

Appendix A

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Dear Sir/ Madam

Date: 29 September 2008

Planning for the Future of the Vale Review of the Statement of Community Involvement

The Council has a **Statement of Community Involvement** that was approved in 2006 and sets out how it will consult people on matters relating to development in their area. It applies to the preparation of Local Development Documents which together will provide a comprehensive planning policy framework for the Vale and how the community will be consulted on planning applications.

The Council is reviewing its Statement of Community Involvement because the Government has changed the procedures for preparing Local Development Frameworks to allow councils greater flexibility in how they consult the public on Local Development Documents. Secondly there are a range of changes that have taken place in Council development control procedures and the roll out of planning on the web. These changes together with the closure of the Council's office at Faringdon mean that the Statement of Community Involvement is now out of date.

We would like to know if you have any comments on consultation arrangements for the Local Development Framework or Development Control and it would be helpful if you could submit any comments by Friday 26 October 2008. Comments should be sent by post to the address above or by email to SCI@whitehorsedc.gov.uk

The current Statement of Community Involvement can be viewed and downloaded from the Council's website: www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk Copies can also be obtained from the Local Services Points at the Abbey House, Abingdon and Grove Street, Wantage.

The Council will use the responses to this letter to review our Statement of Community Involvement. It is hoped to publish the draft Statement early in 2009 for consultation.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact either Nick Burroughs on extension 496 or Melanie Potter on extension 511.

Yours faithfully



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