

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.

Schedule 1 – Consultation Bodies

Neighbourhood development plans

- 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(**a**);
 - (d) the Homes and Communities Agency(**b**);
 - (e) Natural England(**c**);
 - (f) the Environment Agency(**d**);
 - (g) the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England (known as English Heritage)(**e**);
 - (h) Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (company number 2904587);
 - (i) the Highways Agency;
 - (j) the Marine Management Organisation(**f**);
 - (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.

(a) See section 1 of the Coal Industry Act 1994 (c.21).

(b) See section 2 of the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 (c.17).

(c) See section 1 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 (c.16).

(d) See section 1(1) of the Environment Act 1995 (c.25).

(e) See section 32 of the National Heritage Act 1983 (c.47).

(f) See section 1 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 (c.23).