

Statement of Community Involvement: Amendment 2009

Statement of Representations



The Council is currently amending its Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) to bring it inline with the new requirements of the 2008 Town and Country Planning Regulations and the Planning Act 2008.

This Statement of representations has been published along with the draft SCI in line with amended regulations 26 and 27. It details which organisations were consulted at this first stage of document production. It also details how they were consulted, as well as listing the representations made and the Council's responses to them.

In July 2009, the Council sought to notify the specific and general consultees, listed below, of its intention to amend the SCI. The opportunity was also taken, using a questionnaire, to seek opinion on the consultation methods contained within the existing SCI and to gain an indication as to whether paper or email consultation was preferred. Consultees contacted were as follows:

Statutory Consultees:

Above Derwent Parish Council
Aikton Bolton & Bromfield Parish Council
Allhallows Parish Council
Allonby Parish Council
Arlecdon & Frizington Parish Council
Aspatria Parish Council
Bassenthwaite and Thursby Parish Council
Bewaldeth & Snittlegarth Parish Council
Blennerhasset & Torpenhow Parish Council
Blindbothel & Brigham Parish Council
Blindcrake Parish Council
Bothel & Threapland, Ireby & Uldale Parish Council
Bridekirk Parish Council
Broughton & Little Clifton Parish Council
Broughton Moor Parish Council
Burgh by Sands Parish Council
Buttermere Parish Council
Caldbeck Parish Council
Camerton Parish Council
Carlisle City Council
Castle Sowerby Parish Council
Coal Authority
Cockermouth Town Council

Copeland Borough Council
Crosscanonby Parish Council
Cumbria & Lancashire Strategic Health Authority
Cumbria Constabulary
Transport Policy Manager, CCC
Countryside Access Partnership Office, CCC
Rights of Way (Planning) Officer, CCC
Cumbria County Council
Dalston Parish Council
Dean Parish Council
Dearham Parish Council
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Distington Parish Council
DPP
Dundraw & Waverton Parish Council
Eden District Council
Embleton, Setmurphy & Wythop Parish Council
English Heritage
Environment Agency North area office
Gilcrux Parish Council
Government Office NW
Great Clifton Parish Council
Greysouthern Parish Council
Hayton & Mealo Parish Council
Holme Abbey, Holme Low and Silloth Parish Council
Holme East Waver, Bowness & Kirkbride Parish Council
Holme St Cuthbert Parish Council
Keswick Town Council
Kirkbampton Parish Council
Lake District National Park Authority
Lamplugh Parish Council
Lorton & Loweswater Parish Council
Lowca Parish Council
Maryport Town Council
Ministry of Defence
Mobile Operators Association
National Grid Transco
Natural England
Natural England
NHS North West
NW Regional Assembly LG Connect
NWDA
Orton Parish Council
Oughterside & Allerby Parish Council
Papcastle Parish Council
Plumbland Parish Council
Rockcliffe Parish Council
Planning Inspectorate
Seaton Parish Council

Sebergham Parish Council
South Lakeland District Council
St Johns, Borrowdale, Castlerigg and Wythburn PC
Underskiddaw Parish Council
United Utilities
West Cumbria primary Care trust
Westnewton Parish Council
Westward Parish Council
Wigton Town Council
Winscales Parish Council
Woodside Parish Council
Workington Town Council

General Consultees:

Mr & Mrs Cole
J J Lattimer
F Watson
J Hyncica
Highway Agency
Church Commissioners
Adams Holmes Associates
Adult Social Care
Age Concern Northwest Cumbria
Aggregate Industries
Airport Operators Association
Allerdale Disability Association
Alpha Design
Ancient Monuments Society
Anthony Collier Assoc.
Area Police HQ
Aspatia Dream Scheme
Associated British Ports
AWAZ
Barton Willmore
Big Tree Planning Ltd
Briery Homes Ltd
British Chemical Distributors and Traders Associat
British Cycling Federation
British Telecom Plc
British Toilet Association
Broadway Malyan
Burnetts Solicitors
Business Link North West
CABE
CALC
Campaign for Real Ale
Capita
CBI

Centre for the Ecology and Hydrology
Chamber of Commerce (Cumbria)
Chesterton Humberts
Church Commissioners
Churches Together
Churches Trust for Cumbria
Citizens Advice Bureau
Civil Aviation Authority
Cockermouth & District Civic Trust
Cockermouth Chamber of Trade
Colin Buchanan & Partners
Colliers CRE
Connexions Cumbria
Council for British Archaeology
Countryside Alliance
Countryside Guardians
County Land & Business Assoc
County Offices
CPRE
Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership
Crown Estate Office
Cumbria Affordable Housing Group
Cumbria Biodiversity Partnership
County Ecologist, CCC
Children's Services, CCC
Young Cumbria, CCC
County Archaeologist, CCC
Sure Start, CCC
County Youth Service, CCC
Cumbria County Council
Cumbria Federation of Women's Institutes
Cumbria Fire Brigade
Cumbria Housing Group
Cumbria Integrated Care Network
Cumbria Local Access Forum
Cumbria Neighbourhood Watch Association
Cumbria PCT
Cumbria RIGS Group
Cumbria Rural Enterprise Agency
Cumbria Rural Forum
Cumbria Rural Housing Trust
Cumbria Strategic Partnership
Cumbria Tourism
Cumbria Vision
Cumbria Wildlife Trust
Cumbria Youth Alliance
David Walker Surveyors
Day Cummins Ltd
De Pol Associates

Defence Estates
Defence Estates North
Derwent & Solway Housing Association Ltd
Dev Plan UK
Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee
DPP
DRC Helpline
Drivers Jonas
Eden Housing Association
England & Lyle
Forestry Commission
Freight Transport Association
Friends, Families and Travellers
Fuller Peiser
Fusion Online Limited
Gingerbread
Great Clifton Residents Group
Green Design Group
GVA Grimley
GVA Lanb & Edge Planning Development & Regen Unit
Gypsy Roma Traveller Leeds
Halcrow Group Limited
Hall Aitken
Health & Safety Executive
Help the Aged
Home Housing
Home North West
Homes and Communities Agency
House Builders Federation
Impact Housing Association Ltd
Institute of Directors North West
Invest in Cumbria
JMP Consultants Ltd
Jones Day
JPL
King Sturge LLP
Lakeland Building Design
Lancaster Environment Centre
Learning and Skills Council
LGBT Youth NW
Miller Homes Ltd
MIND Allerdale Tuesday Club
N Power Renewables
N.J. Hodgson & Co
NACRO
NAI Fuller Peiser
National Air Traffic Services
National Childminding Association
National Farmers Union

National Playing Fields Association
National Trust (NW Regional Office)
Network Rail
NFU (North Cumbria)
NOMS
North Allerdale Development Trust
North Country Homes Group Ltd
North Cumbria Acute Hospital Trust
North Cumbria Community Transport
North West Ambulance Service
Northern Housing Consortium
Npower Renewables
Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
Older People Services Dept, CCC
Older Persons Forum
Outreach Cumbria Gay Lesbian & Bisexual Health Pro
Paul Butler Associates
Peacock & Smith
Persimmon Homes Lancashire
Persimmon Homes NW
PFK Planning
Port of Workington
RAC Motoring Services
Regional Housing Board
Resources for Change
Road Haulage Association
Royal Mail Group Property
Royal Mail Legal Services
RSPB
Rural Regeneration Cumbria
Rural Women's Unit
Sanderson Weatherall
Savills
Skinburness Residents Group
Smiths Gore
Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings
Solway Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
Solway Firth Partnership
Sport England NW
Stagecoach North West
Steven Abbott Associates
Storeys : SSP
Story Homes
Stuart Ross Assoc
Sure Start West Allerdale
Sustrans
Taggart Homes
Tarmac Northern Ltd
Taylor & Hardy

Taylor Wimpey UK Ltd
The British Wind Energy Association
The Co-operative Group Ltd
The Crown Estate
The Gardens History Society
The Georgian Group
The Minto Centre
The Ramblers Association
The Ramblers Association (Lake District)
The Theatres Trust
The Twentieth Century Society
The Victorian Group
The West Voices
Thornfield Properties plc
Traveller Law Reform Coalition
Tribal MJP
UK Coal
United Co-Operatives Ltd
University of Cumbria
Voluntary Action Cumbria
Walton and Co
Wardell Armstrong
Wardhadaway
Wardhall Limited
West Coast Diversity & Equality Group
West Coast Speakers Club
West Cumberland Hospital
West Cumbria CVS
West Cumbria & North Lakes Friends of the Earth
West Cumbria Development Agency
West Cumbria Local Strategic Partnership
West Lakes Renaissance
Westfield Housing Association
Wigton Youth Station
Womens National Commission
Woodland Trust
Workington & District Civic Trust
Youth Cumbria

Methods of Consultation

Consultees were notified of the Council's intention to amend the Statement of Community Involvement in writing, either via email or paper, depending on preference. Consultees were also invited to give their opinion on the suitability or current consultation methods listed in the SCI, and on potential future methods such as notifications via text message or Facebook. Opinions were sought using a questionnaire. All information and relevant documents associated with this consultation were made available online on the Council's website.

Consultation Returns

Responses to consultation have been listed below. A summary of questionnaire returns has also been included.

SCI Amendment Pre-production Summary of Representations

Organisation	Comments	Council's Response
Skinburness Residents Association	Questionnaire returned - support for using Allerdale Outlook, Consultation Documents, Presentations and Facebook. No preference regarding paper or email consultation	Noted
National Trust	Questionnaire returned - support for using consultation documents, presentations, press releases, individual meetings for major cases and Facebook. Prefer notification of consultation by paper - but with a link/CD for consultation documents, not paper documents	Noted
Eden	No specific comments, support all methods of consultation, though not Facebook or text messages. Happy to be consulted via email.	Noted
Natural England	Happy with current methods of consultation. No further comment. No preference stated for paper or email consultation.	Noted
Cumbria Tourism	Questionnaire returned - Support all consultation methods, but not text messages. Prefer paper consultation. Suggest use of focus groups and using other partner's publications as alternative consultation methods.	Noted
Bernados Allerdale	Update Sure Start Manager to be Patrick Short. Questionnaire returned - Support use of neighbourhood forums, consultation documents, press releases and individual meetings. Prefer email consultation.	Consultation database has been amended accordingly. Noted.
Storeys SSP	Update contact details.	Consultation database has been amended accordingly
Royal Mail Property Group	Update contact to be Will Mulvany	Consultation database has been amended accordingly
Cumbria RIGS	Questionnaire returned - support use of consultation documents and presentations. No preference regarding paper or email consultation. Update contact to be Dr J R Coffey	Noted. Consultation database has been amended accordingly
Cumbria Rural Enterprise Agency	Questionnaire returned - support use of neighbourhood forums, Allerdale Outlook, Consultation documents, press releases, and individual meetings. Prefer paper consultation	Noted
Carlisle City Council	Questionnaire returned - support use of consultation documents. Prefer Paper consultation.	Noted

Cumbria Biodiversity Partnership	Questionnaire returned - support use of Neighbourhood forums, consultation documents, community voice, Facebook and text message. Suggest that Facebook and texts are excellent for directing people to sources of info, but not suitable for larger consultations, which still require traditional methods. Suggest there should be direct consultation with young people through schools, colleges and youth clubs. Prefer paper consultation	Noted
Police Architectural liaison officer	Questionnaire returned - support use of Allerdale Outlook, and press release. Suggests consultation could take place via the Council website. Prefer email consultation.	Noted
The Ramblers Association	Questionnaire returned - support use of neighbourhood forums, Allerdale Outlooks, Consultation documents, presentations where appropriate and justified, press releases, individual meetings where appropriate and justified. Paper consultation preferred.	Noted
Dr P Robin Area FP Dec (Ramblers)	Questionnaire returned - support use of consultation documents. Prefer email consultation.	Noted
David Ingham, Cumbria County Council	Questionnaire returned - support use of all consultation methods, including Facebook, but not text messaging as this is seen as being too intrusive. Prefer email consultation	Noted
Allonby Parish Council	Questionnaire returned - support use of Neighbourhood Forums, Allerdale Outlook, and Press releases. Suggest use of email as a consultation method, but this may cause issue as only the clerk has an email address. Paper and email (for the clerk) consultation preferred	Noted
Allhallows Parish Council	Questionnaire returned - support use of Allerdale Outlook, consultation documents, presentations, press releases and individual meetings. Prefer paper consultation	Noted
Smithsgore	Questionnaire returned - support use of neighbourhood forums, consultation documents, presentations, press releases, Facebook and text messages. Prefer email consultation - emails provided	Noted. Email addresses have been added to consultation database.
County Archaeologist	Questionnaire returned - supports use of neighbourhood forums, consultation documents, individual meetings and Facebook. Suggests council website should also be used for consultation. Prefer email consultation.	Noted
Learning and Skills Council	Questionnaire returned - supports use of consultation document and presentations. Prefer email consultation.	Noted

Defense Estates North	Questionnaire returned - supports use of consultation documents. No preference regarding paper or email consultation.	Noted
West Cumbria Development Agency	Questionnaire returned - Supports use of neighbourhood forums, Allerdale Outlook, Community Voice, and press releases. Prefer email consultation.	Noted
Alpha Design	Support use of consultation documents, presentations, press releases, individual meetings and Facebook. Need to update address.	Noted. Consultation database has been amended accordingly
Mrs Barbara Lamb	Support use of neighbourhood forums, Allerdale Outlook, consultation documents, presentations, and press releases. Prefer paper consultation.	Noted
Cockermouth Town Council	Questionnaire returned - support use of neighbourhood forums, Allerdale Outlook, consultation documents, presentations, community voice, press releases, individual meetings. Prefer paper consultation	Noted
Dean Parish Council	Questionnaire returned - support use of consultation documents, presentations, and individual meetings. No preference regarding paper or email consultation.	Noted
Burnetts Solicitors	Questionnaire returned - support use of neighbourhood forums, consultation documents, presentations, and community voice. Prefer email consultation.	Noted
Clerk to Borrowdale Parish Council and St Johns, Castlerigg and Wythburn Parish Council	Questionnaire returned - support use of neighbourhood forums, Allerdale Outlook, consultation documents, occasional presentations, community voice, press releases and occasional individual meetings. Prefer paper consultation as most parish Councillors don't have email access.	Noted
RAC	Please remove from consultation database	Consultation database has been amended accordingly.
Equality and Human Rights Commission	Unable to comment due to lack of resources	Noted.
Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee (DPTAC)	Remove from any future notifications, for comments contact local disability or access groups	Consultation database has been amended accordingly.
Rights of Way Officer, Cumbria County Council	Prefer email consultation.	Noted
Caldbeck Parish Council	Questionnaire returned - supports use of neighbourhood forums, Allerdale Outlook, consultation documents, presentations, press releases and individual meetings. Prefer consultation by email, but with option for paper copy.	Noted

Cumbria Vision	Questionnaire returned - support use of neighbourhood forums, Allerdale Outlook, consultation documents, presentations, community voice, press releases, individual meetings. Prefer email consultation	Noted
Persimmon Homes Lancashire	Questionnaire returned - support use of neighbourhood forums, Allerdale Outlook, consultation documents, presentations, community voice, press releases, individual meetings. No preference regarding paper or email consultation	Noted
NWDA	Questionnaire returned - Support use of consultation documents, and individual meetings for major cases. Prefer paper consultation.	Noted
Kirkbampton Parish Council	Questionnaire returned - support use of neighbourhood forums, Allerdale Outlook, consultation documents, press releases, individual meetings and Facebook. No preference regarding email and paper consultation	Noted
Resources for Change	Addressed as being part of Equality and Human Rights Commission. This is incorrect, and addressee unsure as to why they have been contacted.	Contact will be removed from consultation database.
The Coal Authority	Request section 7.2 is amended to make reference to Coal Authority as a specific consultation body. Prefer electronic consultation, address provided.	The SCI is being amended to reflect recent changes in the planning regulations. The updated list of specific consultation bodies has been included as part of this exercise.
NHS Cumbria	Questionnaire returned - support use of neighbourhood forums, Allerdale Outlook, consultation documents, presentations, community voice, press releases, individual meetings and Facebook. Would be happy to collaborate on any relevant focus group/street survey sessions. Prefer email consultation.	Noted
Mr & Mrs Cole	Questionnaire returned - Support the use of neighbourhood forums. Prefer paper consultation	Noted
Greysouthen Parish Council	Questionnaire returned - support the use of neighbourhood forums, consultation documents, presentations, and individual meetings. Prefer paper consultation	Noted
Oughterside and Allerby Parish Council	Questionnaire returned - support the use of neighbourhood forums, Allerdale Outlook and consultation documents. Prefer paper consultation.	Noted
Dearham Parish Council	Questionnaire returned - support the use of neighbourhood forums, Allerdale Outlook, consultation documents, presentations, press releases and individual meetings. Prefer paper consultation.	Noted

Kirkbride Parish Council	Questionnaire returned - support the use of neighbourhood forums, Allerdale Outlook, consultation documents, presentations and community voice. Prefer email consultation.	Noted
Cockermouth and District Civic Trust	Questionnaire returned - support the use of neighbourhood forums, consultation documents, presentations, community voice, press releases, and individual meetings. No preference regarding paper or email consultation.	Noted
Theatres Trust	Prefer email consultation.	Noted
Carlisle Diocesan - St Mary, Westfield	General support for consultation methods, suggest more focus required on hard to reach groups, particularly on issues relevant to such groups. Questionnaire returned - support use of all consultation methods. Suggests use of existing organisations and groups representative of communities. Suggests use of Dream Scheme reward system for participation. No preference regarding email or paper consultation.	The Council is currently exploring new ways of engaging young people with the planning process. We are currently consulting with Connexions to come up with ways of doing this. We will look into a possible Dream Scheme reward system.
United Utilities	Questionnaire returned - support use of consultation documents. Prefer email consultation.	Noted
Great Clifton Residents Group	Consider all proposed methods of consultation appropriate. Prefer email consultation.	Noted
Boltons Parish Council	Questionnaire returned – support use of Neighbourhood forums, Allerdale Outlook, and consultation documents. Prefer paper consultation.	Noted
Aikton Parish Council	Questionnaire returned – support use of neighbourhood forums and Allerdale Outlook. Prefer paper consultation.	Noted
Arlecdon and Frizington Parish Council	Questionnaire returned - support use of neighbourhood forums, consultation documents, press releases, and individual meetings. Prefer paper copy.	Noted

In addition, 13 anonymous responses were received. These have been recorded in the questionnaire summary below.

Questionnaire Summary:

Set out below are the consultation methods currently included in the Statement of Community Involvement. Not all these methods are used every time as a flexible approach is taken depending on the content of a document.

It would be useful if you could indicate which methods you consider most appropriate

	Yes	No
Neighbourhood Forums	34	5
Allerdale Outlook	26	8
Consultation Documents	47	2
Presentations	35	6
Community Voice (panel of Allerdale residents)	20	10
Press Releases	34	6
Individual Meetings	33	6
Proposed New Approaches		
Facebook (Or Twitter – Cumbria Tourism)	13	25
Text Messages	5	30
Other consultation methods – please specify (See table above)		6
Would you prefer to receive consultation documents as a:		
Paper copy	33	3
By email	31	8