

## **Addendum to the Swale Borough Council Statement of Community Involvement (2018)**

### **Temporary changes in respect of availability of planning policy documents for inspection**

#### **COVID-19 Crisis**

During these unprecedented times, we will be unable to operate community consultation on planning policy documents and a variety of application types in the precise way set out in the Council's adopted Statement of Community Involvement.

The temporary changes outlined have been made to protect the health of our communities and follows national advice and guidelines. The changes are set out below.

#### **Planning Policy**

##### **Engaging with the Community**

Owing to the closure of libraries and Council offices to the public at the current time, the Council cannot deposit consultations in these locations nor can physical copies of documents be viewed at the present time.

Hard copies or extracts from documents may be available at cost on request.

Consultations will continue to be published on our website and we continue to notify interested parties by email and letter and receive comments through the online response system.

Officers can be contacted via email ([LPcomments@swale.gov.uk](mailto:LPcomments@swale.gov.uk)) or phone (01795 417014) during this period but will not be available to meet at the Council Offices.

##### **Responding to Consultations**

Responses to consultations on planning documents can be done electronically using the online response system. Responses can also be made in writing and posted to the Council at the usual address.