

Daventry District Council

**Bringtons and Nobottle
Village Design Statement**

Supplementary Planning Document

Statement of Consultation

Adopted October 2018



Introduction

This report sets out the consultation undertaken on the Bringtons and Nobottle 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 24th May 2018 the Council's Strategy Group resolved that consultation could take place on the VDS.

Consultation

Consultation commenced on 29th May 2018. Landowners, Parish Councils, statutory consultees 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.

A Consultation Notice was also placed on the website, all district libraries and in the Council Offices, 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 10th July 2018.

Comments received.

Four 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 13th September 2018 followed by Full Council on 4th October 2018 when the document was adopted.

Appendix A

Bringtons and Nobottle 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 the Bringtons and Nobottle. The document will, when adopted, provide design guidance for development in Brington 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 29th May and closes at 5pm on Tuesday 10th July 2018.

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 Tuesday 10th July 2018** at the latest.

Comments cannot be accepted after this time.

Jane Parry
Senior Policy Officer (Planning)

Appendix B Schedule of Comments, Agreed Responses and Actions

Under 'Suggested Action', new text is shown as underlined; deleted text is shown as ~~strike through~~.

Respondent	Summary of Comments	Suggested Response	Suggested Action
Althorp Estate	<p>Althorpe Estate is a major stakeholder in the Brington Villages and Nobottle and was not consulted during the VDSs preparation.</p> <p>The Estate surrounds the villages and Nobottle and owns considerable landholdings. The Estate is part of the essential history of this part of Northamptonshire.</p>	<p>The Statement of Community Involvement (SCI), which was reviewed and adopted in May 2017, sets out the requirements for consultation on supplementary planning documents which include village design statements. The SCI sets out the requirement of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations for the Council to undertake a minimum of four weeks of consultation on a draft VDS, although the Council usually extends this to six weeks.</p> <p>Most VDS working groups undertake consultation with residents to raise awareness and gather views early in the process in order to identify local issues. This is usually followed by consultation on the form of the VDS before it is finalised and submitted to the Council. The draft Bringtons and Nobottle VDS sets out in the introduction the consultation that was undertaken with residents in</p>	No change.

	<p>There is little reference to tourism. This is an important part and will be a growing part of the rural economy. It should be given more recognition.</p> <p>Environment and Landscape Guideline E1 makes reference to village envelopes. These need to be defined in the document or reference deleted.</p>	<p>producing the draft. The VDS volunteer group identified Althorp Estate as a major landowner and the Council directly consulted them regarding the draft VDS in accordance with the SCI. They have responded accordingly within the prescribed timescale for making comments.</p> <p>Section 5 'Economy' makes reference to low key tourism and specifically mentions Althorp House as an attraction. As a village design statement (as opposed to a neighbourhood development plan), the purpose of the Bringtons and Nobottle VDS is to define the character of settlements and provide guidelines to ensure that the appearance of change and new development is sympathetic to that character, rather than promote local employment/tourism.</p> <p>The physical extent of a settlement is generally referred to as 'confines' in the District. In this case, the expression 'open countryside' would be appropriate because confines have not been physically defined for Great Brington, Little Brington or</p>	<p>No change.</p> <p>Amend guideline E1 (page 9) as follows: "E1. Unencumbered Open countryside surrounding the village envelopes <u>around villages</u> is important and as a</p>
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	<p>Environment and Landscape Guideline E6 – term ‘preserve’ should be replaced with ‘conserve’.</p>	<p>Nobottle.</p> <p>The term ‘preserve’ implies that no change is allowed or can take place. It would be more appropriate to use ‘conserve’ or ‘protect’. It would also be useful for the guideline to indicate where in the VDS valued open spaces are identified.</p>	<p>recognised part of the local Special Landscape Area it warrants protection.”</p> <p>Amend guideline E6 (page 9) as follows: “E6. The open spaces valued by residents provide a window to the countryside and contribute to the rural character of Brington’s villages and should be <u>protected</u> preserved. <u>Valued open spaces are shown on the maps in Appendix 1.</u>”</p> <p>Consequential amendments will be made as follows: Reference to the post office (page 11): “The Post Office in particular is an integral part of the community and every effort should be made to <u>preserve</u> <u>conserve</u> and support it.”</p> <p>Guideline S2 (page 19)</p>
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			<p>“The impact on surrounding views of infill development or extensions should be considered so that they are sympathetic to the context in which they sit. The countryside proximity enjoyed by the villages must <u>should</u> be preserved <u>protected</u>.”</p> <p>Section 9 Conclusion, first paragraph (page 29): “The Bringtons and Nobottle are rich in both buildings and landscape, and there is a strong desire to preserve <u>conserve and enhance</u> the character of the parish.”</p> <p>Section 9 Conclusion, second paragraph (page 29): “We should strive to preserve <u>conserve</u> the best;”</p> <p>Self assessment guide, 4th bullet point (page 30):</p>
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	<p>Section 5 Economy – the VDS should recognise the local economy and tourism should be emphasised. There are potential local employment opportunities in the village which should be advocated.</p> <p>Paragraph 7.3 Design features – we believe that there are no flat roofs and suggest that they are avoided.</p>	<p>Section 5 ‘Economy’ makes reference to the local economy. As a village design statement (as opposed to a neighbourhood development plan), the purpose of the Bringtons and Nobottle VDS is to define the character of settlements and provide guidelines to ensure that the appearance of change and new development is sympathetic to that character, rather than promote employment/tourism opportunities.</p> <p>The VDS does not refer to flat roofs. The section on roofs and chimneys refers to steep pitched roofs being the traditional form. Buildings guideline B1 states that new development should maintain the overall character, fit in aesthetically with neighbouring properties and respect the village vernacular.</p>	<p>“If not, consider how else your ultimate objective may be achieved in a manner that <u>preserves conserves and enhances the heritage character</u> of the property.”</p> <p>No change.</p> <p>No change.</p>
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	<p>Paragraph 7.7 Infill – mixed messages regarding further development. There are references to both the need for development and total preservation.</p> <p>The policy should be the need for limited organic growth, not just single infills so that the local services do not wither. This is a sustainable settlement and important facilities should be enhanced. There should be a more positive approach to support local facilities.</p> <p>Replace ‘preserve’ with ‘conserve’ because preservation means no change, which is unhealthy.</p>	<p>As a village design statement (as opposed to a neighbourhood development plan), the purpose of the Bringtons and Nobottle VDS is to define the character of settlements and provide guidelines to ensure that the appearance of change and new development is sympathetic to that character, rather than promote sustainable development. The VDS contains guidelines rather than policies to provide information on how local character can be protected and enhanced. It is accepted that the term ‘preserve’ is inappropriate in some circumstances and that ‘conserve’ would be more appropriate.</p>	<p>Amend second paragraph in section 7.7 (page 24) as follows: “...88% of respondents from the village questionnaire considered that it is important to preserve the look <u>conserve the character and appearance</u> of the villages.”</p>
Flore Parish Council	No comments on the consultation.	Noted.	No change.
National Grid	<p>An assessment has been carried out of National Grid’s electricity and gas transmission apparatus which includes high voltage electricity assets and high pressure gas pipelines. The following high voltage overhead powerline falls within the neighbourhood area boundary: ZL – 400kV from East Claydon substation in Aylesbury to Enderby</p>	The document is a village design statement (not a neighbourhood plan) and does not make site allocations.	No change.

	<p>substation in Blaby. From the consultation information provided, this line does not interact with any of the proposed development sites.</p> <p>Whilst there are no implications for National Grid's distribution intermediate/high pressure apparatus, there may be low pressure/medium pressure gas distribution pipes present within the proposed development sites.</p>	<p>The document is a village design statement (not a neighbourhood plan) and does not make site allocations.</p>	<p>No change.</p>
Natural England	<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. The following is general advice that would be expected to be considered in preparing a VDS:</p> <p><i>Landscape</i> VDSs should give consideration to their impact on protected landscapes (national parks and AONBs). Landscape character assessments provide context for looking at possible changes and seeking to ensure countryside character is protected and enhanced. They are a useful tool and</p>	<p>The District does not contain nor is it adjacent to a statutorily protected landscape such as a national park or AONB. The District has an up to date landscape character appraisal and reference should be made in the VDS to the relevant section.</p>	<p>Amend the introduction to Section 3 Environment and Landscape (page 5) by adding a new paragraph as follows: <u>"The parish is located in Landscape Character Type 13 Undulating Hills</u></p>

	<p>should be cross referenced in the VDS to ensure it makes a positive contribution to design, form and location to the character and function of the landscape and avoids any unacceptable impacts.</p> <p><i>Green infrastructure (GI) and sustainable design</i> GI is a network of green spaces, water and other environmental features in urban and rural areas. In rural areas it includes farmland, woodland, wetlands or other natural features. It maintains critical ecological links between town and country. The VDS could promote</p>	<p>Section 3 of the VDS provides a broad description of the landscape of the parish and details of the types of local GI. It also provides information about local wildlife and emphasises the importance of GI as wildlife habitats. However, guideline</p>	<p>and Valley (LCT130 and specifically, <u>Landscape Character Area 13c: Long Buckby (LCT13)</u>. <u>The 'Daventry Landscape Character Assessment' sets out the characteristics for this landscape character area and a strategy for conserving and enhancing the landscape.</u>"</p> <p>Amend guideline E2 (page 9) as follows: ".....should be encouraged. <u>The Landscape Guidelines in the Daventry Landscape Character Appraisal for LCT13 should be referred to.</u>"</p> <p>Amend guideline E2 (page 9) as follows: "E2. Landscaping measures that protect and enhance existing wildlife environments and help to create new <u>and</u></p>
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	<p>high quality and multi-function GI. Natural England guidance provides an introduction to delivering GI at a local scale.</p> <p><i>Biodiversity</i> VDS should have recognised and referenced 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 local and neighbouring biodiversity resources. The TCPA has produced a practical and design orientated guide. The local Wildlife Trust and local environmental record centre should have been consulted and local and national biodiversity action plans referenced where relevant.</p> <p><i>Community engagement</i> Natural England is committed to involving the community in its work and keen to see this principle adopted as part of the VDS process.</p>	<p>E2 would benefit from an amendment to emphasise that GI is a network of connected spaces. It would be worth referencing the Natural England guidance in the VDS.</p> <p>The Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire was consulted and did not respond. Appendix 2 of the VDS refers to the District’s Biodiversity SPD, it would be worth making reference to it in the guidelines.</p> <p>The introduction to the VDS sets out the fairly extensive consultation that has been undertaken to produce the draft document.</p>	<p><u>connected habitats.....”</u></p> <p>See also proposed change below regarding Natural England guidance.</p> <p>Amend the environment and landscape guidelines by adding the following to the end of the section (page 9): <u>“Daventry District Council has published a Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document which provides useful guidance on how biodiversity should be taken into account in the planning process. Natural England has published guidance on delivering green infrastructure at a local scale.”</u></p> <p>No change.</p>
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The following change is proposed to reflect changes to the public transport service:

<p>Bringtons and Nobottle VDS volunteer group</p>	<p>The transport section should be amended to reflect the fact that the Centrebus service is no longer operating.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>	<p>Amend section 4.5 (page 12) as follows: “.....Birmingham to Euston route. Centrebus provides a return bus service to and from Northampton on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday mornings. There are currently no public transport services into the villages.”</p>
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The following changes are proposed to include two existing community facilities that were not detailed in the draft version of the VDS:

<p>Bringtons and Nobottle VDS volunteer group</p>	<p>Include two recreation areas in Great Brington and Little Brington.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>	<p>Amend section 4.2 (pages 11 and 12) as follows: Amenities Great Brington <u>Kimbells Field, on Back Lane, provides a secure playing area for the village, and is used for village events.</u> Little Brington <u>The Playing Field, adjacent to the Primary</u></p>
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			<u>School, provides safe playing facilities for the village, including swings and space for ball games.</u>
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