



Forest Heath

District Council

**DRAFT
STATEMENT OF
COMMUNITY
INVOLVEMENT**

October 2004

Foreword

New planning legislation now in force will see the replacement of the old system of *County Structure Plans, District Local Plans and Supplementary Planning Guidance* with a new system of *Regional Spatial Strategies and Local Development Documents*.

The adopted Forest Heath Local Plan (December 1995) will be replaced by a new style planning policy framework. This will be called the **Forest Heath Local Development Framework**.

One objective of the new planning system is to strengthen community involvement in planning by encouraging as many people as possible to participate. This document sets out our Statement of Community Involvement, which explains: -

- how we intend to achieve continuous community involvement in the preparation of local development documents, and in planning application decisions
- how and when all sections of the community, including local groups and organisations will be actively involved in the process
- how we will manage and resource the process effectively
- how the results of community involvement will be fed into the preparation of local development documents.

We want to maximise the opportunity for the local community and other interested parties to shape the contents of the Forest Heath Local Development Framework, which will guide the future development and use of land in the District.

We therefore welcome your views on this Statement of Community Involvement.

**Review of the Forest Heath Local Plan
Production of the Local Development
Framework
Draft Statement of Community
Involvement**

Our Vision for Community Involvement.

The aim of our Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) is to outline how all sections of the community and stakeholders can be actively involved throughout the process. The statement deals with the preparation of a Local Development Framework (LDF) and the consultation procedures leading to decisions on planning applications.

The community includes local residents, businesses, and local organisations.

Our stakeholders are national and regional organisations, developers and landowners.

We aim to achieve greater community and stakeholder engagement and, hopefully, agreement throughout the plan making and implementation processes.

This process links closely with the engagement and involvement work during the preparation of the Western Suffolk Community Strategy and its reviews, and the various Community Partnerships established under the Market Towns Initiative. The community priorities identified by that process will be reflected in the LDF, which consists of various Local Development Documents (LDD). This SCI document, once approved, will form one of our statutory Local Development Documents.

**We want your views on the proposed
consultation standards set out in this
document.**

**We want to know if you think we are consulting
the right people, in the right way and at the right
time.**

Jargon busting

The new legislation and documents bring new terms and phrases, here is a quick guide to the terminology used in this document :

Pre-Submission Consultation – this is the first stage in the public engagement for each LDD, and will seek to begin to build consensus on preferred options with key consultees.

Pre-Submission Participation– this is the second stage in the public engagement for each LDD, and will be called a Preferred Options Report.

Local Development Scheme (LDS) – a public statement setting out which documents will make up the Local Development Framework and when they will be produced.

Local Development Framework (LDF) – the overall name for all the following types of planning policy document that we will produce:

Local Development Documents (LDD) – a general name for the main two types of planning document:

(1) **Development Plan Documents (DPD)** – these are the statutory planning documents that legally we must produce and include:

Core Strategy (sets out the general principles of where and when development will be acceptable).

Site specific policies for major developments and allocations of land.

Proposals Map (a set of maps illustrating where policies and proposals apply).

We want your views on all these documents and a Government appointed Inspector will independently test them.

(2) **Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD)** – documents that will provide additional and supporting detail for policies and proposals, where necessary. Whilst the community will be consulted on their content, these documents will not be subject to independent scrutiny.

Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) – this is a document setting out how the community, and everyone with an interest in the planning system, will be consulted.

Sustainability Appraisal (SA) – to identify and evaluate what the effects of the strategy or plan are likely to be on social, environmental and economic conditions of the strategy or plan area. A Sustainability Appraisal is required for each stage in the production and submission of a DPD. The SA must comply with the requirements of the SEA Directive and regulations.

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) – an assessment of the environmental effects of a draft plan or programme. This is a statutory requirement under the European Directive 2001/42/EC and the SEA Regulations 2004.

Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) – a public report that we produce to show progress on the LDF.

Spatial Vision – a brief description of how the area will be changed at the end of the plan period.

If you are interested in the new planning system and would like to find out more about the Government's proposals – details can be found on the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister's (ODPM) website at: www.planning.odpm.gov.uk

Local Development Framework Key Aims.

In December 2001, the Government announced, in its “Planning Green Paper – delivering a fundamental change”, proposals for reforming the planning system. Included in the proposals was the introduction of Local Development Frameworks (LDF). These proposals have now been enacted by Part 2 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act which came into force in September 2004.

It is the Government’s intention that Local Development Frameworks will streamline the local planning process and promote a proactive, positive approach to managing development.

The key aims of the new system are:

- **Flexibility.** Local planning authorities can respond to changing local circumstances and ensure that spatial plans are prepared and reviewed more quickly than development plans under the old system.
- **Strengthening community and stakeholder involvement in the development of local communities.** Local communities and all stakeholders will be involved from the outset and throughout the preparation of local development documents.
- **Front loading.** Local planning authorities should take key decisions early in the preparation of local development documents. The aim will be to seek consensus on essential issues early in the preparation of local development documents and so avoid late changes being made.
- **Sustainability appraisal.** To ensure that local development documents are prepared with the objective of contributing to the achievement of sustainable development.
- **Programme management.** The efficient management of the programme for the preparation of a range of local development documents in accordance with the local development scheme.
- **Soundness.** Local development documents must be soundly based in terms of their content and the process by which they are produced. They must also be based upon a robust, credible evidence base.

This draft Statement of Community Involvement sets out how we will involve the community and stakeholders.

Your involvement is very important at this early stage because early agreement between us can minimise later conflicts and delays in the planning system. The Local Development Framework will set out the spatial vision and policies for Forest Heath between now and 2021. It will replace the existing Local Plan and will be used to determine planning applications.

Local Development Framework (LDF) Documents.

The Forest Heath Local Development Framework will contain the following documents: -

- Local Development Scheme (LDS). This will tell people how we will develop the LDF over a three-year period giving details of the individual documents that we will prepare. You can see a copy at our Brandon, Mildenhall and Newmarket offices, and on our website www.forest-heath.gov.uk. It will be published for information only. However, it will be sent to the Government Office for the East of England (GO-East) for comment.
- Development Plan Documents (DPD).
 - Core Strategy and Generic Development Control Policies, including a Sustainability Appraisal.
 - Site Specific Allocations of land in the towns and some sustainable villages, including a Sustainability Appraisal.
 - Proposals Map.
- Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD).
 - Affordable Housing
 - Biodiversity Action Plan
 - Landscape Character Assessment
 - Planning Obligations
 - Design Guide
 - Public Open Space Provision
 - Development/Design Briefs for selected sites allocated for development.Sustainability Appraisals will be required for each SPD.

Sustainability Appraisals will: -

- provide a baseline analysis of the current condition of the environment of Forest Heath, and predict change over the plan period.
- form an integral part of all stages of plan preparation.
- assist in determining reasonable plan options.
- predict the significant impacts of the plan and how best to deal with them.

Appendix 2 illustrates the documents that make up the Local Development Framework.

Local Development Framework (LDF) Consultation Stages.

The Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)

The Draft Statement of Community Involvement is itself the subject of public consultation. The final version will be tested for its soundness at an independent public examination. The aim of continuous community and stakeholder involvement in the planning process is to achieve as much agreement as is possible on the content of the Local Development Documents. It must be recognised that we may have to make difficult decisions on which it may not be possible to achieve agreement and it will be necessary to take any unresolved matters to the Public Inquiry.

Consultation methods

- One page article and feedback form in the December 2004 edition of the Forest Heath News, delivered to every household.
- Website version of the Forest Heath News article and feedback form.
- “Planning for the Future” information sheet.
- Town/Parish Council representatives invited to initial briefing session on LDF process. Further detailed consultation sessions to be held on request.
- Consultation in writing with the specific consultation bodies and appropriate general consultation bodies (see Appendix 1).
- Consultation in writing to all other persons and organisations on our LDF database (all those who have expressed an interest in the Local Plan Review since 2001).

A minimum of a six week consultation period.

First Stage – Consultation (Pre-submission Consultation and Initial Sustainability Appraisal for each intended Development Plan Document (DPD)).

This is consultation with statutory consultees and organisations such as community development partnerships, to develop issues and begin to seek agreement on preferred options. The aim is to make us aware of these organisations’ own programmes and plans and their views on issues that should be taken into account in developing preferred options for public participation.

Consultation Methods

Letter and attached document to each statutory consultee, other key local organisations such as the Western Suffolk Local Strategic Partnership and the Community Development Partnerships for:

- Brandon
- Mildenhall
- Newmarket

Town/Parish Council representatives invited to initial briefing session on the LDF process and to appoint a leader to deal with all LDF matters. Further detailed consultation sessions to be held on request.

A minimum of a six week consultation period.

Second Stage – Participation (Pre-submission Participation on Preferred Options and Sustainability Appraisal for each intended DPD).

The Preferred Options will propose realistic options for all of the main policy issues and subject areas, including possible site allocations or areas of search. The options will be based on our vision and objectives for the District. They will also reflect higher tier policies such as National Planning Guidance, the emerging Regional Spatial Strategy for the East of England (Draft RSS14, 2004) and the existing Suffolk Structure Plan 2001, together with the Western Suffolk Community Strategy objectives. The Preferred Options will be an opportunity for the community and stakeholders to bring forward alternative proposals, as long as they meet the LDF objectives and are compatible with higher order policy guidance. The aim is to try to achieve agreement on the best options for the District.

Consultation methods

- One page article and questionnaire in the Forest Heath News, delivered to every household.
- Website version of the Forest Heath News article and questionnaire.
- Consultation in writing with the specific consultation bodies and appropriate general consultation bodies (see Appendix 1).
- Roadshow, manned exhibition, with the opportunity to also attend workshop events; venues and number to be decided.
- Workshop style consultation events with an independent facilitator; venues and number to be decided.
- Consultation in writing to all other persons and organisations on our LDF database (all those who have expressed an interest in the Local Plan Review since 2001).

A minimum of a six week consultation period.

Third Stage – Send to the Secretary of State (Submission of DPDs to The Secretary of State).

On completion of the participation on the preferred options and proposals we will prepare the development plan document to be submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination.

Consultation methods

When we submit a development plan document for independent examination to the Secretary of State we will publish a notice and invite representations to be made within a specified period of six weeks. We will also send two copies of the development plan document and the following documents to the Planning Inspectorate:

- the final report of the sustainability appraisal
- any supporting technical documents such as the urban capacity study and housing needs surveys
- a copy of the Statement of Community Involvement
- a statement of compliance, which should also indicate how we have addressed the main issues raised in representations received .

Fourth Stage – Representations (Dealing with Representations and the Responsibilities of those making Representations).

Where representations on a submitted development plan document have been made which include proposals for alternative site allocations or to change a boundary of a site identified in a submitted development plan document, we will advertise these immediately after the period for making representations has expired. **At this stage, it is the responsibility of the person proposing an alternative site or boundary change to make clear the effects of the change on the achievement of the objectives of sustainable development and to show that the proper procedures have been undertaken.** We will prepare a summary of the representations made on the development plan document. **Please remember that representations cannot be treated as confidential nor can they be made anonymously.**

Fifth Stage – Public Inquiry (The Examination in Public, the Inspector’s Report and Adoption).

An Inspector will hold a public inquiry to independently test each development plan document. The Inspector will produce a report, the recommendations of which will be binding. The development plan document will have to be changed in accordance with the Inspector’s recommendations. Once this has been done the document can be formally adopted.

Appendix 3 illustrates the process for the preparation of the Statement of Community Involvement.

Appendix 4 illustrates the process for the preparation of Development Plan Documents.

Consultation and Review Processes.

Corporate Community Engagement and the Local Development Framework Process

Our public consultation strategy indicates that we will actively pursue a policy of consultation and community engagement so we can:

- learn from our customers, other stakeholders and partners;
- improve our capacity to deliver best value services;
- make decisions that reflect local people’s priorities;
- develop services that match local people’s needs.

By involving a wider range of people and organisations throughout the planning process we hope to:

- Focus on the priorities identified by the community.
- Influence the provision of local services that are better able to meet local needs.
- Enhance the sense of contributing to the community.
- Increase understanding of how planning policies are developed and linked to each other.
- Increase support for local planning policies.

o Obtain value for money by maximising community benefits from the planning system and minimising costly disputes.

Links between Local Development Framework and the Western Suffolk Community Strategy

The Western Suffolk Local Strategic Partnership, of which Forest Heath District Council is a member, has the vision to “make life better”. To continue to do this effectively we need to understand and review the main issues, which concern the community. Many issues relate to and affect not just Forest Heath, but the surrounding area too. We are, therefore, working with the Western Suffolk Local Strategic Partnership (WSLSP), which has produced the Community Strategy.

The Community Strategy identifies seven issues, which the community felt we should be concentrating on. These are:

- Make life safer
- Make life healthier
- Make a clean and green environment
- Make a prosperous community
- Make a learning community
- Make life active and creative
- Make an inclusive community

These will all be fully taken into account in preparing the Local Development Framework.

The following priorities identified in the Community Strategy are of particular relevance to the Local Development Framework:

- **Maintain and improve the quality of the environment.**
- **Support sustainable business and encourage and create employment opportunities.**
- **Ensure the provision of good quality affordable housing.**
- **Ensure that Western Suffolk has an integrated transport policy.**
- **Contribute to the vitality of town centres and villages, and make them more welcoming to visitors.**
- **Promote choice and opportunity for all in cultural provision.**
- **Preserve the area’s cultural heritage and establish it as the cultural heart of the region.**

The Community Strategy is available on our web site:
www.forest-heath.gov.uk

The Forest Heath parishes of Newmarket, Exning and Moulton fall within the Cambridge Sub-Region, and we are involved in joint working with the Cambridgeshire authorities in planning, housing and transportation issues.

The Suffolk Speaks Community Panel will be surveyed on a regular basis on a range of issues and the results will be available by district area.

There will be on going meetings of the Western Suffolk Local Strategic Partnership (WSLSP) which will investigate ways to work together on both LDF and general spatial planning issues.

Legal Requirements

The legal requirements for consultation and public participation for the LDF are set out in the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004. This SCI shows that we will comply with, and exceed, the minimum requirements. The consultees set out in the Regulations are all included in Appendix 1. These statutory bodies, together with a number of additional organisations, groups and people, will be consulted on the various DPDs and SPDs as described above.

Wider Consultation

We are committed to involving as many people and groups as possible in forming planning policies for the District. Any person or organisation interested in the planning of the District can get involved and make comments. There are particular sections of the community that we wish to ensure are involved. These are the 'hard to reach ' groups such as young people.

In order to achieve its aim of wider involvement, we intend to work with existing partners in the community and develop new partnerships where possible. In particular, the Local Development Documents will link to the work carried out in connection with the Western Suffolk Local Strategic Partnership/Community Strategy plus the Market Towns Initiative (MTI) Community Partnerships for Brandon, Mildenhall and Newmarket.

At the pre-submission public participation stage (Second Stage) on the Preferred Options, it is intended to invite those organisations and individuals listed in Appendix 5 to workshop events with independent facilitators.

A Planning Services Users Group was set up in September 2001 and meets once every two months. The group consists of the following representatives: -

- Internal users
- Town/Parish Councils
- Local agents and architects
- Local solicitor
- Local developers
- Local press
- Local resident.

Progress on the LDF is a standard item on the agenda of these meetings, and will continue to be so.

Internal Consultation

Officers – The LDF is being prepared on a corporate basis, and is being discussed when necessary at our weekly Management Team meetings. In addition, the following sections will be consulted at relevant stages throughout the plan making process, depending on the content of the LDD:

- Development control
- Economic development
- Housing
- Environmental services

- Leisure services, including the Countryside section
- Corporate policy and communications
- Community safety and Youth provision

Councillors – since November 2003 a LDF Working Group has been meeting generally every two weeks to oversee the preparation of the LDF. The Working Group consists of nine core Members plus any other District Councillor who is specifically invited because a particular issue relating to their Ward area is on the agenda. The Working Group reports to the Planning Committee and will continue to meet on a regular basis throughout the LDF process. Appendix 6 indicates the internal consultation process for the preparation of development plan documents.

The Form of Your Response.

- At each consultation stage you will be asked to make your comments on a standard form, which will be available in both printed format, and in electronic format on our website. It will help considerably if your comments are received in this standard format. Please provide your name and address, as anonymous responses cannot be accepted.
- Where you object to wording in specific Local Development Documents, you will be asked to suggest an alternative form of wording.
- You are welcome to talk with officers and councillors (see the current list on page 14) if you feel you need any advice before making your response.

What Happens to the Comments Received?

Written comments received will be acknowledged in writing.

Anyone making comments will be consulted automatically at subsequent stages. The comments received will be available to the public.

At the end of each consultation period we will analyse the responses and prepare a summary report. This will also be made public.

The LDF Working Group and the Planning Committee will consider the report on the comments received. Where we consider appropriate, the substance of the comments will be reflected in the proposed policies and proposals. The report will set out how the communities were involved at each stage.

Monitoring and Review of the Statement of Community Involvement

We will review annually whether the procedures of involving the community have achieved a representative level of public involvement across all sections. The SCI will be reviewed annually as the LDF progresses through its statutory phases, as part of the overall LDF monitoring process.

An Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) including reviewing the performance of the SCI and recommending changes, if appropriate will be considered by the LDF Working Group and Planning Committee. The AMR will also be discussed at appropriate meetings of the Planning Services Users Group and assessed against the corporate Engaging Our Communities: Public Consultation Strategy. Any agreed changes will then be incorporated into the SCI.

Resourcing the Statement of Community Involvement

1. **Staff Resources:** - Community involvement will be carried out primarily by existing staff within the Forward Planning team with some assistance from our Corporate Communications Team and staff involved in the Western Suffolk Local Strategic Partnership. In addition, independent facilitators may be employed to assist with the running of the proposed focus groups.
2. **Funding:** - The Planning budget for 04/05 and 05/06 takes account of the need to fund the community and stakeholder involvement set out in the SCI. The SCI and the LDF are being prepared in parallel and co-ordinated by the Head of Planning Services, who is also the relevant budget holder, to ensure that the SCI can be resourced and will be managed effectively.

Consultation on Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs)

The proposed SPDs are listed on page 5. These will not be subject to independent examination, but they must be subject to community consultation and a sustainability appraisal before being adopted.

We propose the following consultation methods:

- The consultation period on the draft SPD and sustainability appraisal (SA) will be for 6 weeks
- An exhibition promoting the draft SPD and SA and inviting comments will be displayed in the reception area of the main Council offices in Mildenhall, during the consultation period.
- Copies of the draft SPD and SA will be sent to relevant town/parish councils plus other appropriate consultees and stakeholders.
- The draft SPD and SA will be displayed on the Council's website with the opportunity to make comments by e mail during the consultation period.
- A public notice will be placed in a local newspaper advertising where the draft SPD and SA can be inspected and the consultation period.
- In relation to any site specific SPDs such as development/design briefs, occupants of properties adjoining the site will be informed in writing of where the draft SPD and SA can be inspected and the consultation period.

Following consultation and prior to adoption we will produce a statement of consultation undertaken, the representations received and our response to those representations, together with a copy of the final statement of sustainability appraisal. These documents will be made available on our website.

Getting Involved in the Consultation Procedures Leading to Planning Application Decisions

Our arrangements for publicising and consulting on planning applications are as follows:

- All planning applications received each week are advertised in local newspapers.
- A similar weekly list of planning applications received together with planning decisions made, is sent to all Town and Parish Councils, plus selected consultees. A copy of all

planning applications relevant to their area is sent to those Town and Parish Councils that have requested this level of information.

- It is proposed to publish the weekly planning application list on our web site.
- Site notices are posted in relation to all planning applications received by us.
- Any person who makes a written representation on an application is informed in writing of significant amendments, or a further application within 12 months of a decision.
- Those persons who make written comments on an application which is to be determined at Planning Committee, are provided with an opportunity to speak at the Committee meeting.

In addition to the above arrangements to consult on all planning applications, the developer will be encouraged to carry out separate consultation with local communities on 'significant' planning applications. Significant development is likely to include not just large-scale proposals such as Red Lodge, but could also include sensitive or controversial proposals such as for mobile phone masts.

Informal Consultation on Various Planning Issues

- The Planning Services Users Group will continue to meet on a regular basis, together with annual Planning Services "Challenge" sessions that seek to involve a larger number of Planning Services customers.
- There will be periodic surveys of development quality and customer satisfaction: e.g. the recent housing estate satisfaction survey.
- The Planning reception customer satisfaction forms will continue to be monitored and used as a basis for making service improvements.

Making Your Comments

If you would like to make any comments please use one of the following methods:

- Complete the standard form at the back of this document and return to:

Nigel McCurdy (Head of Planning Services)
Forest Heath District Council
Council Offices
College Heath Road
Mildenhall
Suffolk
IP28 7EY

- Complete the standard form on our interactive website at: www.forest-heath.gov.uk
- Send comments using the standard form layout via email to LDF@forest-heath.gov.uk
- Send comments on the standard form by fax 01638 716493

Please note that comments cannot be made anonymously nor be treated as confidential.

All comments must be received by 28th January 2005

Contacts for Further Information

The team handling the LDF consists of officers and councillors. If you require any further information or would like to discuss any aspects of the Plan Review please contact either a member of the Forward Planning Section set out below:

Forward Planning Officers

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Forward Planning Manager

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Andy Durbar

Senior Planning Officer

01638 719248

Boyd Nicholas

Senior Planning Officer

01638 719440

Hannah Hayden

Planning Technician

01638 719441

or:

Councillors

Councillor **Robin Millar** (Chairman of the LDF Working Group)

01638 666601, email: robin.millar@forest-heath.gov.uk

Councillor Mrs. **Rona Burt** (Vice-Chairman of the LDF Working Group)

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Your local councillor. (see our web site: www.forest-heath.gov.uk).

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Appendix 1

List of statutory consultees ('Specific Consultation Bodies')

The Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004 specify that the following bodies must be consulted if the Council considers that body will be affected by what is proposed to be covered in a development plan document:

- Government Office for the East of England – GO-East.
- Regional Planning Body – EERA.
- Regional Development Agency – EEDA.
- Department of Environment, Food, and Rural Affairs – DEFRA.
- County Council – Suffolk County Council.
- Adjoining Local Planning Authorities – (Cambridgeshire and Norfolk County Councils, Breckland District Council (DC), East Cambridgeshire DC, Kings Lynn & West Norfolk DC, and St. Edmundsbury Borough Council).
- Town and Parish Councils.
- The Environment Agency.
- The Countryside Agency.
- English Nature.
- Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England (English Heritage).
- Strategic Rail Authority.
- Relevant telecommunications companies.
- Strategic Health Authority.
- Relevant electricity and gas companies.
- Relevant sewerage and water companies.
- Equal Opportunities Commission.
- Local Airport operators.

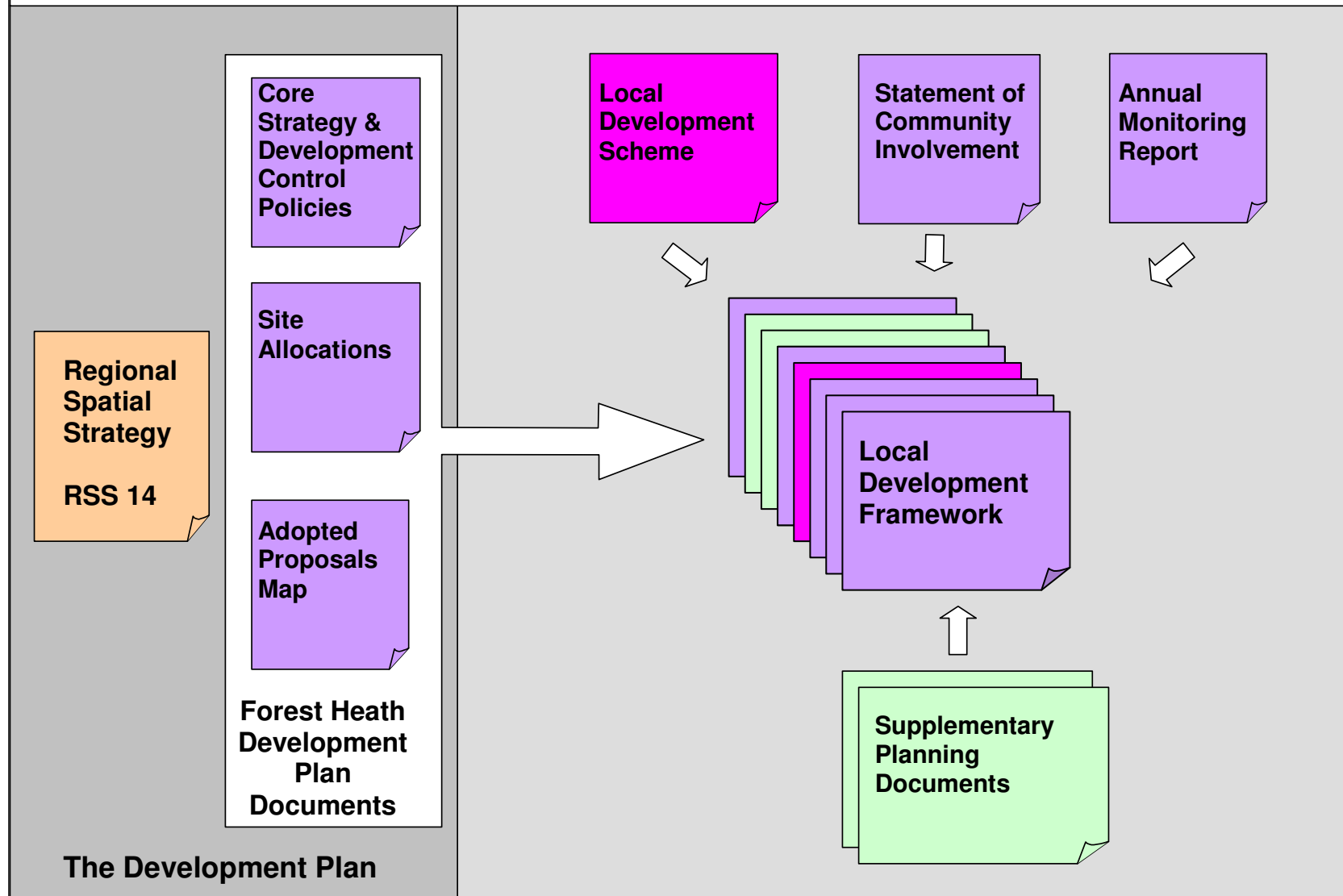
'General Consultation Bodies'

"general consultation body" means:

- a) voluntary bodies; and
- b) bodies representing different racial, ethnic or national groups, religious groups, disabled persons and persons carrying out business in the authority's area.

See Appendix 5 for examples of appropriate local bodies.

Appendix 2. Documents that make up the Local Development Framework



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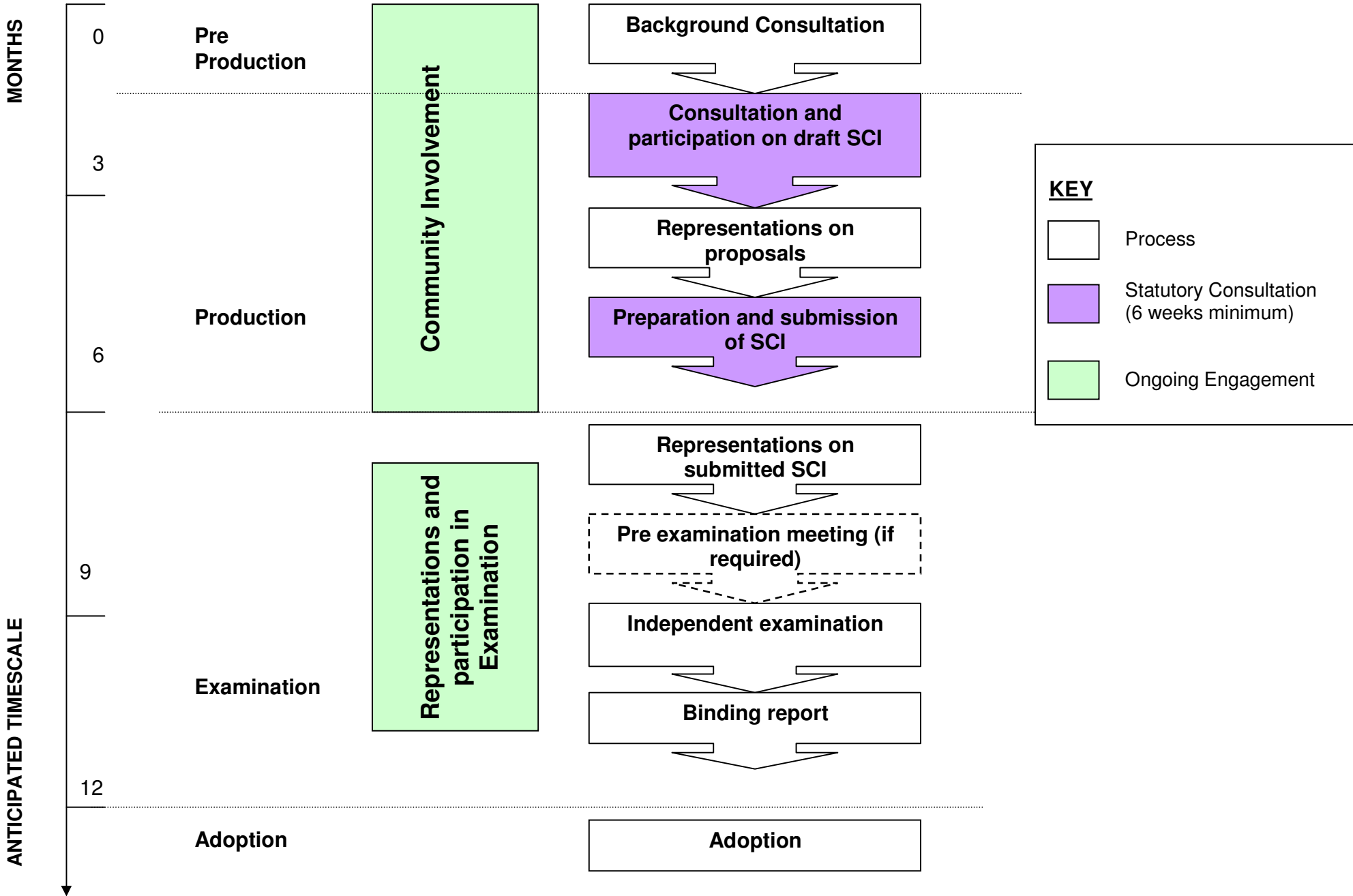


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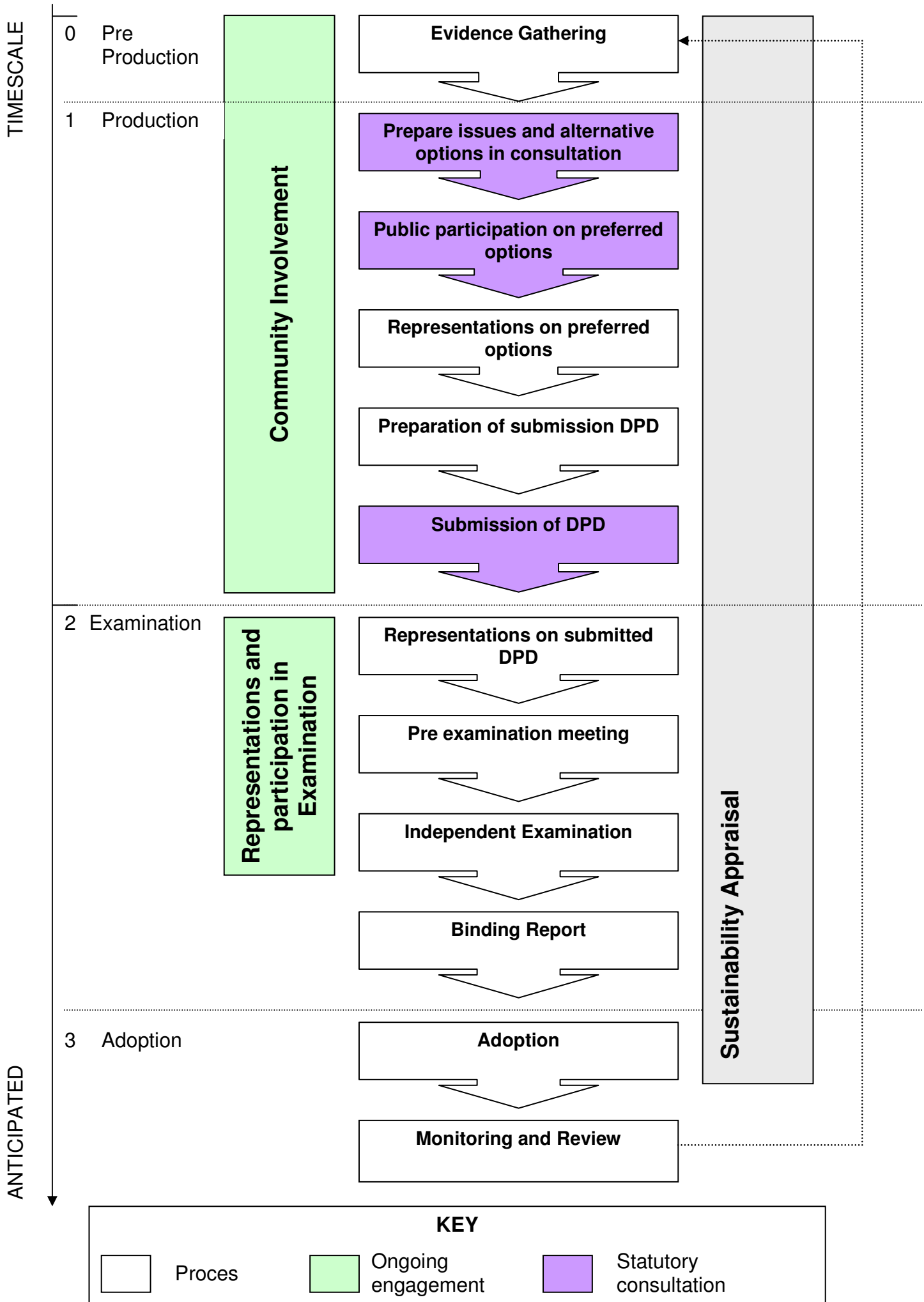


Project Plan

THE STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROCESS



THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT PROCESS



List of local and regional groups, associations, and organisations that will be invited to form workshop/focus groups. The workshop/focus groups will not necessarily be organised on the basis of the 12 groups listed below. The views of the organisations involved on how best to arrange the workshop/focus groups will be taken into consideration before a decision is made.

1. West Suffolk Community Plan Partnership.

- Local Strategic Partnership

2. Parish Councils.

3. The Business Community, including retailing.

- Newmarket Business Association
- Brandon & District Chamber of Trade
- Local retailers
- Businesses from the industrial estates
- Local hotels/guest houses
- National Farmers Union
- Suffolk Development Agency
- East of England Development Agency
- Greater Cambridge Partnership
- East of England Tourist Board
- Horse racing industry (see group 11)

4. Regeneration and Community Action Plans.

- Brandon Community Partnership
- Mildenhall Community Partnership
- Newmarket Community Partnership
- Lakenheath Community Plan
- Suffolk ACRE

5. Landowners.

- Large estate landowners
- Country Landowners Association
- Forest Enterprise
- Landowners of key sites in each of the three market towns
- Landowners of key sites in the Sustainable Villages
- Landowners representing the Other Villages

6. Developers/Agents.

- House Builders Federation (Eastern Region)
- House builders with an interest in the District
- Architects who regularly submit planning applications
- Planning consultants with a known interest in the District
- Solicitors who are regularly involved in submitting planning applications in the District

7. Environmental Groups.

- English Nature
- Suffolk Wildlife Trust
- RSPB – East Anglian Regional Office
- Countryside Agency
- English Heritage
- Friends of the Earth
- Green Party
- Lark Valley Association/Ramblers Association
- Suffolk Preservation Society
- The Environment Agency
- The Brecks Countryside Project
- The Brecks Society

8. Utilities and Services.

- Anglian Water
- 24 seven
- Transco
- Eastern Energy
- National Grid Co
- BT
- Mobile Phone Operators
- Internal Drainage Boards

9. Transport Related Groups.

- Highways Agency
- Strategic Rail Authority
- Anglia Rail Users Group
- First – Anglia rail franchise holder
- Local bus/coach operators
- Sustrans
- Local Transport Consultants
- Freight Transport Association
- Forest Heath Community Transport Manager
- Ipswich & Suffolk Transport 2000
- Pedestrian Association
- Suffolk County Council (Local Transport Authority)

10. Organisations representing key sectors of society.

- Forest Heath Disability Access Group
- Rethink Disability
- Women's Institute branches within Forest Heath
- Newmarket Gateopener & Locality group
- Newmarket Community Church
- Religious groups representing in the Brandon and Mildenhall areas
- Suffolk Pensioners
- Forest Heath 55+ Group
- Youth Groups
- Forest Heath Tenants Assembly
- Mildenhall Citizens Advice Bureau
- Ipswich and Suffolk Council for Racial Equality

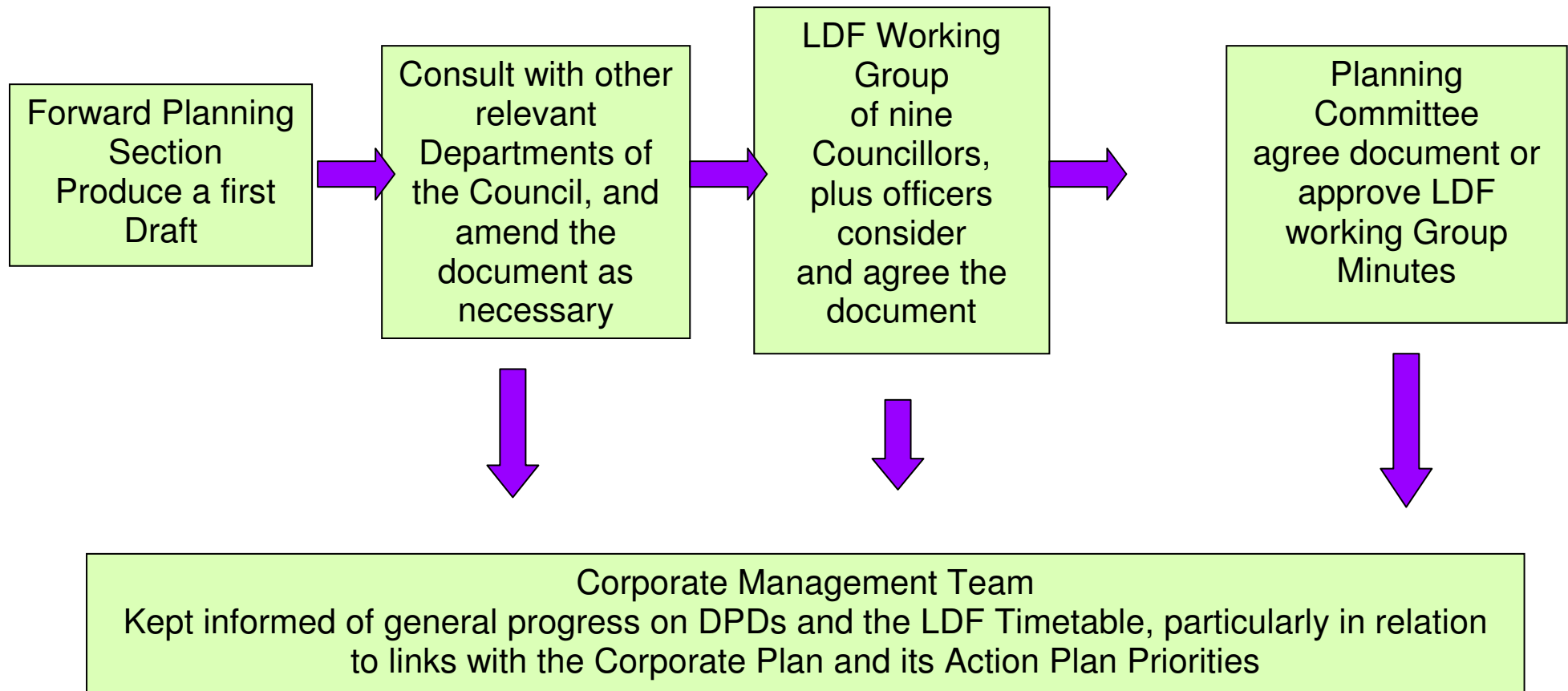
11. The horseracing industry.

- Jockey Club Estates
- Newmarket Racecourses
- Racing Welfare
- The National Stud
- Horseracing Museum
- Trainers Federation
- British Racing School
- Interested Stable owners/trainers
- Newmarket Town Council
- Suffolk County Council (Highways)

12. USAF

- MOD Defence Estates
- RAF
- USAF Commander – Lakenheath
- USAF Commander – Mildenhall
- Suffolk County Council (Highways)
- Beck Row Parish Council
- Eriswell Parish Council
- Lakenheath Parish Council
- Mildenhall Parish Council
- Developers/landowners with an interest in tendering for USAF build/lease proposals

INTERNAL CONSULTATION INVOLVED IN THE PRODUCTION OF A DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT (DPD)



Draft Statement of Community Involvement Feedback Form

Please complete by ticking the box against your chosen answer and return to FHDC, see page 13. If you have any additional comments, please continue on a separate sheet of paper but make sure you attach it to this feedback form.

Q1 Are we involving the right people in the production of the new development plans?

Yes ₁ No ₂ Don't know ₃
 (Go to Q3) (Go to Q2) (Go to Q3)

Q2 Who else should be involved?

Q3 Are we using the right ways to consult?

Yes ₁ No ₂ Don't know ₃
 (Go to Q5) (Go to Q4) (Go to Q5)

Q4 What other ways do you consider we should use to consult?

Q5 Please make any further comments on this draft Statement of Community Involvement in the box below

Q6 If you would like us to consult you on the Local Development Framework process, please give us your name, address and email address below. Please then answer Q7 and Q8.

Name-----
 Address-----
 Email address -----

Q7 How would you prefer us to contact you?

By email ₁ By post ₂

Q8 Which of the following would you like to be involved in?

Employment provision/economic development	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	A particular village/town – Please state below
Community Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	
Leisure & Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	
Shopping	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	
Transport	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅	

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Thank you for completing this feedback form