Statement of Community Involvement in Planning ‘we did’ Report

Consultation on the draft Statement of Community in Planning (SCIP) ran for six weeks from 6\textsuperscript{th} January to 17\textsuperscript{th} February 2015. A total of 23 responses were received. This document summarises how we have updated the revised SCIP in response to your comments. A more detailed analysis of comments received and how we have responded to these can be found in the Public Involvement Statement (May 2015).

What you said....
Some common themes stood out from the consultation responses received:

i. Early engagement is widely supported.

ii. We need to be clearer in reporting and responding to consultation responses in order to avoid people feeling like they are not listened to.

iii. IT issues are regularly encountered with our current consultation systems.

iv. We need to ensure that we do not exclude those without access to the internet.

What we did...
We have updated the SCIP to reflect comments received in the following ways:

i. We have made our commitment to early community engagement even stronger in both the planning policy and planning application processes. This includes providing additional advice for developers on how they can engage with communities at the pre-application stage.

ii. There is a commitment in the SCIP’s core principles to provide feedback on consultations and to be clear about how we have considered comments. We will be exploring new ways of communicating this to community through the SCIP Action Plan.

iii. We have provided more information on who Oxford’s communities are.

iv. We have emphasised even more strongly our commitment to ensuring that those without access to the internet will not be excluded from our consultations.

Some of the comments received related to issues that go beyond the SCIP (such as IT problems). An Action Plan has been developed to explore ways that we can respond to these issues.