

Daventry District Council

**Arthingworth Village Design
Statement**

Supplementary Planning Document

Statement of Consultation

Adopted February 2016



Introduction

This report sets out the consultation undertaken on the Arthingworth Village Design Statement Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). This report is required by regulation 12 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2012.

At its meeting on 10th September 2015 the Council's Strategy Group resolved that consultation could take place on the VDS.

Consultation

Consultation commenced on 5th October 2015. Developers, Parish Councils and adjoining Local Authorities were notified.

Publicity

The draft SPD could be accessed from the Planning Policy and Consultation pages of the Daventry District Council Website.

Copies were available in all district libraries as well as the Council Offices at Lodge Road, Daventry.

The Council placed notices in the Daventry Express, a copy of which is included at Appendix A.

Consultation Period

Consultation took place with organisations referenced above and local residents on the document for a period of 6 weeks until 5.00pm on the 16th November 2015.

Comments received.

Two responses were received. These are set out in appendix B.

Consideration of Responses

The Council carefully considered all of the comments received. A number of changes were made to the document as a result of these responses. These changes are set out in appendix B.

The representations were reported to the Council's Strategy Group on 11th February 2016 followed by Full Council on 25th February 2016 when the document was adopted.

Appendix A

Arthingworth Village Design Statement

Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012

Regulation 12, 13 and 35 – Consultation Statement regarding Supplementary Planning Document

Daventry District Council is consulting on a Village Design Statement (VDS) for Arthingworth. The document will, when adopted, provide design guidance for development in Arthingworth parish and will supplement the Saved policies from the Daventry District Local Plan and the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy.

The Council hereby welcomes comments from any interested party on the document. The document will be available during the consultation period for inspection at Daventry District Council, Lodge Road, Daventry, the libraries at Brixworth, Daventry, Long Buckby, Moulton and Woodford Halse during normal opening hours.

A copy will also be available on the Council's website:

<https://www.daventrydc.gov.uk/living/planning-policy/village-design-statements/>

The consultation commences on Monday 05th October and closes at 5pm Monday 16th November.

Comments in writing should be forwarded to Tom James, Principal Policy Officer (Planning), Daventry District Council, Lodge Road, Daventry, Northamptonshire, NN11 4FP or e-mail planningpolicy@daventrydc.gov.uk by **5:00pm Monday 16th November** at the latest.

Comments cannot be accepted after this time.

Tom James
Principal Policy Officer (Planning)

Appendix B Schedule of Comments, Agreed Responses and Actions

Respondent	Summary of Comments	Suggested Response	Suggested Action
Natural England	<p>Natural England is a non-departmental public body, with the purpose of ensuring the conservation, enhancement and management of the natural environment. Natural England welcomes design guidelines that respect and where possible, enhance the character and local distinctiveness of the surrounding natural and built environment, use natural resources more sustainably and bring benefits to the local community.</p> <p>Offers the following general advice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give appropriate consideration to protected landscapes. • Cross reference local landscape character assessments. • National Character Area Profiles are useful to identify opportunities for positive environmental change. • Green infrastructure is relevant in the rural context and the VDS could usefully promote high quality and multifunctional green infrastructure. • Welcomes design guidelines that respect and where possible, enhance the character and local distinctiveness of the surrounding natural and built environment, use natural resources more sustainably and bring benefits to 	<p>Section B of the VDS considers landscape character, locally important features, key views existing trees and the importance of greenspace. Landscape guidelines are included</p> <p>The VDS does not refer to greenspace networks, biodiversity or linkages to greenspace beyond the village or. However, green infrastructure connections are covered by Policy BN1 of the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy and for this reason it is not considered necessary for the VDS to include a specific reference.</p> <p>Consultation was undertaken in 2014 through a questionnaire to all households to understand the characteristics and features valued by the community.</p>	No change required.

	<p>the local community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Features like trees, green facades and green roofs can be important in increasing ecological connectivity between green spaces. • The design statement should recognise and reference designated wildlife sites and other biodiversity assets such as protected species, ecological networks, habitats and green spaces. Design guidelines should respect and where possible enhance the village's local and neighbouring biodiversity resources. • Community engagement with the local community is important to ensure that they can contribute from the outset. 		
<p>Framptons on behalf of Dr Dallas Burston</p>	<p>Statement relates to Section C "Settlement and Building Guidelines", specifically points 1 and 4 of the Guidelines: Point 1 discourages any development outside the built up areas. This approach is inconsistent with the Framework's general position on supporting economic growth in rural areas (paragraph 28) and delivering a wide choice of quality homes, particularly, promoting sustainable development in rural areas (paragraph 55). It is proposed that Point 1 is amended to fall in line with paragraph 55 of the Framework and therefore promote certain types of</p>	<p>Paragraphs 28 and 55 of the NPPF relate to the rural economy and new isolated dwellings respectively. The types of development suggested by the respondent are reproduced from paragraph 55 of the NPPF.</p> <p>Arthingworth is currently defined in the Local Plan as a Restricted Infill Village (saved Local Plan Policy HS22). In such villages development is restricted to small scale development within the existing confines of the village. Guideline C1 of the VDS states a preference for the village to be broadly maintained in size and shape and discourages development outside the built up</p>	<p>No change required.</p>

	<p>development outside of the built up area, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where there is an essential need for a rural worker; • Securing the future of heritage assets; • The re-use of redundant or disused buildings; and • Where exceptional quality of innovative nature of the dwelling is demonstrated. 	<p>area of the village, which is in line with Policy HS22. It does not preclude isolated dwellings which would need to meet the exceptions criteria set out in NPPF paragraph 55. Similarly the VDS does not preclude economic development which accords with paragraph 28 of the NPPF.</p> <p>The settlement hierarchy in the emerging Part 2a Settlements and Countryside Local Plan will assign settlements to the hierarchy and provide new local policy on development in the villages and settlements. Until the hierarchy has been defined, the existing saved Local Plan policies will apply, alongside the Joint Core Strategy and in the context of the NPPF.</p>	
	<p>Point 4 stipulates that new development should reflect the current needs of the village and then refers to the housing type required. There is uncertainty about the phrase “development” within Point 4. The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 defines “development” As “the carrying out of building, engineering, mining or other operations in , on, over or under land, or the making of any material change in the use of any buildings or other land.” It is proposed that Point 4 of the Settlements and Buildings Guidelines is amended to state: “New residential development should reflect the current needs of the village – which as of 2014 was for smaller family</p>	<p>Point C4 refers to a preference for small family homes, which is identified as a local housing need.</p>	<p>Amend Point C4 to include <i>‘residential’</i> between ‘New’ and ‘development’.</p>

	homes.”		
	The VDS has been prepared without due regard to the provisions of the Framework which has introduced a cost / benefit approach to policies. The VDS is written in a prescriptive format with the underlying intent to restrict new development.	The VDS amplifies existing development plan policies and seeks to provide guidance on what would constitute suitable development.	No change required.