

Plymouth City Council Local Development Framework

Central Park Area Action Plan Submission stage

Statement of Consultation Regulation 28 Statement

December 2007

This document details:

- How the Council has dealt with consultations under Regulation 25
- How representations have been sought in accordance with Regulation 26
- How representations received under Regulation 27 have been addressed in the preparation of the Central Park Area Action Plan (Submission Stage).

Those organisations and individuals who submitted comments to the Central Park Area Action Plan (AAP) can see how their comments have been taken into account.

It may also be of benefit to those organisations and individuals who did not submit comments, but who are interested in understanding how the Central Park AAP has been prepared.

Plymouth City Council Statement of Compliance

This statement has been prepared to comply with the requirements of Regulation 28 (1) (c) and (d) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004.

It details how the Council has dealt with consultations under Regulation 25, how representations have been sought in accordance with Regulation 26 and how representations received under Regulation 27 have been addressed in the preparation of the Central Park AAP (Submission Stage).

It has also been prepared so that those organisations and individuals who submitted comments about the Central Park Area Action Plan (AAP) can see how their comments have been taken into account. It may also be of benefit to those organisations and individuals who did not submit comments, but who are interested in understanding how the Central Park AAP has been prepared.

PRE-SUBMISSION CONSULTATION STATEMENT (REGULATION 28 (1) (c) STATEMENT)

Consultation under Regulation 25 (Pre-submission consultation)

Regulation 25 (1) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004 requires the Council to undertake pre-submission consultation on all Development Plan Documents (DPD's) with specific consultation bodies and general consultation bodies as they feel appropriate. The bodies chosen for this stage of consultation are set out in Appendix A.

The Issues and Options stage of consultation marked the launch of Plymouth LDF, 17 individual documents focusing on individual topics and areas within the city were produced 9 of these documents were Issues and Options Area Action Plans for the first tranche of AAP to be produced by the council and also helped inform the Core Strategy at Preferred Options and Submission Stages. The Central Park AAP was document 11.

Alongside, and as part of this Issues and Options consultation stage, Plymouth City Council, Devon and Cornwall County Councils, Dartmoor National Park Authority and the District Councils of South Hams, West Devon and Caradon, together with a number of key social, environmental and economic organisations, jointly prepared and consulted on spatial planning options for the Plymouth sub-region. This involved the preparation and consultation on the Plymouth, SW Devon and SE Cornwall Sustainable Growth Distribution Study (March 2005), together with its sustainability appraisal and explanatory leaflet. This exercise led to the formulation of a sub-regional strategy, which has been used to inform the preparation of the Regional Spatial Strategy, as well as Plymouth's LDF. This is one of the ways in which Plymouth has appraised strategic spatial planning options for the city, within the wider context of its sub-region.

A six-week consultation period from 7th March – 18th April 2005 was held on the **Issues and Options** for the Central Park AAP and other documents.

During the six-week consultation period copies of the Central Park AAP, Sustainability Appraisal, response forms, the statement of availability and proposal matters were available on the Council web page www.plymouth.gov.uk, from the Civic Centre and Windsor House Offices, local libraries and council housing offices. The consultation documents are contained in Appendix B.

Letters were sent to consultees set out in Appendix A. A copy of the letter of notification is available in Appendix C.

A press advertisement was published on 4th March 2005 for the Issues and Options consultation, and is available in Appendix C.

Presentations to Area Committee meetings were given, introducing the new LDF system and its component documents, including the Central Park AAP.

A Local Development Launch Event was held on the 23rd Feb 2005 with Key Stakeholders invited to attend. Letters of invitation were sent to key stakeholders - a copy of the letter and a list of invitees is available to view in Appendix C. Copies of the Issues and Options Documents were made available with the DVD - "An Invitation to Aspire". The Leader of the Council and Officers gave presentations and were on hand to answer questions.

Summary of Consultation at Issues and Options Stage

The table below sets out the number of comments received in relation to Central Park AAP:

Number expressing concern	425
Number expressing support	34
Number of other comments	13
Total	472

A document setting out a summary of the main issues raised is available in Appendix D.

Consultation under Regulation 26

This section of the document meets the requirements of Regulation 28 (1) (d) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004.

Having taken on board comments raised during pre-draft (Issues and Options) Central Park AAP consultation, the Council's Draft (Preferred Options) Central Park AAP was produced and consulted on for a 6-week period from the 8th November to 19th December 2006.

The statutory requirements for this consultation (as set out in Regulation 26) were carried out in the following ways:

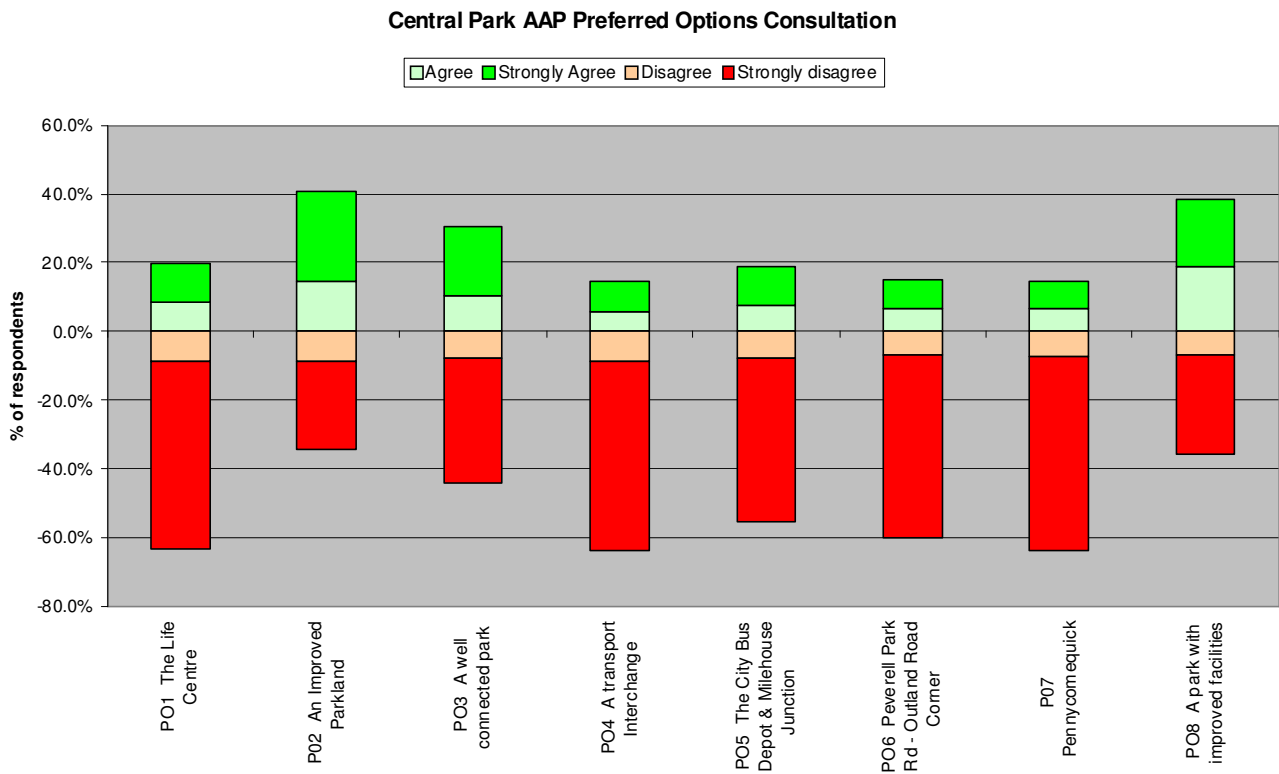
- The Central Park AAP, Sustainability Appraisal, response forms, proposal matters, and statement of availability (Appendix E) were made available on the Council's webpage www.plymouth.gov.uk/ldf, as well as at the Civic Centre and Windsor House Offices, all Libraries within Plymouth, and Council Housing Offices during the consultation period.
- An advertisement was placed in the Evening Herald newspaper, which was carried 6th November 2006. This can be viewed in Appendix F.
- Copies of the document, response form along with the proposals matters and statement of availability were sent to all statutory consultees (the bodies outlined in Appendix A), with a covering letter. Letters of notification were sent to all other consultees who expressed interest during the Issues & Options consultation. The consultee letter can be viewed in Appendix G.

In addition, during this time period, the following actions were carried out to inform people and encouraged them to get involved:

- Copies of the Central Park AAP and response forms were disseminated to all Councillors at briefing sessions and further copies were available to the public. (Councillor consultation)
- A leaflet was printed explaining the LDF, the documents and the opportunities for consultation. The leaflet can be viewed in Appendix H.
- Consultation events were held at a range local venues with display boards, and Officers available for discussion. These events were advertised locally and in local press. The events location, time, and attendees are outlined in the Summary Report of Preferred Options Consultation (Appendix I)
- A permanent display was put up in the Mayflower Leisure Centre at Central Park and maintained for the full six weeks with copies of the Area Action Plan, Sustainability Appraisal and response forms made available for the public's use.
- To encourage people to use online facilities events were run in partnership with the Adult Learning Team to help people use computers and sign up for computer courses if they wished.
- To engage specifically with young people, Council Planning Officers joined with a citywide Primary School Conference called Kidz Talk during the consultation period and debated the issues contained within the plan recording the outcomes.

- The Team also presented the main content of the Plan to pupils of Hyde Park School (the nearest primary school to the park) and recorded the views expressed.
- Copies of the Central Park AAP were sent to all Plymouth City Council Heads of Departments for dissemination through their teams.
- During the consultation stage a series of articles were run on the “Staff Room” which is a Plymouth City Council staff daily information web page, notifying staff of the Draft Preferred Options Documents including the Central Park AAP’s availability and informed them of one internal consultation event for staff.

The Council received 451 representations on the Central Park AAP Preferred Options. The graph below sets out the level of support and objection to each Preferred Option.



A full summary of representation is in the Preferred Options response summary report contained in Appendix I. A summary report outlining outcomes and changes to the AAP as a result of issues raised through the Preferred Options consultations is also provided in Appendix J.

Appendix A

List of bodies consulted

Appendix B

Central Park AAP Issues and Options document
Preliminary Sustainability Appraisal
Consultation Response Form
Notice of Proposal Matters
Statement of Availability

Appendix C

Letter of notification sent to consultees at Issues and Options Stage
Press advertisement for Issues and Options consultation
List of invitees to Local Development Framework Launch Event 23rd Feb 2004
Invitation letter sent to key stakeholders

Appendix D

Report summarising consultation responses to Central Park AAP Issues and Options document

Appendix E

Central Park AAP Preferred Options document
Consultation Response Form
Sustainability Appraisal
Sustainability Appraisal Response Form
Notice of Proposal Matters
Statement of Availability

Appendix F

Press advertisement for Preferred Options in Evening Herald

Appendix G

Consultee letter for Preferred Options stage

Appendix H

LDF explanatory leaflet detailing consultation opportunities for the Preferred Options report

Appendix I

Central Park AAP: Summary Report of Preferred Options Consultation held in November and December 2006

Appendix J

Central Park AAP: Representations on Preferred Options – Outcomes