

Appendix G  
Press Release

6<sup>th</sup> May 2005

## PLANNING MALVERN HILLS DISTRICT – HAVE YOUR SAY

Malvern Hills District Council has published its first Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) which aims to strengthen community involvement by setting out how the District Council will actively invite participation in planning matters.

The SCI explains the Council's proposed arrangements for community involvement in the preparation of future planning documents, plans and planning applications. The Council is required to publish a draft of this statutory document for public consultation before submitting it to the Secretary of State.

The benefits of greater community involvement in planning include a greater sense of inclusion, a focus on priorities identified by the community, and plans that meet local needs.

To have your say on the proposed SCI and how it will involve you, submit your response form to the Council in the 6 week consultation period, ending 5.30pm Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2005.

Copies of the Draft SCI and response forms have been supplied to all Parish and Town Councils in the District and are available to view free at Malvern Customer Service Centre, Tenbury Area Office, Upton Library and on the council website ([www.malvern hills.gov.uk](http://www.malvern hills.gov.uk))

**Gary Williams, Head of Planning Services, says:** "In producing the Statement of Community Involvement, the District Council demonstrates its commitment to developing and promoting effective community engagement and involvement."

**Mr Williams adds:** "The purpose of the SCI is to ensure that all sections of the community – residents, businesses, groups, organisations, regional and national bodies – have the opportunity to be actively involved and influence future development within the District."

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