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Dear Adrian

OADBY & WIGSTON BOROUGH COUNCIL – SUBMISSION DRAFT STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Thank you for consulting the Government Office on your submission Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). While the Government Office does not wish to object to the SCI, I would like to offer the following comments to both the Council and the Inspector:

Figure 2: Overall Programme

You may wish to consider deleting this Figure, as the programme may change over the life of the SCI, and become out of date and misleading. If it is retained, then the programme should reflect the changes agreed to the SCI and Core Strategy Development Plan Document (DPD) timetables in the first revision Local Development Scheme of September 2005.

Paragraph 5.2

The table omits any reference to the "Guidelines for New Development SPD" that is programmed within the Local Development Scheme. The reference to updating existing Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) should be deleted, as the Council should no longer be updating SPG but preparing Supplementary Planning Documents, in accordance with the new planning system.

Table below paragraph 7.3

The final Sustainability Appraisal Report will be required at the Regulation 28 submission stage for DPDs.

Whilst this table identifies that the SCI will be kept under review, it is not clear what would trigger a review of the SCI. It would be useful to expand on this in the document.





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Section 10: Involving Our Community

If your authority has signed a local compact with the voluntary and community sector, it would be useful to include reference to this (paragraph 3.7 of PPS 12). It would also be helpful within this section to state where documents will be available once the Local Development Documents have been adopted.

Paragraph 10.3

It would be useful to explain how the list of the types of groups to be consulted would be kept up to date by the Council.

Section 14 Consultation on Planning Applications

It would be useful to state that the planning authority for minerals and waste matters is Leicestershire County Council, who will be preparing a separate SCI.

Figure 4

It would be helpful to explain how representations will be taken into account in the determination of applications.

Appendix 1

For clarity and information it would be useful to include the full title of the Regulations.

Appendix 4

The description of the AMR could usefully be extended to include consideration of policy implementation.

Could you please notify this office once the Statement of Community Involvement is adopted.

Yours sincerely

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On behalf of the Leicestershire Directorate