

Appendix 3 - Submitted SCI Consultation Responses

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
001	001	Objection	
Respondent name			
Natural England			
Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
Mrs Janet Belfield	-	06-Nov-06	06-Nov-06
Chapter			
Appendix A			
Paragraph/Figure			
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Comments			
Your SCI makes reference to the Countryside Agency and English Nature as separate organisations for consultation.			
Changes sought			
We would like to suggest that as both organisations are now part of Natural England and their names should be omitted from the text and Natural England inserted instead.			
Council response			
This update in information to improve the accuracy of the document is appreciated.			
Suggested amendment			
Replace references to the Countryside Agency and English Nature with Natural England.			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Not stated	Adoption	Yes	

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
001	002	Comment	
Respondent name			
Natural England			
Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
Mrs Janet Belfield	-	06-Nov-06	06-Nov-06
Chapter			
General			
Paragraph/Figure			
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Comments			
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.			
Changes sought			
Local planning authorities are therefore encouraged to look at how they can successfully engage communities on these issues, and reflect this in the SCI.			
Council response			
Community involvement is considered to be an essential component of successful planning and the Blackpool SCI sets out a range of engagement methods and procedures to achieve effective participation.			
Suggested amendment			
None.			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Not stated	Adoption	Yes	

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
001	003	Comment	
Respondent name			
Natural England			
Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
Mrs Janet Belfield	-	06-Nov-06	06-Nov-06
Chapter			
General			
Paragraph/Figure			
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Comments			
Natural England strongly supports community-planning initiatives, which we consider as essential part of good planning.			
Changes sought			
We therefore support, for example, Village Design Statements and Concept Statements and are interested in incorporating these where possible in the new planning system			
Council response			
The urban nature of the Blackpool area makes the inclusion of Village Design Statements in the SCI inappropriate. However, the Council will be adopting an Area Action Plan approach to its resort and residential neighbourhoods that will incorporate design as a key element. Concept statements are included as a potential engagement method in Table 5.			
Suggested amendment			
None.			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Not stated	Adoption	Yes	

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
002	001	Objection	
Respondent name			
Lancashire Economic Partnership			
Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
Mr Dennis Taylor	-	29-Nov-06	29-Nov-06
Chapter			
Appendix A			
Paragraph/Figure			
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Comments			
Continuing reference to the Lancashire West Partnership and no reference to the Lancashire Economic Partnership which replaced LWP almost two years ago.			
Changes sought			
Replace reference to Lancashire West Partnership with Lancashire Economic Partnership			
Council response			
This update in information to improve the accuracy of the document is appreciated.			
Suggested amendment			
Replace references to the Lancashire West Partnership with the Lancashire Economic Partnership.			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Not stated	Not stated	Not stated	

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
003	001	Objection	
Respondent name			
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Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
Rev. Peter Nunn	-	01-Nov-06	01-Nov-06
Chapter			
General			
Paragraph/Figure			
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Comments			
So many documents from the Council are written in such terrible jargon with unhelpful titles, no synopsis, assuming the reader has the same understanding of the world of local or central government as the authors.			
Changes sought			
See above			
Council response			
The Council has tried to make the SCI as accessible as possible by using plain English throughout. The document has been broken down into relevant chapters and is set out in a logical manner. The official names of planning documents and procedures may be considered 'jargon' but must be included in the document for clarity and accuracy.			
Suggested amendment			
None.			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Not stated	Not stated	Not stated	

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
003	002	Objection	
Respondent name			
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Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
Rev. Peter Nunn	-	01-Nov-06	01-Nov-06
Chapter			
General			
Paragraph/Figure			
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Comments			
It is only concerned with Town Planning and not with anything else you might normally think of as community involvement.			
Changes sought			
See above			
Council response			
The SCI is a planning document and deals only with community involvement in the formulation of planning policy and determination of planning applications. However, where appropriate the Council will seek to undertake community involvement across a spectrum of issues through, for example, neighbourhood Area Action Plans.			
Suggested amendment			
None.			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Not stated	Not stated	Not stated	

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
003	003	Objection	
Respondent name			
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Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
Rev. Peter Nunn	-	01-Nov-06	01-Nov-06
Chapter			
General			
Paragraph/Figure			
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Comments			
This document has been produced late in the process of producing the Council's Local Development Framework. I have not seen anything of the draft document which was produced in 2005 so this is my first acquaintance.			
Changes sought			
None			
Council response			
The SCI has not been produced late in the process of producing the Blackpool Local Development Framework. The SCI has been prepared in advance of the Core Strategy, Allocations DPD, Generic Development Control Policy DPD, Area Action Plans and other DPDs to inform and guide engagement on these documents.			
Suggested amendment			
None.			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Not stated	Not stated	Not stated	

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
003	004	Objection	
Respondent name			
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Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
Rev. Peter Nunn	-	01-Nov-06	01-Nov-06
Chapter			
General			
Paragraph/Figure			
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Comments			
<p>It appears (in my opinion) all the hallmarks of a document produced because a document has to be produced. It says that it is an attempt to explain the process in a simple and accessible way. In my view it fails fairly miserably in that. It is lengthy and prosaic. It is set out in a tedious to read format and is daunting both in its length and its appearance. It certainly does not encourage me to get any further involved in planning matters in Blackpool.</p>			
Changes sought			
See above.			
Council response			
<p>The SCI seeks to inform and guide consultation on and engagement with the planning process in Blackpool. Efforts have been made to keep the document as brief and easy to read as possible whilst still covering all the aspects required by government guidance. The document is intended to relay information in as straightforward a way as possible and every effort has been made to make it as accessible as possible.</p>			
Suggested amendment			
None.			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Not stated	Not stated	Not stated	

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
003	005	Objection	
Respondent name			
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Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
Rev. Peter Nunn	-	01-Nov-06	01-Nov-06
Chapter			
Chapter 1			
Paragraph/Figure			
Figure 1			
Comments			
Figure 1 does not "show the relationships between the documents in the LDF" - it is a set of words and arrows, explaining nothing clearly.			
Changes sought			
See above			
Council response			
This diagram seeks to demonstrate in a visual way the component parts of the Statutory Plan for Blackpool. It has been included in place of a lengthy written explanation.			
Suggested amendment			
None.			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Not stated	Not stated	Not stated	

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
003	006	Objection	
Respondent name			
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Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
Rev. Peter Nunn	-	06-Nov-06	06-Nov-06
Chapter			
Chapter 2			
Paragraph/Figure			
Para 2.5			
Comments			
There is no explanation of the terms such as "pre-examination meeting", "examination" and "approval". These terms all have potential meanings in english but there is nothing to say in what sense they are used here.			
Changes sought			
Explain these words			
Council response			
These terms are discussed later in the document. Government Office for the North West has advised us to remove para 2.5 and Table 1 from the document. A glossary could be a useful addition to the document.			
Suggested amendment			
Remove Table 1 from the document. Include a glossary at the end of the document.			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Not stated	Not stated	Not stated	

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
003	007	Objection	
Respondent name			
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Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
Rev. Peter Nunn	-	01-Nov-06	01-Nov-06
Chapter			
Chapter 5			
Paragraph/Figure			
Para 5.3			
Comments			
I find it difficult to see where bodies such as churches or community interest organisations fit into the six categories.			
Changes sought			
See above.			
Council response			
Church and community interest groups are consider to represent local interest and so would fall within group a) Local People. Within this paragraph, formal groups of individuals are recognised as a point of contact. However, a separate category may be appropriate.			
Suggested amendment			
Introduce a new category; b) Local Groups. Amend text as follows: a) Local People - Local residents are easy to identify by area, however, particular sections of local communities can find it harder to get involved. Local Councillors can represent the interests of residents in their ward; b) Local Groups - Groups such as Area Forums and residents associations, who are easy to identify and have the capability to be involved, can represent the interests of local communities. Amenity and interest groups can represent specific interests or perspectives.			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Not stated	Not stated	Not stated	

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
003	008	Objection	
Respondent name			
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Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
Rev. Peter Nunn	-	01-Nov-06	01-Nov-06
Chapter			
Chapter 6			
Paragraph/Figure			
Para 6.4			
Comments			
Terms such as "Sustainability Appraisal and "Strategic Environmental Assessment" are thrown in without explanation.			
Changes sought			
See above			
Council response			
It is not considered necessary for these terms to be explained at this point. Chapter 6 is intended to simply state the documents that will be consulted upon. Some explanation of Sustainability Appraisal is included in Chapter 8. A glossary may be a useful addition to the document.			
Suggested amendment			
Include a glossary at the end of the document.			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Not stated	Not stated	Not stated	

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
003	009	Objection	
Respondent name			
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Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
Rev. Peter Nunn	-	01-Nov-06	01-Nov-06
Chapter			
Chapter 8			
Paragraph/Figure			
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Comments			
The page is headed "When" but there are no dates and no indication of the time required for the various parts of the process.			
Changes sought			
See above			
Council response			
It would be impractical for Chapter 8 to give dates for the different consultation stages on each document. This section is designed to inform people of the stages of consultation for different types of document, the Local Development Scheme should be consulted for dates relating to these stages.			
Suggested amendment			
None.			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Not stated	Not stated	Not stated	

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
003	010	Objection	
Respondent name			
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Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
Rev. Peter Nunn	-	01-Nov-06	01-Nov-06
Chapter			
Chapter 9			
Paragraph/Figure			
Table 5			
Comments			
I found this very difficult to read. What is it meant to convey to the public?			
Changes sought			
See above			
Council response			
Table 5 has been set out as clearly as possible to indicate which engagement techniques the Council consider appropriate, which documents they will be used for and at what stage.			
Suggested amendment			
None.			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Not stated	Not stated	Not stated	

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
003	011	Objection	
Respondent name			
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Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
Rev. Peter Nunn	-	01-Nov-06	01-Nov-06
Chapter			
Chapter 9			
Paragraph/Figure			
Para 9.6			
Comments			
I am surprised to see "Faith Communities" included as a "hard-to-reach" group, especially when 89 members of the Faith Forum are listed as consultees. This suggests that someone has taken a standard (national?) approach here, rather than applied local knowledge.			
Changes sought			
See above			
Council response			
Whilst faith leaders, such as those listed in Appendix A, are reasonably easy to identify and engage with, individuals within faith communities may experience more barriers to engagement.			
Suggested amendment			
None			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Not stated	Not stated	Not stated	

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
003	012	Objection	
Respondent name			
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Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
Rev. Peter Nunn	-	01-Nov-06	01-Nov-06
Chapter			
Chapter 9			
Paragraph/Figure			
Para 9.8			
Comments			
I have never heard of the Blackpool Faith Forum. What does it do? How is it constituted? Does it have any meaningful existence or is it just another item that can be ticked in response to Government Office?			
Changes sought			
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Council response			
The Blackpool Faith Forum is comprised of faith leaders who meet on a regular basis and work to a constitution. Recently they have developed an InterFaith Plan for Blackpool and have published a Faith Directory for the town. The forum is a useful and valuable link to members of faith communities.			
Suggested amendment			
None.			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Not stated	Not stated	Not stated	

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
003	013	Objection	
Respondent name			
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Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
Rev. Peter Nunn	-	01-Nov-06	01-Nov-06
Chapter			
Chapter 10			
Paragraph/Figure			
Para 10.2			
Comments			
What is the "Regional Spatial Strategy"? Surely something of such apparent importance deserves a few words of explanation.			
Changes sought			
Explain Regional Spatial Strategy			
Council response			
The Regional Spatial Strategy is referred to in Chapter 1, para. 1.3 and its role is briefly explained. A glossary may be a useful addition to the document.			
Suggested amendment			
Include a glossary at the end of the document.			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Not stated	Not stated	Not stated	

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
004	001	Support	
Respondent name			
North West Regional Assembly			
Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
Paul Entwistle	-	24-Oct-06	24-Oct-06
Chapter			
General			
Paragraph/Figure			
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Comments			
The Statement of Community Involvement provides a comprehensive, useful and accessible document.			
Changes sought			
None			
Council response			
Comments noted and appreciated.			
Suggested amendment			
None			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Not stated	Not stated	Not stated	

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
004	002	Objection	
Respondent name			
North West Regional Assembly			
Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
Paul Entwistle	-	24-Oct-06	24-Oct-06
Chapter			
General			
Paragraph/Figure			
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Comments			
<p>The SCI mentions the RSS on a number of occasions in the document text and in the accompanying diagrams. However, it may be of some benefit to the community if a brief mention of the current situation regarding the Adopted RSS forming part of the LDF and the current process towards adoption of the Submitted Draft RSS is made.</p>			
Changes sought			
See above			
Council response			
<p>The RSS is described as a document which provides a strategic framework for local policy. The SCI is a document which is expected to remain in place for the preparation of Local Development Documents. It is therefore felt that discussion of the current situation of the RSS would be quickly out of date, reducing the accuracy of the document.</p>			
Suggested amendment			
None.			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Not stated	Not stated	Not stated	

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
005	001	Objection	
Respondent name			
The Theatres Trust			
Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
Rose Freeman	-	28-Nov-06	28-Nov-06
Chapter			
Appendix A			
Paragraph/Figure			
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Comments			
<p>We appreciate that SCI's should be concise, and not overly prescriptive, and that you do not have to produce a long list of names (as these would change to quickly) but are concerned that your SCI does not state that anyone can join the consultation database to be consulted on LDF documents and for this reason we find your SCI to be unsound under Test of Soundness IV.</p>			
Changes sought			
<p>We suggest the following wording be amended to suit and incorporated into Section 7 and also under the title of Appendix 1:</p> <p>The Development Plans Team maintains a consultation database which has been compiled as a consequence of previous consultation on planning policy documents and also with information from other networks and partnerships. Anyone can join this consultee database by contacting the Development Plans Team on 01253 476239 or email development.plans@blackpool.gov.u. The resources to update it have and will be met from existing development plan funding sources.</p>			
Council response			
Happy to incorporate suggestion.			
Suggested amendment			
<p>Include; " The Development Plans Team maintains a consultation database which has been compiled as a consequence of previous consultation on planning policy documents and also with information from other networks and partnerships. Anyone can join this consultee database, or find out whose details are held on the database, by contacting the Development Plans Team on 01253 476239 or email development.plans@blackpool.gov.uk. The resources to update it have and will be met from existing development plan funding sources" under the title of Appendix A.</p>			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Not stated	Not stated	Not stated	4

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
006	001	Comment	
Respondent name			
Tesco Ltd.			
Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
Rachel Edwards	DPP	23-Nov-06	24-Nov-06
Chapter			
General			
Paragraph/Figure			
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Comments			
<p>On a general point, it is important the Council recognise that developers should be seen as a fundamental component to the successful planning of a singular development, neighbourhood or borough. Developers should be fully consulted on all of the emerging documents that will make up Blackpool Council's Local Development Framework. We would therefore like to take the opportunity to ensure that Tesco are consulted on all forthcoming documents that will make up the Local Development Framework.</p>			
Changes sought			
See above.			
Council response			
<p>The Council recognises the importance of including developers in the planning process and has a number of companies on its consultation database, including Tesco Ltd.</p>			
Suggested amendment			
None.			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Not stated	Not stated	Not stated	

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
006	002	Support	
Respondent name			
Tesco Stores Ltd.			
Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
Rachel Edwards	DPP	23-Nov-06	24-Nov-06
Chapter			
Chapter 5			
Paragraph/Figure			
Para 5.1			
Comments			
On a general point it should be noted that Tesco Stores Limited support the vision set out in paragraph 5.1 to actively engage communities in the planning decisions that affect their lives so that people want to be involved and see positive results from being involved. We welcome the flexible approach rather than the prescriptive approach provided in Table 7 and the Council's role which goes over and above the minimum statutory requirements.			
Changes sought			
See above.			
Council response			
Comments noted and appreciated.			
Suggested amendment			
None.			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Not stated	Not stated	Not stated	

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
006	003	Objection	
Respondent name			
Tesco Stores Ltd.			
Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
Rachel Edwards	DPP	23-Nov-06	24-Nov-06
Chapter			
Chapter 12			
Paragraph/Figure			
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Comments			
Tesco Stores Limited support the inclusion of Table 8, although in accordance with PPS12 we suggest the wording of the middle column titled within the table to be changed from 'what we expect' to 'what we encourage'.			
Changes sought			
See above.			
Council response			
This proposal is acceptable to the Council.			
Suggested amendment			
Amend title to read "what we encourage".			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Not stated	Not stated	Not stated	

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
006	004	Objection	
Respondent name			
Tesco Stores Ltd.			
Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
Rachel Edwards	DPP	23-Nov-06	24-Nov-06
Chapter			
Chapter 12			
Paragraph/Figure			
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Comments			
<p>It is important that the Council take a flexible approach to pre-application consultation that it encourages for significant proposals, which should be determined on the merits of the application. If the Council and applicant agree that there should be some formal pre-application consultation, there should be an early understanding as to how much and what type of consultation the Council will expect. However, it must be remembered that there will be occasions when due to the process of acquiring land for new stores and issues relating to commercial confidentiality, it is not possible to discuss application proposals prior to the submission of an application.</p>			
Changes sought			
See above.			
Council response			
<p>The Council acknowledges that the need for confidentiality can exist. Where the developer is willing to undertake public consultation, this must be designed and delivered by the applicant. This would avoid a situation in which agreement of appropriate engagement could imply Planning Authority support for applicant proposals.</p>			
Suggested amendment			
None.			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Not stated	Not stated	Not stated	

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
006	005	Objection	
Respondent name			
Tesco Stores Ltd.			
Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
Rachel Edwards	DPP	23-Nov-06	24-Nov-06
Chapter			
Chapter 11			
Paragraph/Figure			
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Comments			
<p>It is essential that the Council has the manpower and the funding ability to be able to properly resource their Development Control department to ensure that planning officers are available to discuss major development schemes from the outset. It would also be helpful if the SCI could make a commitment to provide a development team approach which would confirm the officers dealing with the application from the pre-application stage. In doing so, the pre-application dialogue could be fostered early on in the process and provide developers with certainty over who will be dealing with their applications.</p>			
Changes sought			
See above.			
Council response			
<p>The Council fully supports the Design Team approach and seeks to extend this support to applicants as far as is possible. Where significant pre-application discussions have taken place, it is usual practice for the subsequent planning application to be given to the case officer previously involved. However, limited resources make it impractical for the Council to guarantee these services.</p>			
Suggested amendment			
None.			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Not stated	Not stated	Not stated	

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
007	001	Comment	
Respondent name			
Peacock & Smith			
Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
-	-	07-Nov-06	07-Nov-06
Chapter			
General			
Paragraph/Figure			
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Comments			
<p>Wm. Morrison Supermarkets plc are a major food and grocery superstore retailer who operate in Blackpool. They would therefore like to be kept informed and consulted on further stages of preparation of documents which are to comprise the LDF. The most appropriate method of consultation are by direct mailing, email and online. Please can you ensure that Peacock and Smith on behalf of Wm. Morrison Plc are included on your consultation database.</p>			
Changes sought			
See above.			
Council response			
Comments noted.			
Suggested amendment			
None.			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Written	Both	Yes	

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
007	002	Support	
Respondent name			
Peacock & Smith			
Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
-	-	07-Nov-06	07-Nov-06
Chapter			
General			
Paragraph/Figure			
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Comments			
The Company supports the proposals set out in the Submission SCI for future consultation.			
Changes sought			
None			
Council response			
Comments noted and appreciated.			
Suggested amendment			
None.			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Written	Both	Yes	

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
008	001	Support	
Respondent name			
St. Modwen Developments Limited			
Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
Dan Mitchell	Barton Willmore	30-Nov-06	01-Dec-06
Chapter			
General			
Paragraph/Figure			
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Comments			
St. Modwen Developments Ltd. fully supports the main principles set out in the Statement of Community Involvement (submission) relating to engagement with the community. This includes carrying out consultation with a wide range of individuals, groups and organisations in the preparation of major development proposals.			
Changes sought			
None			
Council response			
Comments noted and appreciated.			
Suggested amendment			
None.			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Written	Not stated	No	9

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
008	002	Support	
Respondent name			
St. Modwen Developments Limited			
Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
Dan Mitchell	Barton Willmore	30-Nov-06	01-Dec-06
Chapter			
General			
Paragraph/Figure			
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Comments			
St. Modwen Developments Ltd. considers that the Statement of Community Involvement (submission) is a useful document in clearly setting out Blackpool Council's approach to these important issues.			
Changes sought			
None			
Council response			
Comments noted and appreciated.			
Suggested amendment			
None.			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Written	Not stated	No	9

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
008	003	Objection	
Respondent name			
St. Modwen Developments Limited			
Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
Dan Mitchell	Barton Willmore	30-Nov-06	01-Dec-06
Chapter			
Chapter 12			
Paragraph/Figure			
Para 12.2			
Comments			
St. Modwen Developments is concerned that the reference to developers/agents/applicants "resourcing" pre-application discussions with the Council could be misinterpreted to imply that developers/agents/applicants will be required to finance such meetings. Clarification of this text is required in order to avoid confusion regarding the fairness and transparency of the Council's approach.			
Changes sought			
See above			
Council response			
The Council has no plans to impose charges for pre-application services at present. However, any future policy to introduce charges would be publicised and would be made available for the public to view. This will avoid confusion and ensure transparency.			
Suggested amendment			
Clarify this situation within para 12.2. Insert the following text after point 2; "At present the Council does not intend to impose charges for pre-application services. Any future plans or policy to introduce charges would be publicised and details would be made available for public inspection".			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Written	Not stated	No	9

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
009	001	Support	
Respondent name			
Environment Agency			
Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
Kate Cox	-	31-Oct-06	31-Oct-06
Chapter			
General			
Paragraph/Figure			
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Comments			
Consider the document to be sound.			
Changes sought			
None			
Council response			
Comments noted and appreciated.			
Suggested amendment			
None.			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Not stated	Not stated	Yes	

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
010	001	Support	
Respondent name			
Ivy Bagot			
Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
-	-	27-Oct-06	27-Oct-06
Chapter			
General			
Paragraph/Figure			
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Comments			
A vast amount of time and effort has been put into the finalised draft. All necessary parties have been involved resulting in a sound basis of understanding of how important this exercise has been.			
Changes sought			
None			
Council response			
Comments noted and appreciated.			
Suggested amendment			
None.			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Not stated	Both	Yes	

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
011	001	Support	
Respondent name			
United Utilities			
Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
David Hardman	-	28-Nov-06	28-Nov-06
Chapter			
General			
Paragraph/Figure			
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Comments			
Consider the document to be sound			
Changes sought			
None.			
Council response			
Comments noted and appreciated.			
Suggested amendment			
None.			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Written	Not stated	Yes	

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
011	002	Objection	
Respondent name			
United Utilities			
Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
David Hardman	-	28-Nov-06	28-Nov-06
Chapter			
General			
Paragraph/Figure			
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Comments			
<p>At the original consultation I pointed out that Blackpool Council had consulted United Utilities only 6 times in the preceding 6months for development control and this was concerning. In the period since that you have consulted United Utilities as follows; Apr 05 - Sep 05 = 21 times; Oct 05 - Mar 06 = 8 times; Apr 06 - Sep 06 = 7 times. Therefore, after an initial surge in consultations, it has fallen to previous levels. There is potential for sterilisation of sites if we are not consulted on significant applications and I would urge your Development Control colleagues to reconsider their approach to consultation.</p>			
Changes sought			
See above.			
Council response			
<p>Our policy of consulting United Utilities has not changed and we can, therefore, attribute this surge in consultation to coincidence only. The Council is keen to consult United Utilities where appropriate and in line with their guidance.</p>			
Suggested amendment			
None.			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Written	Not stated	Yes	

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
011	003	Objection	
Respondent name			
United Utilities			
Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
David Hardman	-	28-Nov-06	28-Nov-06
Chapter			
Appendix A			
Paragraph/Figure			
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Comments			
Please note that North West Water and NORWEB became United Utilities some years ago and therefore should not appear on the list.			
Changes sought			
See above.			
Council response			
This update in information to improve the accuracy of the document is appreciated.			
Suggested amendment			
Replace references to North West Water and NORWEB with United Utilities.			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Written	Not stated	Yes	

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
012	001	Support	
Respondent name			
Wyre Borough Council			
Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
Heather Taylor	-	16-Nov-06	17-Nov-06
Chapter			
General			
Paragraph/Figure			
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Comments			
We support the document and are pleased to note that we are identified as a Statutory Consultee.			
Changes sought			
None.			
Council response			
Comments noted and appreciated.			
Suggested amendment			
None.			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Not stated	Not stated	Yes	

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
013	001	Support	
Respondent name			
Royal Mail Group Property			
Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
Michael Jones	Sanderson Weatherall	30-Nov-06	01-Dec-06
Chapter			
Chapter 12			
Paragraph/Figure			
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Comments			
We welcome the above section of the document and feel it provides sufficient clarification as to what is expected of the applicant/agent at the pre-application stage. In particular we welcome Table 8 of the document which sets out the types of applications and recommended pre-application consultation methods.			
Changes sought			
None			
Council response			
Comments noted and appreciated.			
Suggested amendment			
None.			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Not stated	Not stated	Not stated	

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
013	002	Comment	
Respondent name			
Royal Mail Group Property			
Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
Michael Jones	Sanderson Weatherall	30-Nov-06	01-Dec-06
Chapter			
Appendix 1			
Paragraph/Figure			
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Comments			
We would be grateful if you could include our client in the list of consultation bodies included in Appendix 1 of the document. Planning Policy Statement 12 identifies the Post Office Property Holdings as a statutory organisation and due to the fact that our client Royal Mail Group Property are the umbrella group we wish therefore for their details to be included upon the list.			
Changes sought			
See above.			
Council response			
The Council is happy to include Royal Mail Group Property on the list of Statutory Consultees.			
Suggested amendment			
List Royal Mail Group Property on the list of Statutory Consultees.			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Not stated	Not stated	Not stated	

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
014	001	Support	
Respondent name			
Foxhall Community Focus Group			
Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
Mr. R. G. Lloyd	-	01-Dec-06	01-Dec-06
Chapter			
General			
Paragraph/Figure			
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Comments			
From the first meeting between our Focus Group and the Council's Planning Department, we were informed and consulted, we gave our ideas and views. With this we trust them to go forward and help us make our town a better and safer place to meet our town's aspirations. Our community should be informed, consulted and helped at all stages of the development and outcome.			
Changes sought			
None			
Council response			
Comments noted and appreciated.			
Suggested amendment			
None.			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Written	Both	Yes	

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
015	001	Comment	
Respondent name			
English Heritage			
Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
Judith Nelson	-	30-Nov-06	30-Nov-06
Chapter			
Chapter 7			
Paragraph/Figure			
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Comments			
<p>Planning authorities are urged to contact the agencies (Environment Agency, Countryside Agency, English Nature and English Heritage) as early as possible in the plan making process, including sending a copy of the Council's Local Development Scheme to help inform our involvement and use of resources. The statutory and non-governmental organisations within the heritage sector that the agencies recommend including in the planning process are: CABE, Ancient Monuments Society, Council for British Archaeology, Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, The Georgian Group, The Victorian Society, The Twentieth Century Society, Garden History Society, The National Trust, Local Civic/Amenity Society, Local Building Preservation Trust, Local Archaeological and Antiquarian Societies and local history societies.</p>			
Changes sought			
See above			
Council response			
These agencies are included on the LDF consultation database and will be consulted on appropriate documents at the appropriate times.			
Suggested amendment			
None.			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Not stated	Not stated	Not stated	

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
015	002	Comment	
Respondent name			
English Heritage			
Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
Judith Nelson	-	30-Nov-06	30-Nov-06
Chapter			
General			
Paragraph/Figure			
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Comments			
Planning and Development in the Historic Environment - A Charter for English Heritage Advisory Services underlines the value and importance of pre-application discussions with us on proposals with the potential for major change or damage to nationally important heritage assets.			
Changes sought			
None			
Council response			
Comment noted.			
Suggested amendment			
None.			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Not stated	Not stated	Not stated	

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
015	003	Comment	
Respondent name			
English Heritage			
Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
Judith Nelson	-	30-Nov-06	30-Nov-06
Chapter			
Chapter 8			
Paragraph/Figure			
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Comments			
We would ask that consultations are sent in hard copy to ensure that we can engage fully in the process.			
Changes sought			
See above			
Council response			
Table 5 makes provision for such consultation.			
Suggested amendment			
None.			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Not stated	Not stated	Not stated	

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
015	004	Comment	
Respondent name			
English Heritage			
Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
Judith Nelson	-	30-Nov-06	30-Nov-06
Chapter			
Chapter 8			
Paragraph/Figure			
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Comments			
English Heritage does not have the capacity to attend Strategic Environmental Assessment/Sustainability Appraisal workshops. If it is proposed to hold such an event, you should ensure that your Conservation Officer and a representative from the County Council's archaeological service is invited to attend to advise on any issues relating to the historic environment.			
Changes sought			
See above			
Council response			
Advice noted. The Council will seek to involve appropriate officers in such events.			
Suggested amendment			
None.			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Not stated	Not stated	Not stated	

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
015	005	Comment	
Respondent name			
English Heritage			
Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
Judith Nelson	-	30-Nov-06	30-Nov-06
Chapter			
Appendix A			
Paragraph/Figure			
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Comments			
All consultations should be made through our regional office. You may remove any other addresses for English Heritage or the Royal Commission on the Historical Monuments of England from your database.			
Changes sought			
Use the following address for English Heritage: Judith Nelson, Regional Planner, English Heritage - North West Region, Canada House, 3 Chepstow Street, Manchester, M1 5FW			
Council response			
The Council is happy to update the LDF database accordingly.			
Suggested amendment			
Update database accordingly.			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Not stated	Not stated	Not stated	

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
016	001	Comment	
Respondent name			
Government Office for the North West			
Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
Phil Smith (Mrs)	-	23-Nov-06	27-Nov-06
Chapter			
Chapter 1			
Paragraph/Figure			
Para 1.3			
Comments			
It is not necessary for all core strategies to be accompanied by all the documents listed in this sentence and, in fact, the Blackpool LDF, as proposed in the current LDS, does not include a generic development control policies document. This sentence should, therefore, be amended.			
Changes sought			
See above			
Council response			
Blackpool's revised LDS will incorporate a Generic Development Control Policies Document. Reference should, therefore, be made to it in para 1.3.			
Suggested amendment			
In para 1.3, change "This strategy is accompanied by..." to "The Blackpool strategy will be accompanied by...".			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Not stated	Not stated	Not stated	

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
016	002	Comment	
Respondent name			
Government Office for the North West			
Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
Phil Smith (Mrs)	-	23-Nov-06	27-Nov-06
Chapter			
Chapter 1			
Paragraph/Figure			
Table 1			
Comments			
It is not necessary for the timetable to be included in the final version of the SCI, but if you do wish to include it, we recommend that a clearer format be used as the current one is difficult to read.			
Changes sought			
See above			
Council response			
Agree.			
Suggested amendment			
Remove para 2.5 and Table 1 from the document.			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Not stated	Not stated	Not stated	

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
016	003	Comment	
Respondent name			
Government Office for the North West			
Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
Phil Smith (Mrs)	-	23-Nov-06	27-Nov-06
Chapter			
Chapter 8			
Paragraph/Figure			
Para 8.2			
Comments			
You should avoid stating that SPDs are non-statutory. They are certainly not documents that LPAs are required to produce, and do not have development plan status, but they are statutory in the sense that they are covered by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.			
Changes sought			
See above			
Council response			
Agree.			
Suggested amendment			
Replace "unlike DPDs, SPDs are non-statutory and go through a more simplified production process" with "SPDs are supporting documents within the Local Development Framework and go through a more streamlined production process".			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Not stated	Not stated	Not stated	

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
016	004	Comment	
Respondent name			
Government Office for the North West			
Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
Phil Smith (Mrs)	-	23-Nov-06	27-Nov-06
Chapter			
Chapter 10			
Paragraph/Figure			
Para 10.1			
Comments			
DPDs are submitted to the Secretary of State rather than to the Planning Inspectorate.			
Changes sought			
Amend wording in this sentence.			
Council response			
Agree.			
Suggested amendment			
Replace reference to "Planning Inspectorate" with "Secretary of State".			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Not stated	Not stated	Not stated	

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
016	005	Comment	
Respondent name			
Government Office for the North West			
Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
Phil Smith (Mrs)	-	23-Nov-06	27-Nov-06
Chapter			
Chapter 10			
Paragraph/Figure			
Para 10.2			
Comments			
We appreciate that you have paraphrased the wording of the DPD soundness tests, but we recommend that you add the words "and any other relevant plans, policies and strategies relating to the area or to adjoining areas" to the section on "Conformity". Also, we recommend that you delete the word "authority" in the second line of the section on "Coherence, Consistency and Efficiency"			
Changes sought			
See above			
Council response			
The Council is happy to incorporate these changes.			
Suggested amendment			
Add the words "and any other relevant plans, policies and strategies relating to the area or to adjoining areas" to the end of the section on "Conformity". Delete the word "authority" from the second line of the section on "Coherence, Consistency and Efficiency".			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Not stated	Not stated	Not stated	

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
016	006	Comment	
Respondent name			
Government Office for the North West			
Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
Phil Smith (Mrs)	-	23-Nov-06	27-Nov-06
Chapter			
Chapter 10			
Paragraph/Figure			
Para 10.3			
Comments			
It is only SCI examinations (as opposed to other DPD examinations) which are generally conducted through written representations. The last sentence should therefore be amended.			
Changes sought			
Amend sentence, possibly by putting "SCI" before the word "examination".			
Council response			
Agree.			
Suggested amendment			
Insert the "SCI" before the word "examination" in the last sentence of para 10.3			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Not stated	Not stated	Not stated	

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
016	007	Comment	
Respondent name			
Government Office for the North West			
Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
Phil Smith (Mrs)	-	23-Nov-06	27-Nov-06
Chapter			
Appendix A			
Paragraph/Figure			
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Comments			
"Creating LDFs" checklist 7a states that SCI should include a long list of the types of groups the authority proposes to involve (not a list of names - this would change too quickly), perhaps in an appendix. It should explain how the authority will ensure that the list is kept up-to-date.			
Changes sought			
We recommend that you delete a large number of the consultees in Appendix A and make reference to the fact that you keep a database containing details of consultees and set out how readers of the SCI can find out who is on it.			
Council response			
The Council is happy to make this change.			
Suggested amendment			
Delete individual consultees from Appendix A and refer only to groups. Insert " The Development Plans Team maintains a consultation database which has been compiled as a consequence of previous consultation on planning policy documents and also with information from other networks and partnerships. Anyone can join this consultee database, or find out whose details are held on the database, by contacting the Development Plans Team on 01253 476239 or email development.plans@blackpool.gov.uk. The resources to update it have and will be met from existing development plan funding sources" under the title of Appendix A.			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Not stated	Not stated	Not stated	

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
016	008	Comment	
Respondent name			
Government Office for the North West			
Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
Phil Smith (Mrs)	-	23-Nov-06	27-Nov-06
Chapter			
General			
Paragraph/Figure			
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Comments			
As we said in our comments on your draft document, the SCI could usefully say more about how Blackpool will link consultation exercises for DPDs with such exercises for other strategies which are relevant to the DPD in question, including the community strategy.			
Changes sought			
See above			
Council response			
We will endeavour, through Area Action Plans, for example, to integrate the LDF with other relevant strategies. However, at this point we cannot explain exactly how this linkage will operate.			
Suggested amendment			
None.			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Not stated	Not stated	Not stated	

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
017	001	Objection	
Respondent name			
Lancashire County Council			
Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
Marcus Hudson	-	01-Dec-06	01-Dec-06
Chapter			
Chapter 2			
Paragraph/Figure			
Para 2.4			
Comments			
<p>The statement at paragraph 2.4 explains that a separate SCI will deal with consultation on the MWDF. The position is not quite so straightforward. The three Authorities had originally intended to prepare a joint SCI for the Minerals and Waste Development Framework. However, on the advice of the DCLG (then ODPM) and confirmed by the Government Office for the North West, the Authorities agreed to move forward with separate SCIs. The County Council and Blackburn with Darwen have adopted SCIs on this basis, and it is important that Blackpool's SCI move forward on the same basis. The three authorities have been mindful of this in the preparation of these documents and they have been prepared to be consistent in respect of community involvement for the preparation of the MWDF.</p>			
Changes sought			
<p>I suggest that this paragraph be amended to read that Blackpool's SCI is intended to deal with Blackpool's Local Development Framework and Minerals and Waste Development Framework, the latter being prepared on a joint basis with Lancashire County Council and Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council.</p>			
Council response			
<p>Agree, the Council is happy to make this amendment.</p>			
Suggested amendment			
<p>Replace para 2.4 with the following text: "This SCI is intended to deal with consultation on the Blackpool Local Development Framework and the Lancashire Minerals and Waste Development Framework. The latter is being prepared jointly with Lancashire County Council and Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council. Lancashire County Council will lead the work and will be responsible for all consultation on the Minerals and Waste Development Framework and will ensure that the provisions set out in this document are met".</p>			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Not stated	Not stated	Not stated	

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
018	001	Comment	
Respondent name			
Home Builders Federation			
Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
Gina Bourne	-	21-Nov-06	21-Nov-06
Chapter			
Chapter 8			
Paragraph/Figure			
Table 5			
Comments			
<p>The significant number of consultation methods applied by the Council and set out is noted. HBF would like to emphasise the importance of traditional, namely formal letter and email notification of the availability of documents and the holding of events. Making documents available on the Council's website, for example, is only of benefit if stakeholders are in the practice of regularly checking the Council's website on the off-chance that something new has been announced. It is highly unlikely that most stakeholders will be in a position to do this. However, using emails or standard letters to inform stakeholders that documents are available or events are to be held is a vitally important aspect of the overall consultation and participation process.</p>			
Changes sought			
None			
Council response			
Comments noted. Table 5 makes provision for all of these consultation methods to be used.			
Suggested amendment			
None.			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Written	Both	Yes	

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
018	002	Support	
Respondent name			
Home Builders Federation			
Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
Gina Bourne	-	21-Nov-06	21-Nov-06
Chapter			
Chapter 12			
Paragraph/Figure			
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Comments			
<p>We welcome the inclusion of the section regarding pre-application discussions. In line with advice in PPS1 paragraph 12, the HBF considers pre-application discussions are important and beneficial to both developers and local planning authorities in ensuring a better mutual understanding of objectives and the constraints that exist. Local planning authorities and applicants should take a positive attitude towards early engagement in pre-application discussions so that formal applications can be dealt with in a more certain and speedy manner and the quality of decisions can be better assured. Setting out Blackpool's approach to pre-application advice can only strengthen this objective.</p>			
Changes sought			
None			
Council response			
Comments noted and appreciated.			
Suggested amendment			
None			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Written	Both	Yes	

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
018	003	Support	
Respondent name			
Home Builders Federation			
Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
Gina Bourne	-	21-Nov-06	21-Nov-06
Chapter			
Chapters 14 and 15			
Paragraph/Figure			
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Comments			
It is welcomed that the resources and monitoring implications of the process have been considered and acknowledged in sections 14 and 15 of the draft SCI.			
Changes sought			
None			
Council response			
Comments noted and appreciated.			
Suggested amendment			
None			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Written	Both	Yes	

Respondent no	Comment no	Comment type	
018	004	Comment	
Respondent name			
Home Builders Federation			
Contact name	Agent name	Date sent	Date received
Gina Bourne	-	21-Nov-06	21-Nov-06
Chapter			
Appendix A			
Paragraph/Figure			
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Comments			
We welcome the inclusion of the Home Builders Federation in the appendix in accordance with Appendix E of PPS12 (please be advised that the House Builders Federation is now trading as the Home Builders Federation). The Home Builders Federation is the trade organisation representing the house building industry.			
Changes sought			
Update database.			
Council response			
This update in information to improve the accuracy of the document is appreciated.			
Suggested amendment			
Update database accordingly.			
Participation	Notification	Sound?	If not sound, test failed?
Written	Both	Yes	