

Statement of Community Involvement

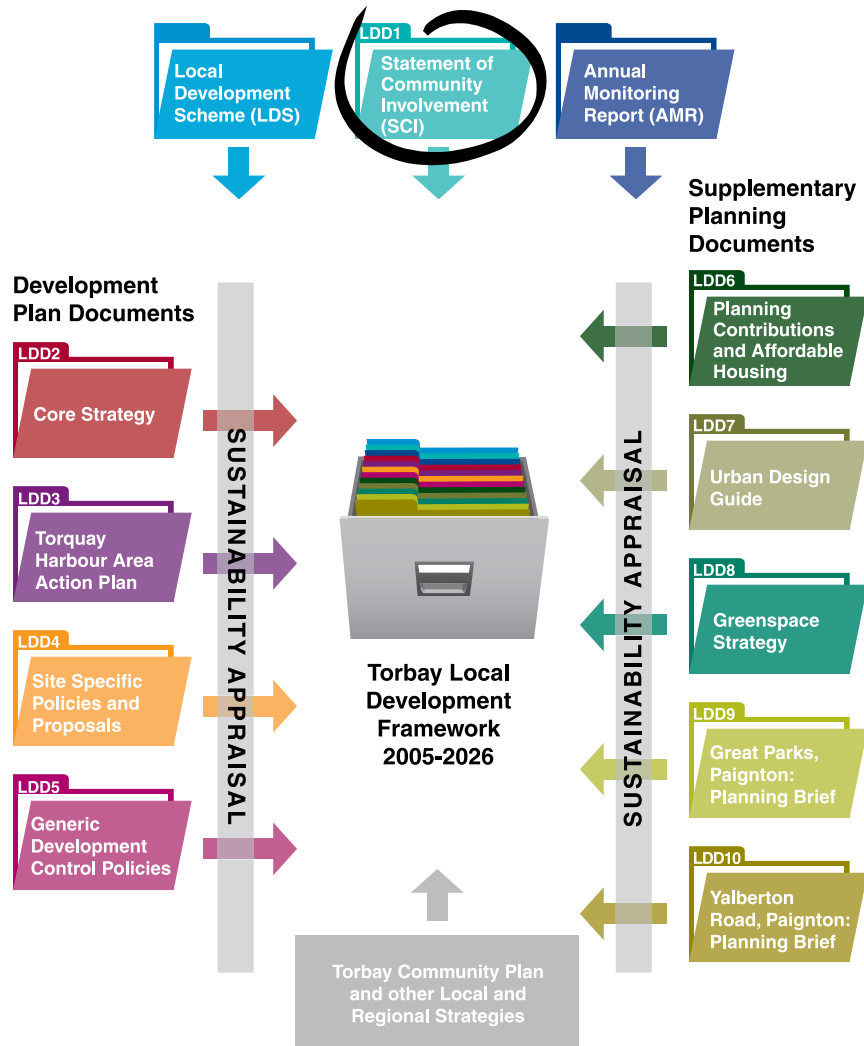


What is it?

A guide to the way in which the Council will consult with people on town planning matters

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The structure of the Local Development Framework



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The Government has introduced a major change to the planning system. It seeks to promote a positive approach to managing development. The new system requires us to produce the **Torbay Local Development Framework (LDF)** which consists of a folder of documents that will shape the future of Torbay to 2026. It will eventually replace the current Adopted Torbay Local Plan.

Two of the key aims of the new system are to strengthen community and stakeholder involvement and to reach agreement on essential issues early in the planning process. A more detailed Summary Leaflet has been prepared on the LDF.

One of the first documents to be produced in this new system is the **Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)**. The SCI must set out Torbay Council's policy for involving the community in the preparation and revision of the long term visions for the area in the LDF, and in the determination of planning applications.

The SCI sets out the ways in which people will be made aware of what is happening and how and when they can have a say on any planning issue. It will ensure that the relevant information and decisions that have been made following consultation will be accessible for all. It will also state whether you can take any further action if you wish to do so.

The SCI also identifies the various groups and organisations that we are seeking to involve, for example: local people, developers, business interests and community groups, organisations and other authorities. We want to involve as wide a variety of people as possible, particularly those who do not normally get involved in the planning process.

The SCI outlines the **'Who, What, Why, When, Where and How'** of planning involvement in Torbay.

Where can I find out more about it?

All the consultation details will be published on our website **www.torbay.gov.uk/ldf** where you will also have an opportunity to view and print the various documents and associated questionnaires. As the various documents (shown on the diagram overleaf) are published for public consultation, we will make summary leaflets and reference copies available at all the Torbay libraries and 'Connections' offices during normal office hours.

The SCI itself is subject to several stages of consultation. Consultation details and a summary of responses will be published on our website.

How can I become involved?

To become involved in the Local Development Framework process, you can register your interest and we will keep you informed. You can register your details by phoning the Strategic Planning team on **01803 208804** or by e-mailing us at **LDF@torbay.gov.uk**

You can also write to us at: **Strategic Planning Group, Community Services, Torbay Council, Floor 3, Roebuck House, Abbey Road, Torquay TQ2 5TF.**

Let us know if you have a particular interest in some or all of the Local Development Documents.

The **Statement of Community Involvement** has already undergone two consultation stages, in the Winter and Spring of 2006. The final **'Submission Draft'** version incorporates comments made during these earlier consultation stages. This version will be submitted formally to the Secretary of State for independent examination and be published for its final consultation in November/December 2006. Any comments received will be made public.

Please get involved....this will affect everyone who lives in, works in or visits Torbay!

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