>where these are held on-line or by telephone</u> <p>The Council will take into account any representation made in response to this consultation.”</p>
	Paragraph 5.6	Amend paragraph 5.6 as follows:

		<p>“Consultation will be carried out using a mixture of direct contact and general publicity, with additional measures to reach underrepresented groups, which could include attendance at relevant community groups, meetings, workshops or forums where these are held on-line or by telephone, and publicity of Supplementary Planning Documents via social media. In addition to the methods listed in Policy SCI/5, the Council will consider whether further measures such as leaflet dropping, exhibitions or workshops are warranted. The level of consultation will endeavour to be proportionate to the likely impact of the plan.”</p>
	Paragraph 5.7	<p>In the last sentence add the following words:</p> <p>“Comments made during the course of any workshops, where these are held on-line will be gathered and summarised by the Council, then taking into account as the final Supplementary Planning Document is produced.”</p>
	Policy SCI/6 Major Applications Pre-Application Consultation	<p>Amend the section C of Policy SCI/6 as follows:</p> <p>“The following methods of local involvement on pre-application proposals may be appropriate for the promoter to consider which reflect the social distancing measures as a result of Covid-19:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i Newspaper Notice ii Press Release iii Public meetings if requested by a town or parish council where these meetings are held on-line or by telephone iv Individual or group discussions where these are held on-line or by telephone v On-line public exhibitions vi Summary leaflets vii Response forms viii Letters to specific landowners/residents”

	Policy SCI/7 Application Consultation	Amend clause e as follows: “ Make live applications and any supporting information available for inspection at the Main Council Office. All applications will be available to view free of charge on the Council’s website.”
	Paragraph 7.15	Amend paragraph 7.15 as follows: “The Council has an adopted ‘Scheme of Delegation’ to exercise all the powers of the Council as a Local Planning Authority to determine certain planning applications that do not need to be referred to the Planning Committee. Planning Committee meetings <u>will be held on-line for the foreseeable future. They</u> are public and provide an opportunity to applicants and town/ parish councils to make representations directly to the committee. One spokesperson is allowed to speak for the application (generally the applicant or agent) and one spokesperson is allowed to speak against the application.”