

Daventry District Council

Hellidon Village Design Statement

Supplementary Planning Document

Statement of Consultation

Adopted October 2016



Introduction

This report sets out the consultation undertaken on the Hellidon 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 26th May 2016 the Council's Strategy Group resolved that consultation could take place on the VDS.

Consultation

Consultation commenced on 10th June 2016. 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 a notice on the Council's website, 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 Monday 25th July 2016.

Comments received.

Five 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 15th September 2016 followed by Full Council on 6th October 2016 when the document was adopted.

Appendix A

Hellidon 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 Hellidon. The document will, when adopted, provide design guidance for development in Hellidon 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 and 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 10th June 2016 and closes at 5pm on Monday 25th July 2016.

Comments in writing should be forwarded to Joanne Christopher, Senior Policy Officer (Planning), Daventry District Council, Lodge Road, Daventry, Northamptonshire, NN11 4FP or e-mail planningpolicy@daventrydc.gov.uk by 5pm on Monday 25th July at the latest.

Comments cannot be accepted after this time.

Joanne Christopher
Senior Policy Officer (Planning)

Appendix B Schedule of Comments, Agreed Responses and Actions

| | Respondent | Summary of Comments | Suggested Response | Suggested Action |
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| 1 | Wildlife Trust | <p>The document should include more detail and a more complete picture of the existing situation by inclusion of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘Hellidon pond’, ‘Leam fishponds’ and ‘Dane Hole’ Local Wildlife Sites • Biological/Ecological/Geological matters referenced by the NPPF • Biodiversity SPD for Northamptonshire • Northamptonshire Biodiversity Action Plan • Green Infrastructure network provision delivery • Adaptations to climate change • Natural England’s ANGST guidelines • River Nene Regional Park ‘Northamptonshire Green Infrastructure and Landscape Character Assessment’ toolkit | <p>Green infrastructure connections, are covered by Policy BN1 of the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy (WNJCS). Biodiversity is covered by Policy BN2 of the WNJCS and the VDS makes specific reference in guideline 3 on page 13. Climate change is covered by S11 of the WNJCS. Reference to the Northamptonshire Landscape Character Assessment will be included in the VDS as per suggested action column</p> | <p>On page 12 underneath the Countryside and Ecology section insert the following:</p> <p>Landscape Hellidon lies in the Ironstone Hills landscape area, specifically the Staverton Hills according to the Northamptonshire Landscape Character Assessment. The area is characterised by elevated, rolling upland landform with distinctive isolated hills. The landscape is distinguished as the source of numerous watercourses and the area is characterised by a combination of both arable and pastoral land.</p> <p>There are important views around the village that demonstrate this character and the VDS will seek to protect these.</p> |

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| | | | | These are illustrated in section 9. |
| | | Page 12, Section 5. Including reference to census results and population numbers in the section headed 'Countryside and Ecology' is not the most appropriate location | Noted. VDS should be amended as per 'Suggested Action' column. | Paragraph 4 on page 12 'The 2011 Census recorded a parish population.....' should be moved to page 11 at the end of the History and Development section. |
| | | Page 13, Section 5, General Development Guidelines – Recommend refining guideline 4 that requires additional soft landscaping in order to promote the use of only native species of plants. In a compromise situation, where non-native species must be used then they should still benefit wildlife e.g. Pollinating insects. | Noted. VDS should be amended as per 'Suggested Action' column. | General Development Guideline 4 on page 13 should be amended as below: Additional planting of trees, shrubs and hedges to maintain the borders in keeping with the village landscape setting. Any new planting should maximise the use of native species, or where non-native species are used they should be beneficial to wildlife, for example pollinating insects. |
| | | Page 13, Section 5, Countryside and Ecology Guidelines – Wildlife Trust is in general agreement however on | Noted. VDS should be amended as per 'Suggested Action' column. | Amend guidelines as follows: 4) Local ponds should be |

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| | | <p>points 4, 12 and 13 they recommended that the identified features should also be enhanced/extended/linked and managed appropriately and sympathetically for nature conservation objectives, in perpetuity.</p> | | <p>recorded, protected, and enhanced sympathetically for nature conservation objectives, in perpetuity.</p> <p>12) Wildlife corridors (in particular belts of trees, wide hedgerows, roadside ditch and bank systems and footpaths) should be protected and enhanced sympathetically for nature conservation objectives, in perpetuity</p> <p>13) Open spaces and amenity spaces should be retained and, if possible, enhanced. See section 9 for more details. They should be managed appropriately for nature conservation objectives, in perpetuity.</p> |
| | | <p>Page 21, Section 8. Recommend consideration be given to enrolling the church into the county-wide</p> | <p>Comment noted. However, Village Design Statements are concerned with the visual</p> | <p>None</p> |

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| | | <p>'Northamptonshire Nature Conservation Churchyard Scheme'</p> | <p>character of a village and how it might be protected or enhanced rather than how the village may be involved in county-wide schemes. It is not for the VDS to include this.</p> | |
| | | <p>It would be helpful to depict the following sites on the maps in the document 'Hellidon pond', 'Leam fishponds' and 'Dane Hole' Local Wildlife Sites</p> | <p>Noted. VDS should be amended as per 'Suggested Action' column.</p> | <p>Map on page 26 to be updated to depict these Local Wildlife Sites.</p> |
| 2 | Environment Agency | <p>We have no comments to add at this time. There don't appear to be any environmental constraints/concerns that would trigger our involvement.</p> | <p>Comments noted.</p> | <p>None.</p> |
| 3 | 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.</p> <p>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>The VDS identifies 9 important views to the village, and includes guidelines related to these locally important landscapes and also guidelines related to retaining significant trees and other natural features.</p> <p>Reference to the Northamptonshire Landscape Character Assessment will be included in the VDS as per suggested action column at representation 1.</p> | <p>Amend Built Environment guideline 9 as follows:</p> <p>9. Hellidon is surrounded by and enjoys views to open spaces (as shown in Section 9) and, to protect the character of the village; these should not be built on.</p> <p><u>Developments will need to take into account any adverse impact on these views by conducting</u></p> |

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| | | <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. • 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. <p>Community engagement with the local community is important to ensure that</p> | <p>Policy BN5 of the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy requires development in areas of landscape sensitivity to sustain and enhance landscape features and for this reason it is not considered necessary for the VDS to include further reference.</p> <p>The VDS does not refer to greenspace networks, or linkages to greenspace beyond the village or within it. 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>Reference is made to protecting and enhancing biodiversity in guideline 3 of the Countryside and Ecology guidelines.</p> <p>Consultation has been undertaken in the parish in the form of a by circulation of the draft to the whole village for comment in advance of the draft</p> | <p><u>landscape appraisals and impact studies where relevant.</u></p> |
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| | | they can contribute from the outset. | VDS consultation. | |
| 4 | Highways England | Highways England has reviewed the different Design Guidelines as set out in the VDS, in particular the guidelines for Housing and Infrastructure and does not consider that any of the guidelines contained within the VDS will impact upon the operation of the strategic road network. Highways England has no further comments to provide and trusts the above is useful. | Comments noted. | None |
| 5 | Historic England | We have no comments to make on this document at this time. | Comments noted. | None |