

Pre-submission Consultation and Publicity

Regulation 14.

Before submitting a plan proposal to the local planning authority, a qualifying body must—
(a) *publicise, in a manner that is likely to bring it to the attention of people who live, work or carry on business in the neighbourhood area—*

(i) details of the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan;

(ii) details of where and when the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan may be inspected;

(iii) details of how to make representations; and

(iv) the date by which those representations must be received, being not less than 6 weeks from the date on which the draft proposal is first publicised;

(b) consult any consultation body referred to in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 whose interests the qualifying body considers may be affected by the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan; and

(c) send a copy of the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan to the local planning authority.

1. For the purposes of regulations 14 and 16, a “consultation body” means—

(a) where the local planning authority is a London borough council, the Mayor of London;

(b) a **local planning authority**, county council or parish council any part of whose area is in or adjoins the area of the local planning authority;

(c) the **Coal Authority**;

(d) the **Homes and Communities Agency**;

(e) **Natural England**;

(f) the **Environment Agency**;

(g) the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England (known as **Historic England**);

(h) **Network Rail** Infrastructure Limited (company number 2904587);

(i) the **Highways Agency**;

(j) the **Marine Management Organisation**;

(k) any person—

(i) to whom the **electronic communications code applies** by virtue of a direction given under section 106(3)(a) of the Communications Act 2003; and

(ii) who **owns or controls electronic communications apparatus** situated in any part of the area of the local planning authority;

(l) where it exercises functions in any part of the neighbourhood area—

(i) a **Primary Care Trust** established under section 18 of the National Health Service Act 2006(a) or continued in existence by virtue of that section;

(ii) a person to whom a licence has been granted under section 6(1)(b) and (c) of the **Electricity Act 1989**(b);

(iii) a person to whom a licence has been granted under section 7(2) of the **Gas Act 1986**(c);

(iv) a **sewerage undertaker**; and

(v) a **water undertaker**;

- (m) **voluntary bodies** some or all of whose activities benefit all or any part of the neighbourhood area;
- (n) bodies which **represent** the interests of different **racial, ethnic or national groups** in the neighbourhood area;
- (o) bodies which **represent** the interests of different **religious groups** in the neighbourhood area;
- (p) bodies which **represent** the interests of persons carrying on **business** in the neighbourhood area; and
- (q) bodies which **represent** the **interests of disabled persons** in the neighbourhood area.