

**Daventry District Council**

**Great Oxendon Village Design  
Statement**

**Supplementary Planning Document**

**Statement of Consultation**

**Adopted October 2016**



## Introduction

This report sets out the consultation undertaken on the Great Oxendon 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 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016 the Council's Strategy Group resolved that consultation could take place on the VDS.

## Consultation

Consultation commenced on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2016. Parish Councils and adjoining Local Authorities were notified along with statutory bodies.

## 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 consultation 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 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

## Comments received.

Seven 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 will be reported to the Council's Strategy Group on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016 followed by Full Council on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016 when the document will be considered for adoption.

## Appendix A

### **Great Oxendon 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 Great Oxendon. The document will, when adopted, provide design guidance for development in Great Oxendon 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 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2016 and closes at 5pm on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 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](mailto:planningpolicy@daventrydc.gov.uk) by 4.30pm on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 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**

	<b>Respondent</b>	<b>Summary of Comments</b>	<b>Suggested Response</b>	<b>Suggested Action</b>
1	Cllr Cecile Irving-Swift	Great Oxendon parish kept me informed during the process and had my full support. I made my remarks to the parish council early in the “making” stage so I have nothing to add to the consultation, except that to say Well done.	No response required. Comment noted.	None
2	Natural England	Natural England is a non-departmental public body, with the purpose of ensuring the conservation, enhancement and management of the natural environment. Natural England welcomes design guidelines that respect and where possible, enhance the character and local distinctiveness of the surrounding natural and built environment, use natural resources more sustainably and bring benefits to the local community. Offers the following general advice: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Give appropriate consideration to protected landscapes.</li> <li>• Cross reference local landscape character assessments.</li> <li>• National Character Area Profiles are useful to identify opportunities for positive environmental change.</li> </ul>	The VDS identifies two important views to the village, and includes guidelines related to these locally important landscapes and also guidelines related to retaining mature trees and other natural features. Reference to the Northamptonshire Landscape Character Assessment will be included in the VDS as per the suggested action column. 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.  The VDS does not refer to greenspace networks,	On page 14 underneath the ‘Woodlands and Open Spaces’ section, include the following: <b>Landscape</b> Great Oxendon lies in the Clay Plateau character area, specifically the Naseby Plateau according to the Northamptonshire Landscape Character Assessment. The area is characterised by a predominance of large arable fields emphasising the undulating landform. Smaller scale pastoral fields grazed largely by sheep are found around village settlements. A combination of boundary

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green infrastructure is relevant in the rural context and the VDS could usefully promote high quality and multifunctional green infrastructure.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Features like trees, green facades and green roofs can be important in increasing ecological connectivity between green spaces.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	<p>biodiversity 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 biodiversity is covered by Policy BN2, and for this reason it is not considered necessary for the VDS to include a specific reference. Consultation has been undertaken in the parish in the form of a public meeting in advance of the draft VDS consultation.</p>	<p>features defines fields and woodland cover is limited. There are important views around the village that demonstrate this character and the VDS will seek to protect these. These are illustrated in Appendix 1.</p>
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		Community engagement with the local community is important to ensure that they can contribute from the outset.		
3	Network Rail	Network Rail has no comments.	No response required. Comment noted.	None
4	Historic England	The VDS includes a number of designated heritage assets including 1 GII* building, 3 GII buildings and 1 Scheduled Ancient Monument. It is important that the strategy for this area safeguards those elements which contribute to the importance of those heritage assets. This will assist in ensuring they can be enjoyed by future generations of the area and ensure it is in line with national planning policy.	Pages 4-7 consider the heritage assets in the village and guidelines for protecting historic character are included in the VDS.  The historic environment is also covered by Policy BN5 of the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy and for this reason it is not considered necessary for the VDS to include a specific reference to protection of designated heritage assets.	None
5	Anglian Water	On this occasion we have no comments to make or concerns to raise relevant to Anglian Water.	No response required. Comment noted.	None.
6	Youth Sports Trust	The pathways and access to the Brampton Valley Way are in a particularly poor state and need replacing. The document should state the urgency to achieve this and to connect the village to both the Brampton Valley linear park via the	Comment noted. However, Village Design Statements are concerned with the visual character of a village and how it might be protected or enhanced rather than detail what type of development should take place or	Move second paragraph of 'Transport – Cars' section to 'Footpaths & Walkways' section for clarity.

		<p>Braybrooke Road and the A508 to the railway station. Access for those using wheelchairs and pushchairs is particularly poor. There also should be provision for a footpath that connects the village to Market Harborough as HDC have achieved up to the edge of the county boundary which will encourage walking and physical activity.</p>	<p>the state of local services.</p> <p>Page 18 considers the footpaths and walkways in Great Oxendon. For clarity, some of this detail should be moved from the 'Transport – Cars' section to the 'Footpaths &amp; Walkways' section.</p> <p>The Brampton Valley Way is identified in the WNJCS as a sub-regional Green Infrastructure corridor and is therefore protected by Policy BN1 of the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy. For this reason it is not considered necessary for the VDS to include a specific reference to maintaining and enhancing the route.</p>	
		<p>The statement doesn't go far enough with regards to suggesting how the traffic calming measure will be adopted. We are not in favour of average speed cameras as they are expensive, unsightly and ineffective. There should be a 'chicane' entrance at all three points of access to the village (including Main Street) and 30 MPH on the A508 and 20MPH on Main Street as statutory speed limits. The</p>	<p>Comment noted. However, Village Design Statements are concerned with the visual character of a village and how it might be protected or enhanced rather than detail what type of development should take place or the state of local services.</p> <p>It is not for the VDS to state exactly what traffic calming</p>	<p>None</p>

	<p>speed of traffic on the A508 particularly means the village is effectively split in 2 and doesn't allow for safe access to the park or the pub for families. With the expansion of the park and the refurbishment and reopening of the pub the ability to be safe in that part of the village is critical.</p>	<p>measure should be introduced. This would have to be determined in conjunction with statutory stakeholders however the issue is considered within the VDS on page 19.</p>	
	<p>There should be more reference to the areas of the village where development of residential properties are allowed, particularly where there are obvious buildings that were previously working buildings or where there are unsightly buildings in need of redevelopment but where current planning policy doesn't allow. As long as redevelopment is in keeping with the look and feel of the village then this should be explicit.</p>	<p>Comment noted. However, it is considered that this is addressed through the Future Development criteria, specifically criterion 11.</p>	None
	<p>The VDS needs to state in no uncertain terms that there should be no industrialisation of the surrounding countryside that affects the views and environment within Great Oxendon. Consistent planning applications for wind turbines, anaerobic digesters and solar farms are not needed with regards to the County's environmental quotas and have no regard for the heritage of the area. To that end there</p>	<p>Comment noted. However, the VDS gives protection to two important views from the village in guideline 10 and illustrates these in Appendix 1 and 2.</p> <p>Although there is no specific reference made to the Naseby Battle, the VDS seeks to ensure developments respect the historical character of the village</p>	None

		is no statement made about the Naseby Battle and the rich heritage of the village with regards to that event.	in guideline 1.	
		Wouldn't it be great if there was a section within the VDS that highlighted all of the elements that are within or could be within the village that promotes wellbeing. These elements should touch on resident a) being active, b) being connected, c) being together, d) being social and e) being well. Some of the points I have made above could bring that about but with a broader thought process about how the population both young and old feel about themselves and the community they live in is critical for long term health.	Comment noted. However, Village Design Statements are predominantly concerned with the visual character of a village and how it might be protected or enhanced. Wellbeing does not fall into the remit of a Village Design Statement. It is however covered by the Daventry District Community Strategy (2014).	None
7	Highways England	Highways England notes from the VDS that the Parish Council has received many comments in support of traffic calming measures being implemented on the A508, and acknowledges that such measures could help to ease residents' concerns regarding the A508 traffic passing through the village. However, the A508 provides a diversion route (as agreed in consultation with relevant stakeholders) for A14 traffic when the	Noted. VDS to be amended as per 'Suggested Action' column.	Include sentence on page 19 at the end of paragraph regarding traffic calming to state: Consultation should take place with Highways England regarding any proposals for traffic calming on the A508.

		<p>latter is affected by major road works and incidents.</p> <p>It is considered that the implementation of physical traffic calming measures on this route could adversely affect the A508's role as a diversionary route for the A14. Highways England would therefore wish to see that full consideration is given to measures such as Interactive Traffic Signs – Vehicle Activated and Variable Message, prior to any consideration of physical traffic calming measures on the A508. Highways England would be happy to engage further with the Parish Council in this regard.</p>		
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