

**Salford City Council**

**Statement of Community Involvement**

**Responses to Proposed Amendments**

**July 2009**

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United Utilities	General Comment	Other	General Comments - You should be aware that we sold our electricity distribution network to 'Electricity North West' in December 2007 and United Utilities Water plc does not provide them with a planning liaison service. They can be contacted through 0800 195 1452.	sci-8	Noted. To add Electricity North West to consultation database.
English Heritage	General Comments	Other	I refer to your letter dated 14th July consulting English Heritage on the above consultation draft. The link below takes you the Third edition of our Charter for English Heritage Planning and Development Advisory Services you may wish to include a reference to this in the SCI.  <a href="http://www.helm.org.uk/upload/pdf/Charter-Advisory.pdf?1250074287">http://www.helm.org.uk/upload/pdf/Charter-Advisory.pdf?1250074287</a>	sci-12	Noted
GONW	General Comments	Other	GONW wish to make no comments on this occasion.	sci-11	
4NW (formally NWRA)	General Comments	Other	4NW have no comments to make on the amendments to the SCI	sci-9	
Salford Travel Partnership	General Comments	Other	The Salford Travel Partnership are in agreement with the amendments shown on the Amended Statement of Community Involvement.	sci-10	

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Natural England	General Comments	Other	On a general point Natural England strongly supports community-planning initiatives and we encourage effective community involvement within the planning system, including the preparation of the LDF. It is one of our key principles that community involvement is considered essential to the achievement of our environmental interests in the new planning system. Local planning authorities are therefore encouraged to look at how they can successfully engage communities on these issues, and reflect this in the SCI.	sci-17	Noted
Natural England	General Comment	Other	In your SCI we would welcome specific reference to Natural England and our role in as a statutory consultee in both Local Development Frameworks and Development Control.	sci-14	The SCI sets out how statutory consultees are consulted as a whole rather than individually.
NWDA	General Comments	Other	NWDA have no substantive comments on the proposed amendments. These reflect recent changes as set out in the relevant Regulations and the revised version of Planning Policy Statement 12 on Local Spatial Planning.	sci-18	
Civil Aviation Authority	General Comments	Other	Whilst the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) would not wish to comment on local development plans, where officially safeguarded aerodromes lie within the Council's area of jurisdiction, we recommend that the Council considers the need of such aerodrome(s) within your development plan and consult with the aerodrome operator(s)/licencee(s) directly. The CAA also provided background material on "other" civil aerodromes, Telecom Installations, Wind Turbines, High Structures and Venting and Flaring. Full details are in the original consultation letter.	sci-21	Noted
The Environment	General Comments	Other	The Environment Agency have no objections or comments to make on the revisions to the document.	sci-44	

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Agency					
Partners IN Salford	General Comments	Other	The Statement of Community Involvement will need to change in relation to Salford's Sustainable Community Strategy 2009-2024 Connecting People to Opportunities: Salford's updated version of the Community Plan which can be found on the Partners IN Salford's website <a href="http://www.partnersinsalford.org">www.partnersinsalford.org</a> .	sci-48	Noted. These changes are factual only and will be incorporated into the SCI to reflect the updated SCS.
Partners IN Salford	Para 1.2	Support	Agree with proposed changes	sci-25	
Partners IN Salford	Figure 1.2	Support	Agree with proposed changes	sci-26	
Partners IN Salford	Para 1.11	Support	Agree with proposed changes	sci-27	
Partners IN Salford	Chapter 2	Other	Replace all references to the Community plan or Making the Vision Real: Community Plan for Salford 2006-2016 with Sustainable Community Strategy 2009-2024 Connecting People to Opportunities	sci-28	Noted. These changes are factual only and will be incorporated into the SCI to reflect the updated SCS.
Partners IN Salford	Para 2.7	Other	Suggest replacement with the following revised text: Partners IN Salford is the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) for this city. The Sustainable Community Strategy replaced the Community Plan in 2009. The Sustainable Community Strategy sets out our vision for Salford in 2024: a city which offers prosperity, good health, equality, accessible and affordable housing and a clean, green, safe environment; a city in which all residents are active and engaged. We want	sci-29	Noted. These changes are factual only and will be incorporated into the SCI to reflect the updated SCS.

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			to ensure that people who live, work and invest in Salford feel that they belong to Salford, are proud of their city and of their local neighbourhoods.		
Partners IN Salford	Para 2.8	Other	<p>Suggest replacement with the following revised text: Through our strategic partnership, the city's public, private, voluntary, community and faith sectors join forces to make Salford a great place to be. Our partners work closely together to ensure that all of Salford's citizens have an equal chance to thrive. Members of Partners IN Salford have made a shared commitment to achieve our Sustainable Community Strategy vision and the targets in the Salford Agreement.</p> <p>The partnership uses innovative processes to achieve good collective understanding of the challenges that need to be overcome. The partnership has demonstrated a commitment to whole system working and transformation. It sees both of these as critical to making the step change in outcomes needed to realise the partnership's vision.</p> <p>The partnership undertook a whole system planning event in July 2008, called Seizing Salford's Moment: Connecting People to Opportunities using an innovative technique called 'Future Search'. The agreed objectives from this event have been incorporated into the Sustainable Community Strategy. The partnership hopes to invite the Future Search participants, particularly the young people, to get back together in July 2024 to celebrate the achievement of these objectives and the partnership's vision.</p>	sci-30	Noted. These changes are factual only and will be incorporated into the SCI to reflect the updated SCS.
Partners IN Salford	Para 2.9	Other	<p>Suggest replacement with the following revised text: Partners In Salford's vision for the city, expressed within the Sustainable Community Strategy is as follows:</p> <p>"In 2024, Salford will be a beautiful and welcoming city,</p>	sci-31	Noted. These changes are factual only and will be incorporated into the SCI to reflect the updated SCS.

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			driven by energetic and engaged communities of highly skilled, healthy and motivated citizens, who have built a diverse and prosperous culture and economy which encourages and recognises the contribution of everyone, for everyone”		
Partners IN Salford	Para 2.13	Other	<p>Suggest replacement with the following revised text: a) An Inclusive City</p> <p>Sitting underneath this theme are a number of key priorities aiming to create balanced, strong, vibrant and active communities which have services that are integrated, locally managed, safe, accessible and appropriately resourced. Our objectives in the Sustainable Community Strategy are about creating cohesive communities which celebrate and support equality and diversity across the city enabling our diverse communities to feel safe and protecting them from hate crime and harassment. We want Salford to be a place where everyone is empowered, including the most vulnerable and isolated individuals, ensuring that all public services are accountable to local communities. Given the influential role it plays in promoting and prescribing better approaches to community engagement and public involvement, the Statement of Community Involvement has been designed with these priorities in mind.</p>	sci-32	Noted. These changes are factual only and will be incorporated into the SCI to reflect the updated SCS.
Partners IN Salford	Para 2.15	Other	<p>Suggest replacement with the following revised text: b) A City where Children and Young People are Valued</p> <p>The Sustainable Community Strategy sets out a vision of Salford as a city which “empowers all children and young people to seek their own solutions, we aim to create opportunities and chances for all children, young people and families to live their dreams”. In line with these priorities, the Statement of Community Involvement encourages a</p>	sci-33	Noted. These changes are factual only and will be incorporated into the SCI to reflect the updated SCS.

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			<p>proactive approach to be taken when designing community engagement events and programmes to ensure the involvement of young people in engagement exercises. Often, traditional methods of consultation may not capture the views of this group and it is important that the Statement of Community Involvement recognises the need for specific efforts to be made and alternative methods to be employed to consult with children and young people. This will help to ensure that their voices are heard, and thereby contributing to the delivery of this priority of the Sustainable Community Strategy. The importance of engaging with children and young people is discussed further in paras 3.28-3.31.</p>		
Partners IN Salford	Para 2.16	Other	<p>Suggest replacement with the following revised text: Salford’s second Local Area Agreement (LAA) ‘The Salford Agreement 2008-11’ was developed by Partners In Salford during 2007 and formally approved by Government in June 2008. The partnership developed 23 priorities, reflecting the greatest social, economic and environmental challenges to the city and its residents. The partnership agreed a suite of 84 indicators which are regularly monitored to track progress against those 23 priorities. The indicators and our priorities are managed under a delivery programme which is organised into five boards, with key stakeholders from across the partnership represented at each. They are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Think Healthy Living</li> <li>• Think Neighbourhoods</li> <li>• Think City</li> <li>• Think Family</li> </ul>	sci-34	<p>Noted. These changes are factual only and will be incorporated into the SCI to reflect the updated SCS.</p>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Think Skills and Work.</li> </ul>		
Partners IN Salford	Para 2.17	Other	Suggest replacement with the following revised text: The Statement of Community Involvement works towards delivering the targets concerning community engagement and empowerment within Think Neighbourhoods.	sci-35	Noted. These changes are factual only and will be incorporated into the SCI to reflect the updated SCS.
Partners IN Salford	Para 2.18	Other	<p>Suggest replacement with the following revised text: Salford’s Community Engagement Strategy outlines how community engagement will be delivered by Partners IN Salford. The strategy has been developed in consultation with local community activists, councillors, and staff of Partners IN Salford organisations. This document should be read in conjunction with the toolkit which details the best practice in engagement methods. The Community Engagement Strategy is currently under review in light of developments such as the empowerment white paper Communities in Control: Real People, Real Power 2008.</p> <p>The following cross-cutting principles represent those areas which must run through everything we do as a partnership in order for us to achieve our objectives. They are included in our Sustainable Community Strategy to reflect all partners’ commitment to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•narrowing the gap</li> <li>•equality and diversity</li> <li>•community cohesion</li> <li>•engagement and empowerment</li> </ul>	sci-36	Noted. These changes are factual only and will be incorporated into the SCI to reflect the updated SCS.
Partners IN Salford	Para 2.21	Other	Suggest replacement with the following revised text: Community Involvement in Salford The whole systems example may not be seen by the	sci-37	Whilst the document is relevant to community involvement, it does not link this to the production of formal



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			<p>planning section to be specific enough in relation to planning to use in the Statement of Community Engagement. Case study Salford's Journey to 'Whole Systems' working</p> <p>Partners IN Salford, Salford's local strategic partnership, has a track record of experimentation and innovation in partnership working. In 2007 the partnership started working with a team of neighbourhood renewal advisors planning the delivery of its first Local Area Agreement (a multi-agency agreement on local priorities). The partnership needed to develop an awareness of how the complex issues facing the city were linked to one another. A series of conversations (using open space techniques) were held on various Local Area Agreement themes for example, worklessness, health, and the environment. These conversations helped the partnership understand itself better as a system. Hundreds of people across the system participated, sometimes in several of the thematic conversations. Partners IN Salford has committed itself to using the principles of 'whole systems working'. It moves beyond thinking about issues in professional silos.</p> <p>Whole Systems thinking requires you to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•understand how systems operate and interlink: at both a micro level (such as families, neighbourhood and village communities, and work teams) and macro level (such as large organisations, politics and the economy). For example, in the case of worklessness how does Job Centre Plus, local community and voluntary sector provision, and the decisions of those who are seeking employment fit together?</li> <li>•use tools and approaches which foster 'whole systems' working, where planning, research and evaluation seek to engage the full range of stakeholders including services</li> </ul>		<p>planning documents or the determination of planning applications, and is therefore of limited relevance to the SCI.</p>

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			users, communities, front-line staff, councillors, middle and senior managers. People with authority, resources, expertise, information and need should be engaged to get a rounded understanding of the issue being addressed. In July 2008 the partnership held a three day whole systems event called a Future Search. The event was attended by over 50 people from all walks of life (they included senior managers, councillors, residents, community and voluntary sector organisations, front line staff, middle managers to name but a few). The group was carefully chosen because of their different experience and knowledge about the issues facing the city. They came together to think collectively and creatively about the answers. The agreed objectives from this event have been incorporated into the Sustainable Community Strategy.		
Natural England	Chapter3	Other	Natural England would welcome generous consultation timeframes to allow us to be effectively involved in the planning system.	sci-16	Some timeframes for consultation are of a statutory length which the council cannot alter.
Partners IN Salford	Chapter3	Support	3.2 - 3.22 Agree with proposed changes	sci-38	
Partners IN Salford	Figure 3.1	Support	Agree with proposed changes	sci-39	
Partners IN Salford	Para 3.27	Other	Bullet point 3 we no longer use Language Line. Resource to be added: •make use of the community engagement toolkit on the	sci-40	Noted. Reference to Language Line will be removed, and reference to new resource will be added.

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			Partners IN Salford website which provides advice and guidance		
Partners IN Salford	Para 3.28	Other	Suggest replacement with the following revised text: Salford's Sustainable Community Strategy also places a great deal of importance on helping children and young people to realise their full potential with the key theme "to deliver a city where children and young people are valued". Three objectives sit underneath this: •We will give children the best start in life •We will make young people part of the solution •We will reduce child poverty	sci-41	Noted. These changes are factual only and will be incorporated into the SCI to reflect the updated SCS.
Partners IN Salford	Para 3.35	Other	Suggest Including this text: Community Empowerment - the result of activity that enables communities, people and citizens to have the power to influence, access and choose the changes that affect their lives. Community empowerment is a process that requires the provision of resources, support and leadership.	sci-42	Noted. These changes are factual only and will be incorporated into the SCI to reflect the updated SCS.
Partners IN Salford	Para 3.36	Support	Agree with proposed changes	sci-43	
Partners In Salford	Chapter 4	Other	Suggest replacement with the following revised text: Glossary (p50) Sustainable Community Strategy The Sustainable Community Strategy 2009-2024 <i>Connecting People to Opportunities</i> replaces the former Community Plan. It sets out a vision which all partners across the city will work towards. It will be delivered via the immediate priorities for improvement set out in the Salford Agreement and via all partners' business plans and strategies. The	sci-49	Noted. These changes are factual only and will be incorporated into the SCI to reflect the updated SCS.

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			<p>Local Development Framework and particularly the Core Strategy are referenced within the Sustainable Community Strategy and will seek to take forward the spatial dimension of the partnership's vision.</p> <p>Salford Agreement The Salford Agreement 2008-2011 is the city's Local Area Agreement. It sets out our immediate priorities for improvement which can only be achieved through partnership working. It is agreed with central government and regularly monitored via a suite of performance indicators.</p>		
Control Tower City Airport, Barton	Table 4.3	Support with conditions	<p>In addition to the listed considerations, we propose that the following should be added:</p> <p>Flight Safety – Considerations: In relation to development heights and bird attractions, whether there is any likely impact upon flight safety at City Airport (Airport Safeguarding)</p>	sci-4	The Table clearly states that it presents a list of some of the more important factors and that it is not exhaustive. Therefore it is not necessary to add this specifically, although it is an issue that is considered in determining planning applications.
The Coal Authority	Para 4.9	Support	<p>The reference in Appendix C.2 to consulting the Coal Authority on planning applications for developments within relevant areas, along with the statement at paragraph 4.9 which encourages developers to engage with relevant statutory consultees during the pre-application stage, is also supported.</p> <p>For information, the Coal Authority will be able to offer advice at an early stage on matters such as potential coal mining legacy issues which need to be considered, opportunities for</p>	sci-24	Noted

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			the prior extraction of coal in association with new developments and the scope of coal mining related factors that should be addressed in Environmental Statements.		
Natural England	Para 4.30	Other	Natural England would welcome copies of planning decision notices once any applications on which we have been consulted or made comments.	sci-15	We provide an online facility which enables Planning Decision Notices to be easily downloaded.
The Woodland Trust	Appendix B	Object	<p>We would like to see the Woodland Trust added as a consultee in this list under the environmental section.</p> <p>It is not logical to include RSPB, CPRE, Wildlife Trusts etc but to omit the Woodland Trust because, like these other groups, we are active in Greater Manchester and the north west region both in terms of policy advocacy and management of sites.</p>	sci-2	The Trust will be added and the database updated to ensure consultation takes place.
Highways Agency	Appendix B	Observations	<p>With regard to the document itself I am concerned that you have taken out the Highways Agency from the list of specific consultation bodies.</p> <p>I note you have added The Secretary of State for Transport but I feel it would be better to still separate the different Agencies.</p> <p>Highways Agency Network Rail</p> <p>Or change to read: The Secretary of State for Transport as Highway Authority for the Strategic Road Network (The Highways Agency) Rail Network</p>	sci-13	Reg 2 (2) (d) of Statutory Instrument 2008 No 1371 requires the council to make this change. It makes clear that the Secretary of State for Transport is to be consulted in relation to their functions regarding railways and as highways authority.
NWDA	Appendix B	Observations	NWDA note that in accordance with relevant regulations, Appendices B and C continue to identify the NWDA as a specific consultation body in respect of Local Development Documents and a statutory consultee in respect of certain types of planning application.	sci-19	Noted

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NWDA	Appendix B	Observations	NWDA note that the list of Government Departments at Appendix B includes the Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform. This is now known as the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills. It may also be appropriate to include the Department of Energy and Climate Change, which was created in October 2008.	sci-20	Noted and updated to reflect these changes.
The Coal Authority	Appendix B	Support	The commitment to consulting the specific consultation bodies during the formulation of Development Plan Documents, including the specific reference to the Coal Authority within Appendix B, is supported.	sci-23	Noted
Network Rail	Appendix B	Observations	On page 57 in the list of 'Specific Consultation Bodies', Network Rail has been crossed out and 'The Secretary of State for Transport' has been added. Please note that Network Rail will still need to be consulted on any policy/plan application(s) that are adjacent to or impact upon the railway infrastructure The council also has a statutory duty to consult Network Rail on any policy/proposal that is adjacent to/includes/or impacts upon a level crossing.	sci-22	Reg 2 (2) (d) of Statutory Instrument 2008 No 1371 requires that the Secretary of State for Transport is consulted in relation to their functions regarding railways.
United Utilities	Table C.1	Other	United Utilities Water would also like to be included in the list of consultees for the "Formation of a Cemetery"	sci-6	Noted and updated.
The Woodland Trust	Table C.1	Object	We would like to see an additional section in this table:  "Development which is likely to damage or have an adverse effect on ancient woodland or ancient/veteran trees". and we would like to see the Woodland Trust listed as consultees on any such planning applications, perhaps with other relevant bodies such as Natural England, the Wildlife Trusts and the Forestry Commission.  Ancient woodland is an irreplaceable semi-natural habitat and the Woodland Trust would like to see it given absolute	sci-3	Noted, and added to Table C.1

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			protection. Similarly ancient and veteran trees are very important in conservation terms and should be protected. Therefore, we would like to have an opportunity to express our views on any relevant planning applications.		
Control Tower City Airport, Barton	Table C.2	Support with conditions	Amend the entry 'Development near Barton Aerodrome which would have implications for flight paths' to read: Development within 6km of City Airport (Barton Aerodrome) which exceed existing surrounding building/tree heights, attract additional bird activity, or have implications upon flight safety. Reference should be made to City Airport Safeguarding Criteria. Consultees should be amended to read: Airport Operator (City Airport Ltd) Civil Aviation Authority * Delete – Lancashire Aero Club	sci-5	Noted, and added to Table C.2 with slight amendments to add clarity: 'Development within 6km of City Airport (Barton Aerodrome) which <b>significantly</b> exceeds existing surrounding building/tree heights, attract additional bird activity <b>such as major development proposals involving waste, or any other development which is likely to have implications upon flight safety.</b> '
United Utilities	Table C.2	Observations	There is a minor spelling mistake in the consultee for development near to the Thirlmere Aqueduct - it should be "United Utilities"	sci-7	Noted and updated
The Coal Authority	Table C.2	Support	See comment made to reference sci 24 (Para 4.9)	sci-47	
The Theatres Trust	Table C.2	Observations	We have read the amended document and have no particular comment to make other than to thank you for including us in Appendix C on page 61 but request that our name be amended to The Theatres Trust please.	sci-45	Noted and updated
The Theatres Trust	Table C.2	Observations	The Theatres Trust request inclusion on page 60 (page 65 in draft SCI) within the 'Works for demolition or partial demolition of a listed building' as the Government wishes to ensure that the role of statutory consultees such as the Theatres Trust is properly and fully incorporated into the	sci-46	Noted and updated as a factual change

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			heritage protection reforms in addition to their existing role in the planning system (Recommendation 4 of the Select Cttee for the Draft Heritage Protection Bill Oct 2008).		