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Signature:

J A G Milward

Date:

14/05/07



## Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) Submission Stage Representation Form

Ref:

(For official  
use only)

## 1. Personal Details\*

\*If an agent is appointed, please complete only the Title and Name boxes below but complete the full contact details of the agent in 2.

## 2. Agent's Details (if applicable)

Title

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(where relevant)

3. Did you raise the matter that is the subject of your representation with the Local Planning Authority earlier in the process of the preparation of the SCI, ie before it was submitted for examination?

No

Yes (in September 2006 and in  
December 2006)

Yes

If 'No', can you briefly explain why you did not do so:

4 (a). Do you consider the SCI is:

Sound<sup>1</sup>

Go to Qu.5  
(ie you support  
the SCI)

Unsound

Go to Qu.4.(b)  
(ie you consider  
changes are  
required to  
the SCI)

Unsound

4 (b). If you consider the SCI is **unsound**, please identify which test of soundness your representation relates to (having regard to test numbers 1-9 listed in the Annex).

**Please note you should complete a separate form for each test you consider the SCI fails.**

Soundness

Test no.

(see Annex)

9

5. To which part of the SCI does your representation relate?

Section 4.5

Paragraph

6. Please give details of what change(s) you consider necessary to make the SCI sound, having regard to the test you have identified at 4. above. You will need to say why this change will make the SCI sound. Please be as precise as possible.

We consider that it is important that the Woodland Trust is consulted on all planning applications that affect the irreplaceable habitat of ancient woodland.

Planning Policy Statement 9 on Biodiversity and Geological Conservation clearly states: "Ancient woodland is a valuable biodiversity resource both for the diversity of species and for its longevity as woodland. Once lost it cannot be recreated. Local planning authorities should identify any areas of ancient woodland in their areas that do not have statutory protection (e.g. as an SSSI). They should not grant planning permission for any developments that would result in its loss or deterioration...Aged or 'veteran' trees found outside ancient woodland are also particularly valuable for biodiversity and their loss should be avoided. Planning authorities should encourage the conservation of such trees as part of development proposals." (ODPM, PPS9, 2005, paragraph 10).

Some local authorities have already listed the Woodland Trust as a non-statutory consultee for planning applications in their draft SCIs, such as Lichfield District Council, the City of Wolverhampton, Bridgnorth District Council and Exmoor National Park Authority.

The Woodland Trust would therefore like to a list of 'Other consultees', similar to that already listed in Appendix 1 for the Local Development Framework, for planning applications.

<sup>1</sup> Sound may be considered in this context within its ordinary meaning of "showing good judgement" and "able to be trusted", and within the context of fulfilling the expectations of legislation.

(Continue on a separate sheet /expand box if necessary)

**Please note** your representation should cover succinctly all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to support/justify the representation and the suggested change, as there will not normally be a subsequent opportunity to make further representations based on the original representation. **After this stage, further submissions will be only at the request of the Inspector, based on the matters and issues he/she identifies for examination.**

7. Can your representation be considered by written representations or do you consider it necessary to participate at the oral part of the examination?

Written representations

Yes

Participate at the  
oral examination

8. If you wish to participate at the oral part of the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

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