

Addendum (Covid-19) to the adopted SCI 2019

1. Government has issued new guidance¹ and regulations allowing for the temporary suspension (until 31st December 2020) of certain planning consultation procedures where they may conflict with Covid-19 public health priorities.
2. This affects the holding of public meetings, public committee meetings, making documents available to view in public locations (i.e. offices / libraries) and the holding of referenda on Neighbourhood Plans etc.
3. The following table sets out the detailed amendments to the adopted 2019 Statement of Community Involvement. The Council will keep the situation under review and will seek to reintroduce those methods suspended on the basis of as Government and Public Health advice.

Page/ Section/ Paragraph	Current text	Replacement/additional text	Reason for the change
Page 6 Section 1 Paragraph 1.7		Additional bullet point – The Town and Country Planning (Development Procedure, Listed Building and Environmental Impact Assessment)(England)(Coronaviruses)(Amendment) Regulations 2020 sets out revised requirements for consultation on planning matters during the pandemic (COVID 19)	Revised Regulatory Framework ²
Page 7 Section 2 Paragraph 2.3	Make information available at 'deposit locations'	Delete	The revised regulations suspend the requirement to make copies of documents available for inspection at deposit locations.
Page 11 Section 4 Paragraph 4.6	Information relating to the formal 'scoping' stage (Reg 18) will be made available for viewing at deposit locations (as listed in Section 10) and made available on the Council's website.	Information relating to the formal 'scoping' stage (Reg 18) will be made available on the Council's website.	
Page 11 Section 4 Paragraph 4.7	During formal consultation(s) in the production stage of a LDD the SA and SEA will be made	During formal consultation(s) in the production stage of a LDD the SA and SEA will be made available on the Council website.	

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-planning-update>

² The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure, Listed Building and Environmental Impact Assessment)(England)(Coronavirus)(Amendment) Regulations 2020

	available at deposit locations and on the Council website.		
Page 12 Section 4 Paragraph 4.9	The draft LDD and supporting documents will be placed at deposit locations and will be made available on the Council website.	The draft LDD and supporting documents will be made available on the Council website.	
Page 12 Section 4 Paragraph 4.11	The 'submission' version of the LDD, the SA and supporting documents will be placed at deposit locations and on the Council website.	The 'submission' version of the LDD, the SA and supporting documents will be made available on the Council website.	
Page 15 Section 4 Paragraph 4.22	Following an internal approvals process, the statement of consultation and an adoption statement will be made available on the Council website and at deposit locations.	Following an internal approvals process, the statement of consultation and an adoption statement will be made available on the Council website.	
Page 18 Section 5 Paragraph 5.15		The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 made on Thursday 2 April 2020 and apply to all local authority meetings up to 7 May 2021.	The inclusion of revised Regulations
Page 21 Section 6 Paragraph 6.11		The Government have introduced changes to the neighbourhood planning process to support local authorities and provide some reassurance to communities with neighbourhood plans that are awaiting referendum. The main changes are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regulations linked to the Coronavirus Act 2020 mean that no elections or referendums can take place until 6 May 2021. This includes neighbourhood planning referendums. These provisions will be kept under review and may be amended or revoked in response to changing circumstances.	The inclusion of revised Regulations
Page 28 Section 7 Paragraph 7.7	The Council will produce and Adoption Statement, advertise that the Schedule has been adopted and make the	Council will produce and Adoption Statement, advertise that the Schedule has been adopted and make the document available for public inspection on the Council website.	The revised regulations suspend the requirement to make documents

	document available for public inspection at the main Council Planning Offices and on the Council website.		available for inspection at deposit locations.
Page 29 Section 10 Paragraph 10.2	All consultation material will be made available in Halton Direct Link offices and in all Halton's libraries. The location and opening times of the Councils offices and libraries can be found online at: http://www3.halton.gov.uk/educationandlearning/libraries/	Delete	