

Daventry District Council

**Ravensthorpe Village Design
Statement**

Supplementary Planning Document

Statement of Consultation

Adopted February 2017



Introduction

This report sets out the consultation undertaken on the Ravensthorpe 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 14th April 2016 the Council's Strategy Group resolved that consultation could take place on the VDS. Following this consultation, Strategy Group resolved at its meeting on the 15th September 2016 that a second consultation should take place on an amended VDS regarding proposals for three open space designations only.

Consultation

The first consultation commenced on 22nd April 2016 and the second on the 16th September 2016. Developers, Parish Councils and adjoining Local Authorities were notified in both cases.

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 in respect of the original and amended VDS, copies of which are included at Appendix A and Appendix B.

Consultation Period

The first 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 6th June 2016. The second consultation took place with the same organisations and residents for a period of 6 week until 4.30pm on 28th October 2016.

Comments received.

Five responses were received to the first consultation and 30 to the second consultation. These are set out in appendix C.

Consideration of Responses

The Council carefully considered all of the comments received, however, no change were proposed to be as a result of these responses.

The representations were reported to the Council's Strategy Group on 12th January 2017 followed by Full Council on 23rd February 2017 when the document was adopted.

Appendix A

Ravensthorpe 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 Ravensthorpe. The document will, when adopted, provide design guidance for development in Ravensthorpe 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 22nd April 2016 and closes at 5pm on Monday 6th June 2016.

Comments in writing should be forwarded to Jane Parry, Senior Policy Officer (Planning), Daventry District Council, Lodge Road, Daventry, Northamptonshire, NN11 4FP or e-mail planningpolicy@daventrydc.gov.uk by **5pm on Monday 6th June** at the latest.

Comments cannot be accepted after this time.

Jane Parry
Senior Policy Officer (Planning)

Appendix B

Ravensthorpe Village Design Statement

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

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The consultation commences on 16th September 2016 and closes at 4.30pm on Friday 28th October 2016.

Comments in writing should be forwarded to Jane Parry, Senior Policy Officer (Planning), Daventry District Council, Lodge Road, Daventry, Northamptonshire, NN11 4FP or e-mail planningpolicy@daventrydc.gov.uk by **4.30pm on Friday 28th October 2016** at the latest.

Comments cannot be accepted after this time.

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Appendix C Schedule of Comments, Agreed Responses and Actions

Responses to the first consultation on the Ravensthorpe Village Design Statement

Respondent	Summary of Comments	Suggested Response	Suggested Action
Anglian Water	Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this document. On this occasion we have no comments to make or concerns to raise relevant to Anglian Water.	Comments noted.	No change required.
Highways England	<p>Highways England welcomes the opportunity to provide initial comments on the draft Ravensthorpe Village Design Statement (VDS). It is acknowledged that the VDS provides guidance for development in Ravensthorpe and will supplement policies from the Daventry District Local Plan and the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy. The document will ensure that development is of a high design standard that meets the economic, social and environmental needs of the local community and once adopted will replace the VDS published for Ravensthorpe in 1999.</p> <p>It is the role of Highways England to maintain the safe and efficient operation of the strategic road network whilst acting as a delivery partner to national economic growth. In relation to this consultation, Highways England's principal interest is safeguarding the operation of the M1 which routes 6 miles to the west and the</p>	Comments noted.	No change required.

	<p>A14 which routes 7 miles to the north of the village.</p> <p>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 on the operation of the strategic road network. Highways England has no further comments to provide and trusts that the above is useful.</p>		
Historic England	<p>VDS area includes a number of designated heritage assets including one GII* building, three GII buildings and 1 Scheduled Ancient Monument. The strategy should safeguard those elements which contribute to the importance of those historic assets which will assist in ensuring they can be enjoyed by future generations and be in line with national planning policy.</p> <p>Consult Council's conservation officer and Northamptonshire Council's Archaeology Service who can provide details on archaeology and locally important buildings, remains and landscapes. There is no need for Historic England to be involved in the development of the strategy for the area.</p>	<p>Heritage assets are not specifically referred to in the guidelines, however, the VDS refers to the historical development of the village, undertakes a characterisation and contains descriptions of traditional building lines, street layouts, significant buildings and open spaces. Appendix 5 lists the listed buildings. The settlement guidelines reinforce conservation of the traditional form of the village by encouraging development to be sympathetic in style, layout and positioning (S1, S3-S5). The building guidelines also encourage the retention of characteristic features such as boundary walls and hedges and the use of traditional materials (B1, B2, B3, B7-B11).</p> <p>It is worth noting that the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Policy BN5 'The Historic Environment and Landscape' makes provision for the conservation and enhancement of designated</p>	No change required.

		and non-designated heritage assets and for this reason it is not considered necessary for the VDS to include a specific reference.	
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>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 	<p>The VDS addresses a number of the issues in Natural England’s response. The Landscape Setting section highlights the tree and hedgerow lined avenues as being a feature of the village. It also identifies important views into and out of the village. Landscape guidelines L1 and L2 respectively include reference to protecting the visual integrity of the avenues and important views. Building guideline B3 also encourages the retention of existing hedges and trees and new planting with native species.</p> <p>The VDS identifies public and private open spaces and woodland, their retention is encouraged under open space guideline O1.</p> <p>The VDS contains a section on environmental sustainability which deals specifically with habitats including individual sites, wildlife corridors, landscaping and native species. Guidelines aim to protect and enhance the biodiversity value of the village (E1-E6). Linkages to green space beyond the village is not specifically referred to, however, green infrastructure connections are covered by West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Policy BN1 ‘Green Infrastructure Connections’ and for this reason it is not considered necessary for the VDS to include a specific reference.</p>	No change required.

	<p>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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community engagement with the local community is important to ensure that they can contribute from the outset. 	<p>The VDS is an update of an earlier document (adopted 1999) and has been subject to consultation during its preparation. The introduction to the VDS describes the consultation undertaken which includes a survey, meeting and formal consultation by the District Council on the draft.</p>	
Network Rail	<p>Network Rail is the public owner and operator of Britain's railway infrastructure, which includes the tracks, signals, tunnels, bridges, viaducts, level crossings and stations – the largest of which we also manage. All profits made by the company, including from commercial development, are reinvested directly back into the network.</p> <p>Network Rail has no comments.</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p>	<p>No change required.</p>

Responses to the second consultation on the Ravensthorpe Village Design Statement

Respondent	Comments	Suggested Response	Suggested Action
Ricki Pike	<p>Concerning the recent VDS for Ravensthorpe, it is my understanding the village went through a full consultation process and no objections were made, the open day made it clear the areas listed as F, G and H were not in the updated village VDS statement. These areas are not important to the character of the village, in fact the areas H and F offer none or very little view, either as you walk past or drive by. You can see very little of the land. We clearly have other areas in our village which need protecting but the village did speak, when these were not included in the final VDS this year.</p> <p>I believe the Ravensthorpe Parish Council made no objections when planning permission was applied for in area F, indeed they stated that the site would be classed as in fill. I find it amazing that the voice of the village and the Parish Council is not being heard in Daventry.</p> <p>I would be very interested if DDC could explain how / what has happened since the VDS group submitted the latest agreed village design statement. Have all processes been correctly followed? I believe the residents and Parish Council of Ravensthorpe did, have Daventry? Who made the decision the opinion of the village</p>	<p>Following the first consultation it came to the Council's attention that three open spaces that were identified in the current Village Design Statement (VDS) were not included in the update. The decision to consult on the proposed reinstatement of them has been agreed with the Parish Council and recognises their importance. The second consultation gave the public and stakeholders an opportunity to make comments.</p> <p>The three open spaces are considered to be important to the character and setting of Ravensthorpe. They are the only remaining undeveloped sections of Guilsborough Road, located in open countryside which is within the Special Landscape Area. The three open spaces are included in the current VDS and in the intervening period (17 years), the character of the area has not materially changed. There is therefore no sound planning reason for them to be excluded.</p> <p>It should be noted that a relatively large number of representations have been received to this focused consultation, which include representations in favour and against their retention.</p> <p>The comments regarding the Parish Councils views on an earlier application on site F are noted, however, in considering an appeal on that application in March 2015 the inspector concluded that development would significantly harm the character and setting of Ravensthorpe. The inspector found that even though the Council could not demonstrate a five year supply</p>	No change required.

	needs to checked? I do not see the elected government of this country deciding we must have another referendum on leaving Europe.	of housing land, the harm was sufficient to significantly and clearly outweigh the benefits of providing further housing.	
Lucy & Emily Garrett	<p>We have recently found out that the consultation process has been reopened. It is in our understanding the VDS group and the Parish Council submitted the agreed VDS statement for Ravensthorpe a few months ago. We have now been informed the final VDS statement for 2016 has been questioned.</p> <p>We have lived in Ravensthorpe since we were born and we have taken the time to review the VDS statement and do not understand why the decision of the people of Ravensthorpe appears to be questioned. We have also taken the time to view areas F, G & H and quite clearly these are not important parts of the character of the village. In fact two of these areas offer nothing to the character of the village.</p> <p>We have also been informed the VDS group and the Parish Council made no objections when planning permission was applied for in one of these areas, In fact, we believe the parish council classed it as in-fill. Could you please explain why the consultation process is being reopened? The village has many areas that are of very important value to the character of Ravensthorpe.</p>	<p>Following the first consultation it came to the Council's attention that three open spaces that were identified in the current Village Design Statement (VDS) were not included in the update. The decision to consult on the proposed reinstatement of them has been agreed with the Parish Council and recognises their importance. The second consultation gave the public and stakeholders an opportunity to make comments.</p> <p>The three open spaces are considered to be important to the character and setting of Ravensthorpe. They are the only remaining undeveloped sections of Guilsborough Road, located in open countryside which is within the Special Landscape Area. The three open spaces are included in the current VDS and in the intervening period (17 years), the character of the area has not materially changed. There is therefore no sound planning reason for them to be excluded.</p> <p>The comments regarding the Parish Councils views on an earlier application on site F are noted, however, in considering an appeal on that application in March 2015 the inspector concluded that development would significantly harm the character and setting of Ravensthorpe. The inspector found that even though the Council could not demonstrate a five year supply of housing land, the harm was sufficient to significantly and clearly outweigh the benefits of providing further housing.</p>	No change required.

		<p>It should be noted that a relatively large number of representations have been received to this focused consultation, which include representations in favour and against their retention.</p>	
John Matts	<p>I thought the whole point of a VDS was to allow a village to have its say on future development within reason, yet Daventry seems to want to overrule the view of the village such is democracy in DDC area.</p> <p>I understand that during the first period of consultation of the Ravensthorpe VDS there were only 5 comments none of which concerned the open spaces on the Guilsborough Road yet Daventry Planning Department after the period for consultation had closed, decided that they would reject all the hard work of the Ravensthorpe if they did not include these open spaces, such is their attitude towards local democracy.</p> <p>The village (I have served on the Parish Council for over 30 years) have always considered the land between the Orchards and the house on Guilsborough Road known as Roseland to be infill, far better to have the development in the village there than elsewhere, but no doubt Daventry will impose development on this village rather than letting us decide for ourselves.</p>	<p>Following the first consultation it came to the Council's attention that three open spaces that were identified in the current Village Design Statement (VDS) were not included in the update. The decision to consult on the proposed reinstatement of them has been agreed with the Parish Council and recognises their importance. The second consultation was to give the public and stakeholders an opportunity to make comments.</p> <p>The three open spaces are considered to be important to the character and setting of Ravensthorpe. They are the only remaining undeveloped sections of Guilsborough Road, located in open countryside which is within the Special Landscape Area. The three open spaces are included in the current VDS and in the intervening period (17 years), the character of the area has not materially changed. There is therefore no sound planning reason for them to be excluded.</p> <p>The purpose of a VDS is to identify the character of a settlement in order to guide the design of new development. This contrasts with a neighbourhood plan which is primarily concerned with the use and development of land and buildings.</p> <p>It should be noted that a relatively large number of representations have been received to this focused consultation, which include representations in favour</p>	No change required.

		and against their retention.	
Diane Hayes	I would like to say that my husband and I, who are residents of Ravensthorpe, are in favour of the three open spaces being reinstated as the latest amended version refers.	Support for the proposed re-instatement of the three open spaces is welcomed.	
Stephen & Lynn Holt	<p>We have been residents of the village since 1992. Throughout that time, “new” development has existed north of the Guilsborough Road, namely The Orchards and a number of properties between Halls Farm and Hawtoft Farm, and we do not believe that the existence of these properties detracts from the rural qualities of the village.</p> <p>The open spaces named G and H in the VDS are both well-screened by attractive mature trees (many of which are subject to TPOs) and hedgerows, and in our view, it is these features which should be protected, rather than the space immediately behind them. Similarly, “open space” F cannot in fact be easily seen from Guilsborough Road, as it lies behind space J, again consisting of trees and hedgerows.</p> <p>Whilst the residents of Ravensthorpe, in an early VDS questionnaire, overwhelmingly supported the general retention of “open space” (and who wouldn’t!), we understand that not a single objection was raised to the first draft version of the VDS, which omitted spaces F, G and H, but included the much</p>	<p>Following the first consultation it came to the Council’s attention that three open spaces that were identified in the current Village Design Statement (VDS) were not included in the update. The decision to consult on the proposed reinstatement of them has been agreed with the Parish Council and recognises their importance. The second consultation gave the public and stakeholders an opportunity to make comments.</p> <p>The three open spaces are considered to be important to the character and setting of Ravensthorpe. They are the only remaining undeveloped sections of Guilsborough Road, located in open countryside which is within the Special Landscape Area. The three open spaces are included in the current VDS and in the intervening period (17 years), the character of the area has not materially changed. There is therefore no sound planning reason for them to be excluded.</p> <p>The trees and hedgerows bordering the open spaces are an integral feature of their character.</p> <p>It should be noted that a relatively large number of representations have been received to this focused consultation, which include representations in favour and against their retention.</p>	No change required.

	<p>larger and more open spaces named K, L and M.</p> <p>We believe spaces K, L, and M to be of much greater amenity to the village, offering extensive views to the north and east, containing public footpaths and directly connecting the village playing field with to the area of woodland established by the Millennium Trust in 2000.</p> <p>For the reasons given above, therefore, we object to the re-instatement of spaces F, G and H to the Ravensthorpe VDS, and would ask that DDC adopt the original version VDS as supplementary planning guidance.</p>		
Adrienne Patrick	<p>I have recently been made aware that although the revised VDS had removed some “open spaces” from the original 1999 VDS, Daventry District Council requested that they be reinstated and the VDS committee have agreed without consultation to the village people! I thought “open spaces” were places like the village green, playing field etc., not land belonging to private persons and I also thought that Daventry District Council were advised by “the village” rather than the other way round! I therefore am making an objection to the revised VDS as it has been made unfairly!</p>	<p>Following the first consultation it came to the Council’s attention that three open spaces that were identified in the current Village Design Statement (VDS) were not included in the update. The decision to The decision to consult on the proposed reinstatement of them has been agreed with the Parish Council and recognises their importance. The second consultation gave the public and stakeholders an opportunity to make comments.</p> <p>The three open spaces are considered to be important to the character and setting of Ravensthorpe. They are the only remaining undeveloped sections of Guilsborough Road, located in open countryside which is within the Special Landscape Area. The three open spaces are included in the current VDS and in the intervening period (17 years), the character of the area has not materially changed. There is therefore no</p>	No change required.

		<p>sound planning reason for them to be excluded.</p> <p>Any open land can make a positive contribution to the character and setting of a settlement. Both the first and second consultation VDS documents make a distinction between 'public open space' and 'valued open space' (which would include privately owned land), all of which is important for the character and setting of Ravensthorpe.</p> <p>It should be noted that a relatively large number of representations have been received to this focused consultation, which include representations in favour and against their retention.</p>	
Dr John Wallace	<p>I have lived in Ravensthorpe since 1992 and write on behalf of my wife and our children to express our view that the present open spaces in the village are an important feature of the village. These spaces have been present since I first moved to Ravensthorpe and contribute to the countryside context and visual experience of living in the village. Any development on these open spaces, in our opinion, would greatly diminish the quality of our village environment and our experience of living in Ravensthorpe.</p> <p>We respectfully request that the agreed village design statement continues to recognise the importance of preserving the open spaces in Ravensthorpe. From our discussions with fellow villagers, this would appear to be the unanimous view of the residents and we would request that this view is respected.</p>	Support for the proposed re-instatement of the three open spaces is welcomed.	No change required.

John Peachey	<p>Having reviewed the above plan, I see no reason why areas FG&H on the above named plan, should be reinstated after they were withdrawn from the original draft proposals.</p> <p>Since the 1999 plan, the Millennium wood and Pocket park have added considerably to the open space available, far far in excess of areas F, G & H Can you give me the reasoning behind the DC's requirement to reinstate, I fail to see the logic.</p>	<p>Following the first consultation it came to the Council's attention that three open spaces that were identified in the current Village Design Statement (VDS) were not included in the update. The decision to consult on the proposed reinstatement of them has been agreed with the Parish Council and recognises their importance. The second consultation gave the public and stakeholders an opportunity to make comments.</p> <p>The three open spaces are considered to be important to the character and setting of Ravensthorpe. They are the only remaining undeveloped sections of Guilsborough Road, located in open countryside which is within the Special Landscape Area. The three open spaces are included in the current VDS and in the intervening period (17 years), the character of the area has not materially changed. There is therefore no sound planning reason for them to be excluded.</p>	No change required.
Iain & Birthe Baverstock	<p>We are writing to express our view regarding the areas F, G, and H in the Village Design Statement. We think areas G and H should be reinstated as free spaces. Ravensthorpe is situated in a Special Landscape Area characterised by sweeping open views of wide valleys and distant hilltop settlements. Ravensthorpe is classified as a 'Restricted Infill Village' in the saved Local Plan. There are other areas within Ravensthorpe which could be built on and not change the above characteristics.</p>	<p>Support for the proposed re-instatement of the three open spaces is welcomed.</p>	No change required.
Andrew &	<p>We have been made aware that the</p>	<p>Support for the proposed re-instatement of the three</p>	No change required.

Rebecca Cushing	important reference to open space was omitted from the original draft of the 2016 VDS but has subsequently been inserted in the 2nd draft. As the matter is for open consultation until 28 October we would like to confirm our support for the reference to Open Space and in particular the one marked H on the plan in Appendix 3. We moved into Ravensthorpe in December 2013 and have a young family. Our rear garden, used almost daily by the children, has clear views over the Open Spaces marked H and this is very important to our family. This is also important due to the wildlife regularly observed in this area, including Muntjac Deer and Pheasants.	open spaces is welcomed.	
D & M Johnstone	<p>We are writing to strongly object to the decision by Daventry District Council to alter the VDS that Ravensthorpe Parish Council submitted. This specifically refers to the unilateral decision by Daventry Planning Department to require that open spaces F, G and H be put back in to the VDS. During the consultation period from 22nd April to 6th June no objections were made to the VDS that had been submitted.</p> <p>Following widespread consultation in Ravensthorpe by the Parish Council, 96% supported the summary of the views by the current village inhabitants re the Parish Council's VDS. The purpose of a VDS was to put forward the views of those who actually live and work in the village. It is therefore a complete denial of the whole purpose of a</p>	<p>Following the first consultation it came to the Council's attention that three open spaces that were identified in the current Village Design Statement (VDS) were not included in the update. The decision to The decision to consult on the proposed reinstatement of them has been agreed with the Parish Council and recognises their importance. The second consultation gave the public and stakeholders an opportunity to make comments.</p> <p>The three open spaces are considered to be important to the character and setting of Ravensthorpe. They are the only remaining undeveloped sections of Guilsborough Road, located in open countryside which is within the Special Landscape Area. The three open spaces are included in the current VDS and in the intervening period (17 years), the character of the area has not materially changed. There is therefore no sound planning reason for them to be excluded.</p>	No change required.

	<p>VDS if it is unilaterally then changed, without any good reason, by unelected council officers.</p> <p>If for some reasons that are difficult to understand following, particularly when in this case the submission has been a whole village exercise, then it is surely a requirement that those council officers request a public meeting to outline why they wish to override the views of the residents of this village.</p> <p>We therefore request that the thoroughly considered and supported original Ravensthorpe VDS be reinstated.</p>	<p>It should be noted that a relatively large number of representations have been received to this focused consultation, which include representations in favour and against their retention</p>	
Glyn Lewis	<p>Having read the latest village news I'm a little perplexed as to the reinstatement of the 'open spaces' areas on the VDS which was recently modified and then, I am informed, altered on the insistence of DDC planning. A brief tour along the Guilsborough Rd travelling towards Coton would establish that there are no views of open space until a restricted one at the start of the first field of Hawtoft farm and that the next one starts after the last house on Coton Rd when the land drops away. There is no view through Hawtoft Farm, none through 'The Pit' which follows on and a very restricted angle view if you walk 20 metres up the small track between the Pit and The first house in the Hollies. How they can be deemed so valuable as to be preserved is difficult to understand.</p>	<p>Following the first consultation it came to the Council's attention that three open spaces that were identified in the current Village Design Statement (VDS) were not included in the update. The decision to consult on the proposed reinstatement of them has been agreed with the Parish Council and recognises their importance. The second consultation gave the public and stakeholders an opportunity to make comments.</p> <p>The three open spaces are considered to be important to the character and setting of Ravensthorpe. They are the only remaining undeveloped sections of Guilsborough Road, located in open countryside which is within the Special Landscape Area. The three open spaces are included in the current VDS and in the intervening period (17 years), the character of the area has not materially changed. There is therefore no</p>	No change required.

	<p>The topography of the village is such that the best views, apart from the Coton Rd one would have been down the High St looking towards East Haddon, all of which have been lost due to planning having been granted all the way down and backland development. I have absolutely no pecuniary interest in any associated planning matters but think that in this instance a mistake has been made.</p>	<p>sound planning reason for them to be excluded.</p> <p>It should be noted that a relatively large number of representations have been received to this focused consultation, which include representations in favour and against their retention.</p>	
Anonymous	<p>The village is a restricted in-fill village within a Special Landscape Area and therefore special measures are in place to restrict development in accordance with local plans, national plans and in line with the views of local residents via the Village Design Statement (VDS). A village questionnaire done in 2014 had a high response rate of 119 households and I believe accurately reflects the views of people in the village. The previous questionnaire was done in 1998 with a response from 142 households. 96% of those surveyed in the 2014 questionnaire support or strongly support the maintenance of existing open spaces in the village, and 98% of respondents supported or strongly supported views into and out of the village being preserved. Furthermore 93% of respondents wanted the ancient settlement pattern to be respected, with only 1% disagreeing (the rest not expressing a view). This shows consistency with the 1998 questionnaire where of 133 households replying to the question of whether to retain current open spaces only 1.5% disagreed. All</p>	<p>Support for the proposed re-instatement of the three open spaces is welcomed.</p>	<p>No change required.</p>

	<p>of area H in particular falls way outside the village settlement boundary. The other areas under this consultation (F and G) are also outside the settlement boundaries. On this basis the three sites should retain their original designations as a protected open space. Not to do so would be contrary to the views of the villagers and also create a precedent for future development of existing undeveloped countryside.</p> <p>Since 9th August it is the revised view of the VDS Review group that this level of overwhelming support shown in the questionnaire for the status quo, means that there is no justification for the removal of the open space designation from the areas identified in 1999. I.e. areas F, G and H on the map. Although several new areas (K,L and M) have been included which were not in the 1999 VDS, these are all at the north end of the village. Removal of area H as a protected area would leave the south and western fringes of the village without any significant designated open spaces. The prevailing view of the local residents is that all existing open spaces be retained though of course this does not preclude additional designated areas if appropriate.</p> <p>All of the existing open spaces identified provide important visual breaks in the village form and any developments on them would be detrimental to the visual character and amenities of the village fringe and adjoining</p>		
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	<p>rural environment. The open spaces under discussion are each in elevated positions relative to existing dwellings and any development in these areas would have an even greater impact on the village as opposed to developments on less elevated sites. One of the open spaces overlooks an unspoiled valley and is easily visible from the footpath DL6. It is my opinion that this development would impact on this view especially as it would extend beyond the current village envelope as outlined above.</p> <p>98% of respondents in 2014 wanted wildlife protected and 96% wanted trees and hedgerows protected. The open spaces now at risk meet both of these objectives. In or adjacent to the designated open areas I have personally seen over 50 species of wild birds including several from the RSPB's red list along with regular sightings of red kites and buzzards. In addition the open spaces provide wildlife corridors between the pocket park, Top Ardles Wood and the reservoir. The importance of wildlife corridors are highlighted in the VDS and have not changed.</p> <p>In conclusion I support the retention of the areas F, G and H as designated open areas in the Ravensthorpe VDS.</p>		
John Patrick	Guilsborough Road Ravensthorpe (Open Views). I would suggest the building of 10 to 12 properties along Guilsborough Road (North) will make our village complete. They	Following the first consultation it came to the Council's attention that three open spaces that were identified in the current Village Design Statement (VDS) were not included in the update. The decision to The decision	No change required.

	<p>should be low rise, bungalows or similar and the trees must be carefully protected. I suggest a footpath be negotiated between Guilsborough Rd. and the 'back gate' of the pocket park. We live in a village with ample country views which are within 5 minutes walk of all our residents and these include some 20 acres of Parks and playing field not to mention our mostly tree lined approach roads and interconnecting village footpaths.</p>	<p>to consult on the proposed reinstatement of them has been agreed with the Parish Council and recognises their importance. The second consultation gave the public and stakeholders an opportunity to make comments.</p> <p>The three open spaces are considered to be important to the character and setting of Ravensthorpe. They are the only remaining undeveloped sections of Guilsborough Road, located in open countryside which is within the Special Landscape Area. The three open spaces are included in the current VDS and in the intervening period (17 years), the character of the area has not materially changed. There is therefore no sound planning reason for them to be excluded.</p>	
Kay & Martin Lee	<p>We understand that the Village did not object to these Open Space areas being taken off the latest plan but DDC requested them to be reinstated.</p> <p>As residents of the village for 33 years we have given this matter some thought and we regard G, F and J as suitable development / infill sites within the Village boundary along the Guilsborough Road. Provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no building behind any existing dwelling and thereby any proposed development be in line with the existing structure and layout of the village envelope. The viewing strip / gateway along the NE (Coton) side of F/J is maintained. • The development N boundary of F does 	<p>Following the first consultation it came to the Council's attention that three open spaces that were identified in the current Village Design Statement (VDS) were not included in the update. The decision to consult on the proposed reinstatement of them has been agreed with the Parish Council and recognises their importance. The second consultation gave the public and stakeholders an opportunity to make comments.</p> <p>The three open spaces are considered to be important to the character and setting of Ravensthorpe. They are the only remaining undeveloped sections of Guilsborough Road, located in open countryside which is within the Special Landscape Area. The three open spaces are included in the current VDS and in the intervening period (17 years), the character of the area has not materially changed. There is therefore no sound planning reason for them to be excluded.</p>	No change required.

	<p>not protrude any further than the N boundary of Orchard Close (i.e. the end of the NW hedge of Orchard Close).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Based on the earlier stated principles in the design statement we do not consider H to be suitable for development excepting that any infill is no deeper than the N W boundary line of G (i.e. a strip paralleling the Guilsborough Rd) with the remaining bulk of H staying as Open Space - in other words Open Space remaining open behind the current houses on the Guilsborough Road. 	<p>It should be noted that a relatively large number of representations have been received to this focused consultation, which include representations in favour and against their retention</p>	
Linda & Alfred Hudson	<p>After consultation with the village an updated design statement was submitted to DDC. I have since heard that the DDC have rejected the same. In particular the open spaces. The village has been consulted and the statement with regard to open space was as I understand it places that people can enjoy such as playing field, and the Millennium Wood. DDC wants areas F, G and H back in, my point on this issue is 1) the land in question is privately owned and not accessible to the general public, 2) Much time and effort was put into producing this statement. 3) As I understood it the statement was to be the wishes of the Village not DDC.</p>	<p>Following the first consultation it came to the Council's attention that three open spaces that were identified in the current Village Design Statement (VDS) were not included in the update. The decision to The decision to consult on the proposed reinstatement of them has been agreed with the Parish Council and recognises their importance. The second consultation gave the public and stakeholders an opportunity to make comments.</p> <p>The three open spaces are considered to be important to the character and setting of Ravensthorpe. They are the only remaining undeveloped sections of Guilsborough Road, located in open countryside which is within the Special Landscape Area. The three open spaces are included in the current VDS and in the intervening period (17 years), the character of the area has not materially changed. There is therefore no sound planning reason for them to be excluded.</p> <p>Any open land can make a positive contribution to the</p>	No change required.

		<p>character and setting of a settlement. Both the first and second consultation VDS documents make a distinction between ‘public open space’ and ‘valued open space’ (which would include privately owned land), all of which is important for the character and setting of Ravensthorpe.</p> <p>It should be noted that a relatively large number of representations have been received to this focused consultation, which include representations in favour and against their retention.</p>	
Ian & Rachael Humphrey	<p>With regard to the Ravensthorpe Village Design Statement we disagree with the reinstatement of areas F, G and H and feel that we should not as villagers be dictated to. Surely it is the residents of Ravensthorpe who choose what is included and removed not Daventry District Council.</p>	<p>Following the first consultation it came to the Council’s attention that three open spaces that were identified in the current Village Design Statement (VDS) were not included in the update. The decision to The decision to consult on the proposed reinstatement of them has been agreed with the Parish Council and recognises their importance. The second consultation gave the public and stakeholders an opportunity to make comments.</p> <p>The three open spaces are considered to be important to the character and setting of Ravensthorpe. They are the only remaining undeveloped sections of Guilsborough Road, located in open countryside which is within the Special Landscape Area. The three open spaces are included in the current VDS and in the intervening period (17 years), the character of the area has not materially changed. There is therefore no sound planning reason for them to be excluded.</p> <p>It should be noted that a relatively large number of representations have been received to this focused consultation, which include representations in favour</p>	No change required.

		and against their retention.	
Michael O'Donnell	<p>My wife and I would like to record our strong opposition to the proposal to abandon the valuable open space status of the land to the north of Guilsborough Road in Ravensthorpe. The land has always been outside the village envelope, indeed the end of our garden slopes inwards from one corner to the other to follow this line, and several attempts to obtain planning permission have been rejected on these grounds.</p> <p>To build on this land would entirely change the character of the village which has already accommodated development – Dairyfields, Torquemeters and West Haddon Road and others. The area is one of outstanding natural beauty and a previous proposal to develop adjacent land as a gravel pit was rejected partly for this reason.</p> <p>Regarding the proposed abandonment of the open space status of the land on the edge of Ravensthorpe, I understand that some with a massive vested interest in the development of this land are claiming that they have a mandate for this development. If so, I totally disagree that this is the case.</p> <p>There was a village meeting about two years ago at which 98% voted to keep this as open land and from many that I have spoken to, I believe that this is still the case.</p>	Support for the proposed re-instatement of the three open spaces is welcomed.	

	<p>Whilst I am sure that there would be developers have taken all the technically correct steps, I am very concerned that the development will take place by default because very few people are aware of this proposed change. I certainly was not until about a week ago and I live beside the area.</p> <p>I would have expected formal notice of such a major impact on the village and urge you not to allow this to happen at least until the village has been called to a meeting specifically to discuss this.</p>		
Mr C Giles	<p>I write to say that I believe the 3 parcels of land to the north of Guilsborough Road should be kept as open spaces in the village design statement. They are an essential element in maintaining the vital rural aspect of the village. Most of the land to the north of the Guilsborough Road is green space and to lose it would be a devastating blow to the country feeling of the area if it were lost, as well as losing some views across the fields to the valley beyond, all of which are a valuable amenity to the whole village.</p> <p>The fields in question are all designated as agricultural land as well as being part of a Special Landscape Area. Should they be developed I fear that the precedent set would mean that there would be no reason why fields around the whole village and indeed other villages in a similar situation could not be built upon. Any village could then potentially be developed with little recourse to</p>	Support for the proposed re-instatement of the three open spaces is welcomed.	No change required.

	restraint. For these reasons I believe that the 3 fields in question should be retained in the village design statement as open areas.		
Trevor & Pat Foss	<p>We object to the reinstatement of the parcels of land shown as F G &H on the plan for the following reasons.</p> <p>A six week consultation period in June and July was under taken along with a previous village open day when all plans were on display clearly showing the Open Spaces. No objections were made during this consultation regarding the omitting from Open Space designation of these three pieces of land.</p> <p>In the updated VDS questionnaire no plan showing land accompanied the question, "should open spaces be protected". Most village people would have believed this referred to land with public access not private land.</p> <p>The additional Open Space in the updated VDS of the Pocket Park, Millennium Wood and two fields with public access has increased the amount of Open Space areas threefold.</p> <p>F, has no road frontage and is shielded from view by rising ground and a large hedge. The view point at F is very limited from the road side and only really visible through a field gate upon walking along a grass track.</p>	<p>Following the first consultation it came to the Council's attention that three open spaces that were identified in the current Village Design Statement (VDS) were not included in the update. The decision to consult on the proposed reinstatement of them has been agreed with the Parish Council and recognises their importance and is subject to consideration of representations by Strategy Group following the second consultation exercise.</p> <p>The three open spaces are considered to be important to the character and setting of Ravensthorpe. They are the only remaining undeveloped sections of Guilsborough Road, located in open countryside which is within the Special Landscape Area. The three open spaces are included in the current VDS and in the intervening period (17 years), the character of the area has not materially changed. There is therefore no sound planning reason for them to be excluded. Any open land can make a positive contribution to the character and setting of a settlement. Both the first and second consultation VDS documents make a distinction between 'public open space' and 'valued open space' (which would include privately owned land), all of which is important for the character and setting of Ravensthorpe.</p> <p>It should be noted that a relatively large number of representations have been received to this focused consultation, which include representations in favour and against their retention.</p>	No change required.

	<p>When planning permission was applied for in on F 2014, no objections were made by the Parish Council and they regarded F as infill.</p> <p>G, has no amenity value and limited visual value and again is on private land with no public access.</p> <p>H, certainly have no visual or amenity value and is again private land with no public access.</p> <p>This is a village design Statement not a local/neighbourhood Plan. Its contents should not be dictated to by threat of refusal to adopt by DDC Planning Department. Decisions on this are made at the DDC Strategy Group and ratified by full Council.</p> <p>As owners of the land F we would like to make the following suggestion put forward to us by Councillor Richard Micklewright. The view from the right hand side of parcel F has a new hedge planted approximately 18 feet from the boundary.</p> <p>We would have no objection to this strip be given a title perhaps F'a classified as a view point. This would preserve the "view" and also the privacy of the nearby houses.</p>		
Ruth Giles	Having read the original 1999 VDS and the draft 2016 document it is evident that one of the most appreciated characteristics of the village is the proximity of open views over	Support for the proposed re-instatement of the three open spaces is welcomed.	No change required.

	<p>surrounding countryside from various vantage points within the village boundary. Having spoken to neighbours and village residents I cannot understand why the areas F, G and H are now omitted. Surely they cannot be deemed of less value than in 1999 as the views are still so beautiful. Moreover page 6 of the 2016 draft document regarding Guilsborough Road states "views to the north over open country help to retain much of its original rural character". In my opinion all three areas are of equal importance to Ravensthorpe. I am therefore wholly in favour of their reinstatement.</p>		
Annie & Ian Walker	<p>We both feel that the areas marked FGH should be re-instated as open spaces on the Ravensthorpe Village design statement and don't understand why they were left off. These areas give uninterrupted views across the valley and are a haven for wildlife, such as Muntjac deer and foxes.</p> <p>It would be a shame to loose these views and once these areas have lost their status, no doubt they will then be open to new housing developments. Area F has already been the subject of new housing applications, which if allowed would set a precedent for all three areas listed.</p> <p>Ravensthorpe will then become like several villages around here, swamped with new housing, which are difficult to refuse once that precedence has been set.</p>	Support for the proposed re-instatement of the three open spaces is welcomed.	No change required.

<p>Mr S Roffe & Mrs R Roffe</p>	<p>We are writing to formally object to the reinstatement of the three areas marked F, G and H on the draft Ravensthorpe Village Design Statement, VDS6.03, 8 Aug 2016 in accordance with Regulation 12, 13 and 35 – Consultation Statement regarding Supplementary Planning Document.</p> <p>We believe the areas under consideration should not be included as valued open space in the revised VDS for the reasons listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The village went through a public consultation period for six weeks back in April and no one objected to areas F, G and H being taken out at this time. Prior to this consultation period there was an open day and it was very clear that they would not be in the new VDS; • We do not consider these areas to be important to the visual character of the village; • Areas F, G and H are hardly visible from the roadside; • We understand Ravensthorpe Parish Council made no objections when planning permission was applied for on area F, indeed they stated that the site should be classed as infill so how can it now be classed as open space; • There is currently sufficient public open space surrounding the village as stated in the draft VDS, this land is private with no public access and therefore does not 	<p>Following the first consultation it came to the Council's attention that three open spaces that were identified in the current Village Design Statement (VDS) were not included in the update. The decision to The decision to consult on the proposed reinstatement of them has been agreed with the Parish Council and recognises their importance and is subject to consideration of representations by Strategy Group following the second consultation exercise.</p> <p>The three open spaces are considered to be important to the character and setting of Ravensthorpe. They are the only remaining undeveloped sections of Guilsborough Road, located in open countryside which is within the Special Landscape Area. The three open spaces are included in the current VDS and in the intervening period (17 years), the character of the area has not materially changed. There is therefore no sound planning reason for them to be excluded.</p> <p>The comments regarding the Parish Councils views on an earlier application on site F are noted, however, in considering an appeal on that application in March 2015 the inspector concluded that development would significantly harm the character and setting of Ravensthorpe. The inspector found that even though the Council could not demonstrate a five year supply of housing land, the harm was sufficient to significantly and clearly outweigh the benefits of providing further housing.</p> <p>It should be noted that a relatively large number of representations have been received to this focused consultation, which include representations in favour and against their retention.</p>	<p>No change.</p>
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	<p>contribute to the community;</p> <p>The Village Design Statement is only concerned with the visual character of a village and how it might be protected or enhanced, the land in question doesn't have an effect on the character and we don't believe it can be classed as enhancing the village in any way if it's hardly visible.</p> <p>We trust that you will consider this letter when reviewing the final draft of the village design statement.</p>		
Anonymous	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I feel strongly that the three open spaces F, G and H should be retained in the new VDS, just as they were in the previously agreed version of 1999. 2. Prior to the revised VDS being produced this year, a paper questionnaire had been sent to all residents for their views. The response is recorded on www.ravensthorpe.me.uk/village-design-statement [copy attached to original submission]. This shows only 1% did not want to respect the ancient settlement pattern, 2% did not want to preserve remaining open spaces, 1% did not want to protect trees, hedgerows and wildlife. The paper questionnaire delivered to every house had a high response rate of 119 households as all could participate, as it was not done by internet (which a number of villagers do not have access 	Support for the proposed re-instatement of the three open spaces is welcomed.	No change required.

	<p>to.) despite this clear mandate of over 96% wanting to retain existing open spaces, the draft VDS produced earlier last year deleted a substantial specific area of open space that had been in the last VDS. Such a deletion which would encourage development of those sites, is also contrary to the overwhelming questionnaire support re retaining ancient settlement pattern trees, hedgerows, wildlife etc. the new draft has now been updated to reinstate those spaces (F,G and H) and I think that this amendment should be finalized as in accordance with the wishes of the village population as shown in results of the questionnaire.</p> <p>3. The village questionnaire response shows consistency to the one done in 1998 [copy attached to original submission] with the overwhelming majority again wanting to retain current open spaces and not to have development extending the village to the countryside. This was taken into account in the 1999 VDS, so since there has been no change in villagers' views there is no justification to alter the designation of the three sites as open fields.</p> <p>4. I have recently spoken to a number of neighbours who like me were not aware that the earlier draft VDS has excluded these plots or indeed what land is currently under this consultation, which vaguely refers only to fields north of Guilsborough Road and presumes</p>		
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	<p>incorrectly that everyone has internet access to research the matter further. Until two weeks ago, when I raised the issue, there was not even a map to identify the land on the parish noticeboard. Thus the council cannot assume that because it did not receive objections to the earlier draft VDS, that this indicated overwhelming support to that VDS version which ignored the questionnaire results by deleting these 3 sites, as in reality most people were unaware of this issue. Indeed only a small number of individuals appear to have attended the open meeting on the draft and no general notification in the parish newsletter was given to highlight the significant change to the 1999 VDS by the omission of these three sites.</p> <p>5. The sites in question form part of the character of the village and are in elevated positions, so that development would have a visual impact.</p> <p>6. The sites are in open countryside and have not been developed before, so to do so would create a precedent and encourage further planning applications to destroy the natural environment which surrounds the village. The countryside is extremely valued here as it is the gateway to the special landscape area, with many people coming to the village from surrounding areas for horse riding, cycling, walking, visiting the reservoir with its fishing and abundant wildlife including</p>		
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	<p>rarities such as otters. Large current housing developments and wind farm in nearby areas, increases the value of retaining the natural unspoilt countryside amenities in this village for its own as well as surrounding communities.</p> <p>7. The open spaces surrounding the village are an intrinsic part of the village character. Many residents particularly value the proximity to the countryside wherever they live in the village. If sites F, G & H were deleted then the open spaces would be primarily just at one end of the village rather than surrounding it.</p> <p>8. Under HS22 of the 1977 Daventry plan, development in Ravensthorpe is confined to both being within the village and not affecting open spaces of particular significance to the form and character of the village. To delete the three sites would encourage development to extend outside the village in a significant area of current open space and thus contrary to the Daventry plan.</p> <p>9. The VDS review group itself now feels the three sites need to keep their open space status as “it was our view that the overwhelming support for the preservation of open space given in the response to the questionnaire meant that there was no justification for the removal of the designation of the areas identified in 1999”.</p> <p>10. In conclusion for the reasons expressed above I support version 6.03 dated</p>		
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	8.8.2016 of the draft VDS (Which retains the status as shown in the 1999 VDS) of fields F, G and H as open spaces.		
Ann Fowler	<p>I have studied the 2016 plans for Ravensthorpe village and in my view the open spaces marked H, G and F on this draft village design statement should remain as open spaces to preserve the countryside proximity. However I would not opposed to development along the roadside H, G, F & I.</p> <p>A few nicely designed houses along the road would enhance the village and bring more people to use the facilities we are lucky to have in the village, i.e.- shop, pub, many activities in the village hall (including film nights & Pilates).</p> <p>I have been in the village since 1970 and have seen many changes mostly for the good of the village.</p>	Support for the proposed re-instatement of the three open spaces is welcomed.	No change required.
Pauline Smyth	<p>I would like to express my surprise that the new design statement for Ravensthorpe village does not include all of the original open space areas. It seems that areas F, G and H have been removed. The vast majority of the villagers, (I think 98%) said in a questionnaire that they would prefer to keep all of the designated open space as per the original design statement.</p> <p>I strongly object to the removal of areas F, G & H from our new design statement as I feel it is important to keep some open spaces on that side of the village.</p>	Support for the proposed re-instatement of the three open spaces is welcomed.	No change required.
Bob & Thalia	In our view, it is very important for	Support for the proposed re-instatement of the three	No change required.

<p>Pike</p>	<p>Ravensthorpe to maintain its countryside proximity; we are in such a beautiful landscape. Local people considered this to be a very important issue before the 1st Village Design Statement was completed in 1999 and recently in 2016. In our view, the Open Spaces marked HGF & J should be included in the 2016 VDS as they were in the 1999 edition.</p> <p>We have supported a limited scope planning application on F. We would also be supportive of limited roadside development, in keeping with nearby properties on H & G. In all instances -providing the countryside proximity was protected.</p>	<p>open spaces is welcomed.</p>	
<p>Terry & Chris Leagas</p>	<p>As you are aware Ravensthorpe is a very small village surrounded by acres of open countryside. We have a large playing field, large woodland and a small pocket park all within 400 yards of any resident in the village. We therefore see no valid reason for Daventry District Council to re-instate the parcels of land (ref F. G & H) in the Guilsborough Road back into the Village Design Statement. This land would only be available for the villagers to look at - not to use.</p> <p>We do not agree that Daventry District Council should be able to make this decision on our behalf. We therefore strongly disagree with this being allowed to happen.</p>	<p>Following the first consultation it came to the Council's attention that three open spaces that were identified in the current Village Design Statement (VDS) were not included in the update. The decision to consult on the proposed reinstatement of them has been agreed with the Parish Council and recognises their importance and is subject to consideration of representations by Strategy Group following the second consultation exercise.</p> <p>The three open spaces are considered to be important to the character and setting of Ravensthorpe. They are the only remaining undeveloped sections of Guilsborough Road, located in open countryside which is within the Special Landscape Area. The three open spaces are included in the current VDS and in the intervening period (17 years), the character of the area has not materially changed. There is therefore no</p>	<p>No change required.</p>

		<p>sound planning reason for them to be excluded.</p> <p>It should be noted that a relatively large number of representations have been received to this focused consultation, which include representations in favour and against their retention.</p>	
Glen & Sarah Giles	<p>I send this email regarding the reinstatement of 3 open spaces marked F, G and H on the VDS. With regard to the open spaces in question to the north of Guilsborough Road I see no reason why their designation should be altered from the previous VDS. Their combined effect maintains the rural nature of the village, which would be lost if there were any development.</p> <p>The views to the north of the village are appreciated by many and should be kept for future generations to come. Consequently, I am fully in favour of the reinstatement of the 3 open spaces in the village design statement.</p>	<p>Support for the proposed re-instatement of the three open spaces is welcomed.</p>	No change.
Joanna Pike	<p>I am writing in regards to the Ravensthorpe Village Design Statement. I am confused as to why the areas F, G and H are even being discussed again.</p> <p>After a full consultation and an open day, no one felt that areas F, G and H should be included in the revised VDS, so who or what from Daventry planning decided that the VDS group in our village should reconsider the original decision.</p>	<p>Following the first consultation it came to the Council's attention that three open spaces that were identified in the current Village Design Statement (VDS) were not included in the update. The decision to consult on the proposed reinstatement of them has been agreed with the Parish Council and recognises their importance and is subject to consideration of representations by Strategy Group following the second consultation exercise.</p> <p>The three open spaces are considered to be important</p>	No change.

	<p>I think that Daventry Planning office should respect the original feeling of village. The fore mentioned areas, which are on private land with no public access should be left out of the revised VDS as they have little or no view and add nothing to the character of the village.</p>	<p>to the character and setting of Ravensthorpe. They are the only remaining undeveloped sections of Guilsborough Road, located in open countryside which is within the Special Landscape Area. The three open spaces are included in the current VDS and in the intervening period (17 years), the character of the area has not materially changed. There is therefore no sound planning reason for them to be excluded.</p> <p>It should be noted that a relatively large number of representations have been received to this focused consultation, which include representations in favour and against their retention.</p>	
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