Statement of Community Involvement - Temporary Changes in Respect of Publicity of Planning Policy Documents and Planning Applications during COVID-19 Crisis

During these unprecedented times, we will be unable to operate community consultation on planning policy documents and a variety of application types in the precise way set out in the Council’s adopted Statement of Community Involvement.

The temporary changes outlined have been made to protect the health of our communities and follows national advice and guidelines. The changes are set out below.

Planning Policy

Engaging with the Community

Owing to the closure of libraries and Council offices to the public at the current time, the Council cannot publicise consultations in these locations nor can physical copies of documents be viewed at the present time. The Council also uses certain Post Offices to publicise and deposit consultation documents and whilst they remain open, they will not be used for consultations during this time.

Consultations will continue to be published on our website and we continue to notify interested parties by email and letter and receive comments through the online response system.

Public consultation events on planning documents will not be held during this time.

Officers can be contacted via email (planning.policy@chorley.gov.uk) or phone (01257 515151) during this period and will not be available to meet in the Council Offices.

Officers will contribute electronically to Parish and Town Council meetings on request.

Responding to Consultations

Responses to consultations on planning documents can be done electronically using the online response system.

Involving the Community in Planning Applications

Publicity for Planning Applications

Planning applications will be publicised as normal. This includes letter notifications, and site and press notices as required. The weekly list is made available and the Council will be using social media channels to provide a link to the weekly list on the website.