

Cheltenham Central Conservation Area Supplementary Planning Documents - 16 Character Area Appraisals and Management Plans

Statement of Compliance with the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)

1). This statement has been prepared to record the consultation process undertaken by Cheltenham Borough Council in the preparation of the following draft Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs):

Cheltenham Central Conservation Area:

Lansdown Character Area Appraisal and Management Plan;
Suffolk Square Character Area Appraisal and Management Plan;
Eldorado Character Area Appraisal and Management Plan;
Dean Close & Hatherley Park Character Area Appraisal and Management Plan;
Tivoli Character Area Appraisal and Management Plan;
The Park Character Area Appraisal and Management Plan;
The Suffolks Character Area Appraisal and Management Plan;
Bath Road Character Area Appraisal and Management Plan;
Leckhampton Character Area Appraisal and Management Plan;
College Character Area Appraisal and Management Plan;
St Luke's Character Area Appraisal and Management Plan;
Sydenham Character Area Appraisal and Management Plan;
Fairview and All Saints' Character Area Appraisal and Management Plan;
Pittville Character Area Appraisal and Management Plan;
Lower High Street Character Area Appraisal and Management Plan;
St Paul's Character Area Appraisal and Management Plan.

2). This statement corresponds to the requirements set out in the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004.

3). The Council employed a range of methods to ensure that the widest public awareness of the SPDs listed above has been achieved and to facilitate a high level of participation and response. These various approaches were integrated into a six week consultation period, which ran from Monday 3rd March 2008 to 9am Monday 14th April 2008. Consultation methods included the following:

4). *Media*

The Council placed appropriate statutory notices in the local press in the form of an advert (to be published on Monday 3rd March 2008) and a press release.

5a). *Consultation*

In respect of the Conservation Area appraisal documents, consultation with interested parties took place at two meetings during the drafting of the 16 character appraisals and their accompanying management plans. These meetings included Ward Councillors; representatives from local residents' associations; Cheltenham Conservation Areas Advisory Panel and the Civic Society (amongst others). Main issues raised at these meetings included the role of the Management Plans and the weight they will carry once adopted as Supplementary Planning Documents.

5b). Five public meetings/exhibitions were held during the deposit period of the SPDs. Details are as follows:

Friday 7th and Saturday 8th March 2008 - Public exhibitions at the Regent Arcade in association with the Civic Pride public exhibition events;
Monday 10th March 2008 (7-9pm) - Public meeting at Dunalley Primary School hall, West Drive – to discuss character areas of Sydenham, Fairview & All Saints', Pittville, Lower High Street and St Paul's;
Monday 17th March 2008 (7-9pm) - Public meeting at Bethesda Methodist Church, Great Norwood Street – to discuss character areas of The Park, The Suffolks, Bath Road, Leckhampton, College and St Luke's;
Wednesday 19th March 2008 (7-9pm) Public meeting at Dean Close School, Pre-prep school hall, Lansdown Road – to discuss character areas of Lansdown, Suffolk Square, Eldorado, Dean Close & Hatherley Park and Tivoli.

6). *Statutory and Non-Statutory Consultees*

All the relevant statutory and non-statutory consultees and others who have expressed an interest were notified by letter of the consultation process. Statutory consultees were supplied with a CD of the draft SPDs. The letter included details of how organisations and individuals could respond to the SPDs and who to contact for further information.

7). *Printed copies of the SPDs*

The Council made printed copies of the SPDs, Sustainability Appraisal Report and this Statement of Compliance available for inspection at the Municipal Offices, Cheltenham libraries, neighbourhood resource centres and council offices within Gloucestershire.

8). *Website*

The draft SPDs were made available via the Council website – www.cheltenham.gov.uk

This included copies of the draft SPDs which could be downloaded, contact details for queries and an on line comments form.