

# Consultations and Next Steps

## Introduction

Stakeholder consultations are an integral part of the SEA process. Centre for Environment Education has been sub-contracted by Ramboll Natura AB to facilitate consultations with civil society organizations. This sub-contract is financed within the project implemented by Ramboll, and is approved by the PMC. In the Scoping Phase, the consultations have included

1. Interviews of individuals from the PMC and civil society organizations (CSOs) in Nov 2008 conducted by the PMC officials together with the Ramboll consultants
2. One training and workshop on SEA 26 Nov 2008 and a SWOT analysis workshop with PMC officials 2 Dec 2008, conducted by the Ramboll consultants
3. A presentation about SPPP to CSOs held on 18 Nov 2008, conducted by the Ramboll consultants and CEE
4. Two workshops with CSOs on 3 Dec 2008 and 17 Jan 2009, conducted by the Ramboll consultants, PMC and CEE

This chapter briefly describes the stakeholder consultations conducted during the Scoping Phase. It also lists the issues emanating for future consultation, and suggests the approach and strategies for future detailed consultations through which strategic options and trade-offs can be arrived at. The expectation is that the next phase of consultation, termed the **SEA Study Phase**, would help arrive at optimal solutions for some key aspects of the development of the Pune urban area in line with the vision and aspirations of the people of Pune.

## Consultations during Scoping Phase

### Interviews with Individuals from PMC and CSOs in November 2008

With both the aim for the Ramboll consultants to get a better understanding of the situation in Pune and as a first step in the SEA process and the identification of SEA objectives and indicators a series of interviews with key stakeholders were made by the Ramboll consultants together with PMC staff. The people interviewed (in total 21) were selected by PMC and included both officials from PMC and NGO's.

From the interviews seven different "sectors" were identified with some connected key words, see Figure 4.1. The sectors and key words illustrate the difficult task to include important topics in the Sustainable City Planning but should also be seen as tools to understand and analyze the need for cross sector analysis.

<b>Environment</b>	<b>Housing</b>
Air pollution monitored regularly	Change FSI
Air quality	Housing
Air quality (PM10)	Is slum rehabilitation the answer?
Groundwater pollution (Solid waste & sewage)	People forced into the slums
Hill protection	Schools (bad houses)
Integration development & environment	Slum rehabilitation
Nature (green cover)	
Nature preservation	
Noise	<b>Power Supply</b>
Protect the natural assets	Electricity
River/sewage	Powercuts
Solid waste	
Some hills can not be protected	<b>Solid Waste</b>
Sustainable resource management	New landfill (location)
	Solid waste - problem with leachate from landfill
	Solid waste - treatment!
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<b>Planning</b>	
Denser city	
Develoment outside the city/central area	<b>Transport</b>
Governance	Cycle network
Growth of Pune must be supported	Mass transport (tram)
Land pooling	Mass transport needed
No mixed landuse	Mass transportation is a must
Parks	Parking policy (need for)
Parks/open spaces	Pedestrian
Planning should be followed!	Public transport
Planning traffic/housing	Public transport - feeder system
Playgrounds	Public Transport - rapid
Political support	Public transport - willingness to pay
Protect the man-made heritage	Public transport (buses is best)
Satelite cities/townships	Traffic - higher parking fees, sky walks, reduce traffic
Schools	Traffic - need to be diversified
Strategy planning / better planning	Traffic management
Town planning - R1/R2	Traffic/Mobility
Town planning ahead of building	
Transport planning	<b>Water supply</b>
Urban renewal (open spaces)	Water supply
Urban unplanned land	Water supply - unequal distribution

**Figure 4.1** Identified sectors and key words (not ranked)

### **Trainings and Workshops with PMC Officials**

With the aim to have the same base for the coming work and to give an introduction to the SEA process at an early stage, a half-day training session and workshop was held by the Ramboll consultants with key personnel at PMC on 26 November 2008. During the workshop participants discussed key features in the future Sustainable City Plan for Pune and initiated the identification of key strategic drivers and critical factors for the SEA process.

A second training and workshop for PMC staff was held on 2 December 2009. The discussions during the second workshop built on the outcome from the first workshop and provided further input to the identification of key strategic drivers and critical factors, to be used for the analysis and identification of the objectives of the SEA and the continued Scoping Study. Important parts of the two workshops were the SWOT Analyses for the City of Pune which were done as group discussions and presented in plenary.

### **Presentation about the SCPP to CSOs**

This meeting was organized with the objective of providing an opportunity for direct interaction of CSOs with the Ramboll consultants, so as to present the overall process of the SEA and the findings of the Inception Phase. The invitations were sent out by CEE, to the various CSOs, including members of the DP Coalition. The detailed notes are attached as Appendices and uploaded [http://government.wikia.com/wiki/Sustainable\\_City\\_Planning\\_in\\_Pune](http://government.wikia.com/wiki/Sustainable_City_Planning_in_Pune).

## Workshops with CSOs

Two workshops were organized for CSOs to conduct a SWOT analysis of Pune. The participation in the first meeting in early December was quite low. Another meeting was therefore arranged on 17 Jan. The detailed notes are attached as appendices and uploaded at [http://government.wikia.com/wiki/Sustainable\\_City\\_Planning\\_in\\_Pune](http://government.wikia.com/wiki/Sustainable_City_Planning_in_Pune).

## Proposed Issues, Methods and Timescale for Consultations

This section outlines the major issues emanating from the Scoping Phase, and suggests the approach, methods, preparatory tasks and timescale for the next phase of consultations. The next phase of consultations, termed the **SEA Study Phase** is expected to take place from August to October 2009, or as appropriate to be better coordinated with the DP process.

Before the next phase is put in place, an additional consultation was held on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May, 2009 to discuss the draft final version of the Scoping Report. Also as decided in the consultation, the draft report was uploaded on the PMC website, as well as emailed out to many stakeholders by the DP Cell members, inviting comments and suggestions on the report. This process generated a lot of interest among the CSO community, and more than 50 comments in all were received from various individuals and organizations, like Development of Pune Coalition (DPCo), KKPKP, INTACH, Pune Tree Watch, CEE, and others.

All these comments and suggestions have been minutely reviewed and considered, before they have been incorporated or reserved for future consultations.

### Objectives for Public Consultations during SEA Study Phase

1. Undertake consultations on issues that are strategically important to guide the future development of Pune
2. Develop for these key issues the range of choices and options, clearly articulating costs, benefits and trade-offs for each option, through stakeholder engagement with technical experts. Many organizations and individuals have expressed interest to participate in these consultations, like DP Coalition for Housing and Land Use related issues, Kagad Kach Patra Kashtakari Panchayat for solid waste management, and INTACH for heritage issues within land use and redevelopment and renewal projects.
3. Present the choices and trade-offs for public input

### Issues for Future Consultations

Some cross-cutting aspects that emerge from the stakeholder workshops and interviews include:

1. Governance and citizen participation mechanisms
2. Institutional capacities to address the rapidly growing needs for civic administration and to implement newer types of solutions/ innovations
3. Institutional framework for regional planning
4. Transparent systems for information dissemination and monitoring systems for tracking progress, including by the public / citizens, and including through the mandatory Environment Status Report
5. Energy efficiency and 'carbon neutral' strategies in all municipal/ civic functions
6. Integrating EIAs into the contracting terms in green fields projects and Environmental Damage Mitigation Actions and Cost-Benefit analyses into brown fields and renewal projects
7. Improved & equitable social infrastructure & services
8. Integrating the land-use controls and plans for the old city limit and the newly merged village areas

Similarly, issues for evolving options and trade-offs and requiring detailed discussions including with primary stakeholders, include:

- Degraded river, nalla and lake water quality

- Air pollution
- Municipal solid waste
- Degraded hill environment
- Poor traffic condition
- Unaffordable and congested housing
- Growing slums
- Insufficient & inequitable social infrastructure & services
- Unintegrated Land-use
- Governance

### **Approach**

The SEA Study Phase Consultations Events will be conducted by the PMC in the coming months and will feed into the development plan process. Information about consultation events will be published in local mass media and at the PMC website. Many organizations and individuals have expressed desire to participate in these consultation meetings, and they would be accordingly invited for the meetings.