

**Hackney Statement of Community Involvement Addendum 2020
Temporary Amendments in Response to Covid-19 for Plan-Making
June 2020**

Updated National Planning Practice Guidance was published on 13 May 2020 to provide guidance on how local planning authorities should respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic when progressing local plans. The guidance sets out how local authorities can review and update their Statements of Community Involvement (SCI) in order to take into account the government required social distancing restrictions when consulting on their plans.

Where necessary, temporary amendments to SCIs should therefore be made, in accordance with the guidance, to allow plan-making to progress.

In line with current advice from the Government and Public Health England on the COVID-19 outbreak, Hackney’s Service Centre (1 Hillman Street, Hackney, E8 1DY), and [public libraries](#) are currently closed. As such it is not possible to meet the requirements of the SCI regarding the availability of hard copies of policy documents in public buildings and the Council's libraries.

This addendum sets out where necessary temporary amendments to Hackney’s SCI have been made to provide reasonable alternatives to access and view documents whilst COVID-19 restrictions are in place.

Temporary Updates Concerning Plan Making

The requirements which specifically relate to provision of hard copies in public offices and libraries are set out in SCI in the following tables:

- Table 2 Methods of consultation for planning policy documents (p.8)
- Table 3 Local Plan preparation process (p.12)
- Table 4 Methods used to involve the community during the preparation of a Local Plan (p.14)
- Table 5 SPD preparation process (p.15)
- Table 6 Methods of consultation for SPDs (p.16)

The measures set out in the below table will temporarily replace those, regarding provision of hard copies in public offices and libraries, in the SCI.

Consultation Method	Consultation Method Description in SCI	Temporary changes to Consultation Methods Due to Covid-19
[Policy documents] Available for Inspection	<p>This is a minimum requirement set in planning regulations.</p> <p>Copies of planning documents will be made</p>	While libraries and council buildings are temporarily closed, copies of planning documents/ materials will be available to view/download online on our website.

	<p>available for inspection at Council libraries and the Hackney Service Centre. The availability of these documents will be advertised in a number of ways, including by letter/email, website and occasionally through an advertisement in Hackney Today. All locations are accessible to people with disabilities.</p>	<p>Hard copies can also be requested from the Council free of charge, by emailing planmaking@hackney.gov.uk or phoning 020 8256 8084/8062.</p>
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