



Historic England

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Our ref: PL00797117

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Telephone



13 January 2025

Dear Mr Thom

Draft Statement of Community Involvement for Luton December 2024

Thank you for consulting Historic England on the Draft Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) for Luton December 2024. As the Government's adviser on the historic environment Historic England is keen to ensure that the protection of the historic environment is fully taken into account at all stages and levels of the local planning process.

We support the general aims and approach to the draft Statement of Community Involvement.

Planning Policy/Local Plan

We welcome the acknowledgement of Historic England as a statutory consultee and as a specific consultation body with respect to Local Plans/Planning Policy at paragraphs 2.8 -2.10. We also welcome reference to SEA with respect to SPDs in Table 3.

Neighbourhood Planning

With regards to neighbourhood planning, we would welcome notification of proposed neighbourhood planning areas as well as consultation on draft plans. The regulations state that Historic England should be consulted on draft plans where our interests are considered to be affected. We have guidance on neighbourhood planning, which can be found at: <https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/planning/plan-making/improve-your-neighbourhood/>

Planning Applications

Historic England should also be consulted with regard to some planning applications. This should be referenced in Chapter 6 at paragraph 6.10.

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We would welcome consultation at an informal level, in addition to the requirements of the legislation, where issues may benefit from our early involvement. For information and for further consultation please note our consultation email addresses:

Planning Policy: eastplanningpolicy@historicengland.org.uk

Planning Applications (Development Management): e-east@historicengland.org.uk

We hope that the above comments are of assistance. If you would like any clarification or would like to discuss the above please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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