Statement for Slough Borough Council from CVRP for July 2025 consultation on draft 'Statement of Community Involvement Planning Policy and Development Management (SCI)'

The CVRP welcomes the draft SCI as major development proposals are of particular significance for the Colne Valley Regional Park.

The CVRP covers a large part of the east side of the Borough of Slough and embraces countryside with 'green' and 'blue' resources close to the Borough's urban areas. Several organisations are affiliated to the CVRP.

The CVRP 'countryside' offers Slough and its outlying settlements a significant resource that needs to be planned in an integrated way with those urban areas to realise its multi-functional potential. This can bring benefits for physical and mental health and help address social and environmental challenges that are highly relevant to the future planning of the Borough such as ...

- public access to the natural environment
- enhancing biodiversity
- combatting climate change
- promoting active travel and reducing obesity and
- enhancing local food production

Our comments on the draft 'SCI' are restricted to the CVRP being consulted at key stages in the planning process and specifically are:

- **3.3.1** The CVRP asks to be consulted on all major development proposals within the CVRP part of the Borough and any planning policy documents, including Supplementary Planning Documents. Please use this email address for consultations: enquiry@colnevalleypark.org.uk
- **3.3.2** The Colne Valley Regional Park should be added to the list of organisations in Appendix 2. Please use this email address for contact purposes: enquiry@colnevalleypark.org.uk