

## Planning Consultation Systems for Local Planning Authorities

Early and effective consultation with communities and key stakeholders is an important part of planning policy formation and the Local Development Framework (LDF). That means Local Planning Authorities are looking for ways to widen participation and make it easier – while, crucially, keeping costs as low as possible.

So isn't nice to know you have choice!

IDOX group, through our partnership with INOVEM, allow you to choose an affordable LDF eConsultation service that:



- does not restrict feedback to only getting comments on documents
- can be provided as either a hosted service or as software installed on your servers
- allows you to provide access to an unlimited number of users and administrators
- uniquely lets you publish in your own corporate styles whether creating a PDF for print or publishing in HTML
- will allow you to create your own document templates using in-house expertise
- will, over time, integrate with all your existing IDOX applications
- is completely web accessible, to the highest of Internet and government standards
- is fully accredited by the Planning Portal, therefore able to exchange documents with other approved publishing systems
- will scale cost effectively to support both corporate and partnership use

### Make public consultation easy, cost-effective and manageable – every time

Our Planning Consultation System provides a rapidly-implemented solution for Planning Authority professionals to manage all their public consultation needs through a single, flexible system.

Using our affordable, web-based solution, you can carry out every stage of consultation easily and quickly – and using the media tactics that suit each situation.

From launching pre-submission 'front-loading' consultations through to receiving detailed representations against individual elements or sections of submission documents, this solution is purpose-designed to help you seek and collate the views of key stakeholders, planning agents and local communities.

The intuitive, browser-based solution includes powerful and easy-to-use facilities to help you project manage and collaborate on the development and publication of LDF document content; and following consultation, it helps you manage, process, audit and analyse the feedback, resulting in a solid and dependable evidence base.

Set up in only a few days, but scalable and adaptable to cope with all your workload in the foreseeable future, our Planning Consultation System fits seamlessly within your existing web presence and identity, to maximise the value of your engagement with the public

With our Planning Consultation System you can:

- meet statutory responsibilities for public consultation under the 2004 Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act, and encourage Internet-based response
- save time and money on production, management and publication of multiple LDF documents compliant with approved corporate and departmental styles
- make it easier for stakeholders, planning agents and local communities to take part, and automate the process of informing them of consultations they might be interested in
- manage a central register of all stakeholders for correspondence and reporting
- reduce the resources required for data take-on and the opportunity for data-entry errors through automatic data validation
- automate the 'duly made' process ensuring all comments are registered, assessed and responded to
- increase your efficiency of handling comments through each stage of consultation
- quickly report and analyse responses
- effectively record and automate the communication and publication of officer and council decisions
- meet the government's e-planning best practice targets

**IDOX group considers INOVEM to offer the most competitive and functionally rich solutions available and are pleased to confirm them as our preferred partner for e-consultation and LDF.**

#### **About IDOX group**

IDOX group is a supplier of software solutions and information services to the public sector and the leading applications provider to local government for core functions relating to land, people and property. Over 70% of UK local authorities are customers. IDOX group is committed to providing public-sector organisations with the tools to access and manage information & knowledge, documents & content, business processes & workflow as well as connecting directly with the citizen via the web.

#### **About INOVEM**

INOVEM is the pioneer of Inclusionware™ – democratic web-native systems for collaboration, consultation and inclusion. Their solutions are used by central and local government, planning authorities, consulting firms, corporates and representative organisations around the UK and US, to empower people to work together better.

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