

Proposed Changes to the Statement of Community Involvement

Chapter	Page	Paragraph number	Proposed change
Introduction	2	1.8	1. Delete reference to the South East Plan as it was partially revoked on 25 March 2013. 2. Reword second sentence – ‘The development plan for Maidstone includes adopted local plans (formerly or otherwise known as development plan documents) and neighbourhood plans.’
	2	1.9	3. Delete reference to the Core Strategy and Development Delivery local plans as we have now moved towards producing a single local plan.
Key principles of community involvement	4	2.2	4. Bullet point 3 – replace ‘jargon’ with ‘technical terminology’. 5. Bullet point 4 – replace ‘reign’ with ‘rein’. 6. Bullet point 5 – add to end of sentence ‘for example the use of letters.’
	4/5	2.3	7. Reword second sentence – ‘Planning regulations require a number of statutory bodies (including parish councils) to be consulted and these are listed in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2.’ 8. Insert footnote to reference the regulations. 9. Add to bullet point list – ‘Local nature conservation groups e.g. Kent Wildlife Trust and the Medway Valley Countryside Partnership.’ 10. Add to bullet point list – ‘Countryside management groups e.g. Kent Downs AONB Unit.’
Maidstone local planning policy framework	8	Table 3.1	11. Under ‘The council will’ list insert – ‘Post messages on the council’s Facebook and Twitter pages about the document we are preparing.’
	9 11	Table 3.2 Table 3.6	12. Under ‘The council will’ list insert – ‘Post messages on the council’s Facebook and Twitter pages about the document we are consulting on.’
	8-12	All tables	13. Insert the council’s website address (www.maidstone.gov.uk) in tables 3.1-3.6.
Planning applications	15	4.5	14. Insert ‘Particularly’ at the beginning of the sentence so it reads ‘Particularly for major proposals’.
	15	4.6	15. Delete ‘other’ so it reads ‘For all proposals’.
	16	4.10	16. At the end of the paragraph, insert – ‘Where councillors (including parish councillors) are involved in pre-application discussions, they must adhere to the Maidstone Borough Council Planning Code of Conduct.’

APPENDIX A

	16	4.11	17.Delete reference to the late night Planning Duty Desk service.
	18	Table 4.3	18.Rename 'Table 4.4' and insert new 'Table 4.3' setting out the procedure for consulting the public on applications for works to protected trees and trees in a conservation area.
	16-18	All tables	19.Insert the council's website address (www.maidstone.gov.uk) in tables 4.1-4.4.
Glossary	20	N/A	20.Add 'Annual monitoring report'. 21.Add 'Development plan'. 22.Development plan document – delete reference to the Core Strategy. 23.Add 'Local development scheme'. 24.Add 'Local planning policy framework'. 25.Add 'Major proposal'. 26.Add 'Householder proposal'.
Appendix 2	22	7.1	27.Insert Appendix 2 – list of statutory consultees for planning applications.