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Reg 14 Consultation

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The Engagement Ladder

The Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Process starts fun and truly interactive….

But as your plan takes shape, there is less chance of significant change and the process moves nearer the bottom of the pyramid until you get to the formal requirements of Reg 14…

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What Reg 14 says you need to do:

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.

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What would count as "publicise, in a manner that is likely to bring it to the attention of people"?

Much Wenlock: Advert local paper; website home page; press releases; social media; statutory consultees; e-mailing.

Broughton Astley: Letters; E-mails; Posters; Parish Website; Newsletters; Press Releases; statutory consultees.

Norland (London Borough): statutory consultees; hard copy at Town Hall and Libaries; website; meetings and drop-in sessions; e-mail mailing.

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Statutory Consultees – could include the following:

- Local Planning Authority, County Council, Parish Council who is in or adjoins area;
- Coal Authority;
- Homes and Communities Agency;
- Natural England;
- Environment Agency;
- English Heritage;
- Network Rail;
- Highways Agency;
- Marine management organisation……

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And also these:-

- Primary Care Trust;
- Electric providers, gas providers;
- water and sewage providers;
- Voluntary bodies active in the area;
- Bodies representing interests of: business, racial, ethnic or national groups, religious groups, disability groups.

But not all needed! For example Much Wenlock consulted 10 organisations

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Boring Boring Boring …..

But

Can still be innovative in bringing the consultation and plan to more people's attention!

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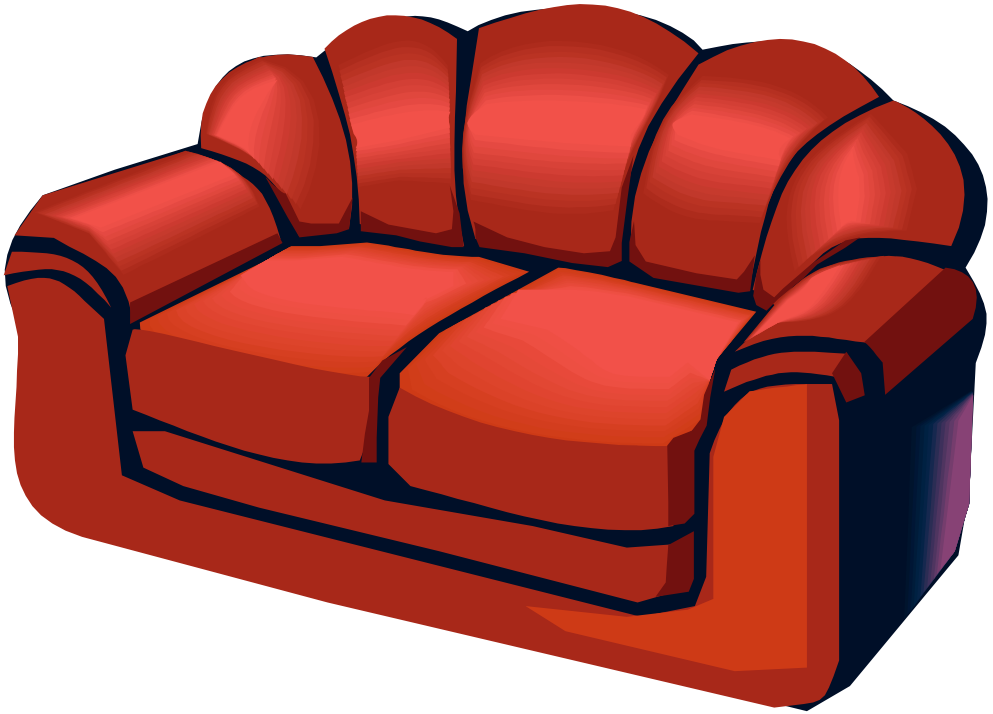
Old Market Group – innovative engagement

Travelling Sofa….



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Much Wenlock – road sign addition!

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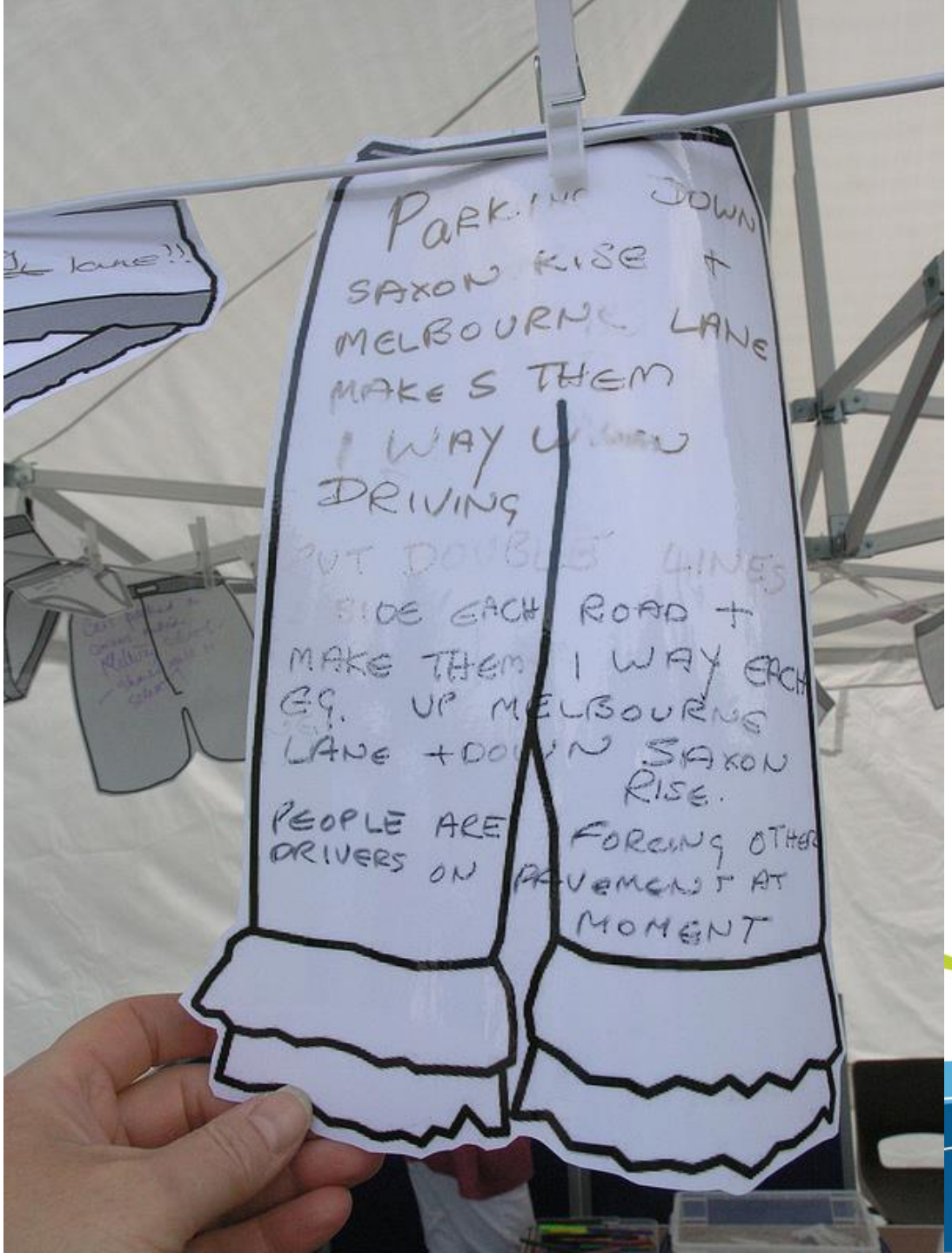
Washing line of likes (T-shirt) and dislikes (pants)



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Remember finally you need to submit a

Consultation Statement

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Consultation statement needs

- Details of who was consulted about the plan;
- To explain how they were consulted;
- Summaries of main issues & concerns raised;
- To show these issues and concerns have been considered.

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Reg 14 six week consultation recording

Often works best set out in a spreadsheet:

Contact name etc	Date	Section of Plan commented on	Comment	Response to comment

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Resources to be sent out by e-mail – including this presentation.

Thanks for listening!