

Matter 1, Issue 1 - Whether the Council has complied with other relevant procedural and legal requirements?

Plan Preparation

Q2. In overall terms, has the preparation of the Plan complied with the Statement of Community Involvement?

Response:

The Council did not work with the PC/Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to identify new sites, as was proposed by me as I was, at the time, Chairman of both. The Steering Group felt that as it had taken 6 years to produce the Neighbourhood Plan, it would be more productive to try to work with HDC to identify further sites rather than reviewing the NP because of the time this would take. Despite agreeing to do this, they failed to do so. Ample correspondence between me, as the then Chairman of SSPC, and HDC, stating my concerns, has been submitted.

There were NO public consultations in Storrington.

The whole site selection process has been imposed by HDC and parishes have not been included in the decision-making.