

Steve Szalay written response to the query on the NAP public consultation.

- DEFRA guidelines say the NAP only needed to go to the consultative committee. However, from the outset we had decided that we would go above and beyond this requirement by asking for public feedback.
- We consulted with the ACC 28th June – 17th July
- We then reviewed feedback from the ACC and issued a revised version for public consultation 8th Aug – 11th Sept
- Following feedback, this was then extended to 30th Sept to allow for additional feedback.
- We publicised it extensively on our website and social media.
- We did send a courtesy email on Saturday 10 Sep to council officers for SOU, EBC and WIN; but to be clear – there was no expectation they would distribute this further as it was on our social media.
- As a result of the consultation, we received over 50 responses with over 300 comments, 70 of which were in the extended period. Therefore I am content that we have gone above and beyond that expected by DEFRA.