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The Town Council considered the Consultation Draft at its meeting on 5th December and made the following points:

“As I recall, from the event earlier this year the representatives main concerns were that it often felt like the plans had already been decided upon before they went out for consultation and so hopefully this new SCI will lead to more meaningful and structured community consultation at the outset. We were also asking them to make it clearer what aspects of the plan we could actually influence and to reduce jargon in their information, which they seem to have taken on board.

I am sure that they have tried to keep the document concise but I think they could state that when holding public exhibitions they will give proper consideration to when and where they hold them and how they promote them, to encourage and enable as many members of the public to attend. I also think they could state how they are going to promote the 'planning consultation database' that people can join.

The document needs to at least mention the Localism Act and recognise the potential for the community to bring plans to them, instead of the other way round. They could state how or if they will help/advise with community consultation when this does happen.”

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