

## Appendix 5 – Final Draft Statement of Community Involvement Consultation Statement

The public consultation on the Ipswich Borough Council Statement of Community Involvement was conducted between 6 March 2025 and 3 April 2025.

Detailed consultation responses were received from:

- Environment Agency
- Historic England
- Natural England
- Suffolk Chamber of Commerce
- Suffolk Constabulary

The comments are reproduced below, and the Council's response provided. Respondents are thanked for their input.

Respondent	Summary of Response Received	IBC Response
Environment Agency	Thank you for consulting us on the Statement of community involvement. At this stage we have no comments to make but as a statutory consultee we look forward to being consulted on the subsequent strategic consultations. We trust this advice is useful.	Noted. The Environment Agency will continue to be consulted at appropriate stages of plan-making and on relevant planning applications, in line with statutory requirements.
Historic England	Thank you for consulting us on the Council's Draft Statement of Community Involvement. As the Government's adviser on the historic environment, Historic England is keen to ensure that heritage considerations are fully integrated into all stages of the local planning process. We therefore welcome the opportunity to comment on these proposals.  While we do not have specific comments to make at this stage, we look forward to future consultations on this and related projects. I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt of this email.	Noted. Historic England will continue to be engaged in relevant future consultations, particularly where proposals may affect the historic environment.
Natural England	Natural England is a non-departmental public body.	Noted. Natural England will be consulted in line with

	<p>Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.</p> <p>We are supportive of the principle of meaningful and early engagement of the general community, community organisations and statutory bodies in local planning matters, both in terms of shaping policy and participating in the process of determining planning applications.</p> <p>We regret we are unable to comment, in detail, on individual Statements of Community Involvement but information on the planning service we offer, including advice on how to consult us, can be found at:  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-planning-authorities-get-environmental-advice">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-planning-authorities-get-environmental-advice</a></p> <p>We now ask that all planning consultations are sent electronically to the central hub for our planning and development advisory service at the following address:  <a href="mailto:consultations@naturalengland.org.uk">consultations@naturalengland.org.uk</a></p> <p>This system enables us to deliver the most efficient and effective service to our customers.</p>	<p>statutory requirements.</p> <p>Future planning consultations will be sent to the central email address as requested.</p>
Suffolk Chamber of Commerce	<p>Suffolk Chamber of Commerce has no comments to make about the draft statement.</p> <p>However, I want to thank the IBC planning policy team for recognising Suffolk Chamber of Commerce as one of the 'Bodies which represent the interests of</p>	<p>Noted. The Chamber of Commerce will remain on the consultation database and will be notified of future relevant planning consultations.</p>

	persons carrying on business in the local planning authority's area' and therefore notifying us of local plan consultations.	
Suffolk Constabulary	Suffolk Constabulary does not have any comments at this stage.	Noted. Suffolk Constabulary will remain on the consultation database and will be invited to participate in future consultations where relevant to community safety and planning.