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Good afternoon Louise,

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In response to your query, paragraph 55 of the [Department for Communities and Local Government Planning \(now MHCLG\) Act 2008: Guidance on the pre-application process](#) states: "Applicants must set out clearly what is being consulted on. They must be careful to make it clear to local communities what is settled and why, and what remains to be decided, so that expectations of local communities are properly managed." However, this isn't directly in relation to the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC).

Paragraph 38 of the same guidance in respect of the role of the local authority in reviewing the SoCC explains that "the local authority's aim in such discussions should be to ensure that the people affected by the development can take part in a thorough, accessible and effective consultation exercise about the proposed project." The Applicant must have regard to any comments that any local authority, within 43(1) of the Planning Act 2008, makes.

Both that guidance and the [Inspectorate's Advice Note 2: The Role of the local authorities in the development consent process](#) may be helpful to you.

Please let me know if you have any further queries?

Kind regards,
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Good afternoon

I hope you can help with a query please in the context of the proposed SOCC, but related to the nature of the scheme. Are there any guidelines on minimum standards for the description of the development that the SOCC would need to include? To give the query some context, we have had it raised with us that there is a concern that the SOCC may not adequately reflect the development that might be delivered i.e there may be more highway use and less railfreight, and that the description in the current draft SOCC does not reflect that. To ensure the community is adequately consulted (irrespective of modes of consultation whether that be postal communication, or virtual meetings etc) it is essential that those consulted are meaningfully consulted by virtue of the description of the proposed development being accurate.

I look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible

Many thanks

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