

1 What is the purpose of this statement?

This statement describes the consultation undertaken in previous stages of the Core Strategy. It outlines who was consulted and how these consultations were undertaken. It provides a summary of issues raised and explains how these issues have been addressed by the Borough Council.

2 Why is this document needed?

The provision of this submission document is required by regulation 30(1)d of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008.

This states that the submission documents (those given to the secretary of State) should include;

‘a statement setting out—

- (i) which bodies and persons the local planning authority invited to make representations under regulation 25 or regulation 26,
- (ii) how those bodies and persons were invited to make representations under either of those regulations,
- (iii) a summary of the main issues raised by the representations made pursuant to either of those regulations, and
- (iv) how any representations made pursuant to either of those regulations have been taken into account’.

3 What were the previous consultation stages on the Borough of Oadby & Wigston Core Strategy?

This table lists the previous consultation stages in the Core Strategy Consultation Process.

Before these stages which focused on the Core Strategy the Borough Council held broad LDF consultation events;

A Visioning Seminar (24 January 2003) at the Brocks Hill Environment Centre in Oadby. Representatives of community groups, businesses, healthcare and education providers and other such groups were invited and contributed ideas about the future vision for the Borough.

The ‘Envision Planning our Future’ Events/Issues stage consultation was held between August and September 2003. This was focused on nine topic papers which were sent to some 150 individuals and organisations. A further 450 letters were sent to a wide variety of clubs and societies notifying them of the consultation. A roadshow exhibition was taken around the Borough. Exhibitions, posters, leaflets and questionnaires, a radio interview and the Council’s website were used to disseminate information. The consultation focused on broad issues.

Oadby and Wigston Borough Council has produced a Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). This was adopted in March 2006. An amendment has since been made to Chapter 12 which deals with Development Control matters. The revised Statement of Community Involvement was adopted in September 2009.

4 What consultations have contributed directly to the Core Strategy?

There have been four rounds of consultation on the Core Strategy. These are listed in this table.

Stage in Core Strategy	Date
Issues and Options Paper	July/August 2005
Preferred Options Paper (/Pre-submission Consultation Paper)	April/June 2006
Supplemental Issues and Options Paper	June/August 2007
Draft Core Strategy (Regulation 25)	November/January 2008-09

This document considers each of these stages. It outlines who the Borough Council consulted and how these consultations were undertaken. Representations that were made are summarised and then the Council's response, including actions taken is outlined.

Consultation methods

This table provides a summary of the consultation methods used at each stage. It shows the broad range of consultation methods the Council has employed.

	Issues and Options Paper (July 05)	Preferred Options Paper (April 2006)	Supplemental Consultation Issues and Options Paper (June 07)	Draft Core Strategy (Regulation 25) (November 08)
Letters to all individuals and organisations on the LDF Consultation Database	✓	✓	✓	✓
Distribution of consultation document and publicity to all libraries and council offices in the Borough	✓			✓
Leaflet to every household in Borough.				✓
Leaflet	✓	✓		
Advert in Leicester Mercury and The Oadby and Wigston Mail.		✓	✓	✓
Travelling Display	✓	✓	✓	✓
Website	✓	✓	✓	✓
Press Release	✓	✓	✓	✓
Roadshow Event in Oadby and Wigston Town Centres		✓	✓	✓
Attendance at meetings of various organisations and groups by request		✓	✓	✓
Senior Citizens Consultation Event	✓			
Posters		✓	✓	✓
Attendance at Forum Meetings				✓

Consultation Responses

Stage of consultation	Date of Consultation	Number of consultees	Number of Respondents	Number of responses
Issues and Options Paper	July/August 2005	794	33	292
Preferred Options Paper (/Pre-submission Consultation Paper)	April/June 2006	774	36	319
Supplemental Issues and Options Paper	June/August 2007	800	27	129
Draft Core Strategy (Regulation 25)	November/January 2008-09	930	33	252