

**St Barnabas West Neighbourhood Design Statement**  
**Analysis of Comments on Draft NDS**

<b>Name</b>	<b>NDS Ref</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Response</b>	<b>Recommended Change</b>
K & D Paskins	General	Strongly support Statement's design principles in order to stop fragmentary development by profit-motivated businesses destroying the neighbourhood	Supportive remarks noted.	None.
D & S Sawyer	General	Emphasise need for pre-application consultation and effect of increases in traffic movements on road safety.	Remarks, which support paras 7 and 47, noted.	None.
P Rosa	para 7	Pre-application consultation should recognise the importance of the semi-rural character of the area	Supportive remarks noted.	None.
P Rosa	para 15	Existing open spaces need to be retained.	Remarks, which support Guideline 5, noted.	None.
P Rosa	para 39	Need for effective solutions to traffic issues.	Supportive remarks noted.	None.
M J Beard	Design Guidelines 1, 2, 6, 7, 10.	Adoption of these guidelines and provision for protection of trees at the pre-application stage will assist retention of the semi-rural nature of the area and screening of new developments, at least in summer.	Supportive remarks noted. The NDS could be strengthened to refer to the need to take account of trees at the pre-application stage.	Design Guideline 7, first bullet point, amend to read: "... particular attention should be paid, <i>including at the pre-application stage</i> , to Tree Preservation Orders..."
Cllr Beveridge	Design Guideline 3	Delete 'pollution' in 'External lighting pollution' and add 'minimise light pollution' at end of guideline.	It is agreed that this would improve Design Guideline 3.	Design Guideline 3, amend to read: "External lighting should be kept to a minimum wattage and at a low height so as to retain the semi-rural ambience <i>and minimise light pollution.</i> "

Cllr Beveridge	Design Guideline 6, bullet point 3	Replace 'a natural vegetation cover' with 'informal landscaping and vegetation'.	It is agreed that this would improve Design Guideline 6 and reflect also the <i>Biodiversity in Urban Gardens</i> project findings.	Design Guideline 6, third bullet point, amend to read: " <i>informal landscaping and a range of vegetation heights</i> is preferred in this context to more formal landscape design...."
Cllr Beveridge	Design Guideline 6, bullet point 4	Replace 'where possible as wildlife support' with 'to provide habitat which will encourage wildlife'.	It is agreed that this would improve Design Guideline 6, bullet point 4.	Design Guideline 6, fourth bullet point, amend to read: "...hedges should be retained <i>to provide habitat which will encourage wildlife</i> in addition to ..."
Environment Agency	Design Guidelines 6-10	Natural habitats should be enhanced and new areas created.	It is agreed that this section could be strengthened to refer to enhancing / creating habitats.	Design Guideline 6, add new bullet point (5), to read: " <i>Existing natural habitats should not only be retained and maintained but, where possible, enhanced and new areas created.</i> "
Cllr Beveridge	Design Guideline 8	Replace 'existing structures' with 'existing ponds' and replace 'similar structures' with 'similar water features'	It is agreed that this would improve Design Guideline 8.	Design Guideline 8, amend to read: "...Existing <i>ponds</i> should be retained where possible or, at least, replaced with similar <i>water features</i> which fulfil the same functions."
M J Beard	Design Guideline 11	Adherence to this guideline would reduce apprehension of residents in view of several recent inappropriate developments	Supportive remarks noted.	None
M J Beard	Design Guideline 12	Pre-application consultation would help to reduce residents' frustration and resentment with current planning procedures.	Remarks, which also support para 7, noted.	None
Hampshire Constabulary	Design Guideline 12	Inclusion of a Crime Prevention Design Advisor would assist pre-application consultations regarding site / house security.	It is agreed that this would improve Design Guideline 12.	Design Guideline 12, add new sentence at the end of the Guideline: " <i>A Crime Prevention Advisor should be included in pre-application consultation for sites of 5 or more dwellings or other building work where relevant. 'Secured by Design' standards and certification should be employed.</i> "

M J Beard	Design Guidelines 13 & 14	These guidelines should avoid repetition of some recent questionable developments.	Supportive remarks noted.	None.
Hampshire Constabulary	Design Guideline 14	A Crime Prevention Design Advisor would be able to assist in pre-application consultations on underground car parking.	It is agreed that this would improve Design Guideline 14.	Design Guideline 14, add new sentence at the end of the Guideline: <i>“A Crime Prevention Design Advisor should be included in pre-application consultation regarding the design of underground car parking and application of relevant ‘Secured by Design’ guidelines.”</i>
M J Beard	Design Guidelines 15 & 18	Traffic congestion on Stockbridge Road can only worsen with more development. Widening of lanes in the area as a response to increased traffic would be an act of vandalism.	Remarks, which also support para 39, noted.	None.
Environment Agency	Design Guideline 17	Intensifying development can increase rainfall runoff - see PPS 25.	It is agreed that Design Guideline 17 could be expanded to refer to PPS25.	Design Guideline 17, amend to read: <i>“...aquifers of this area, in line with PPS 25: Development and Flood Risk, while ensuring pollution of groundwater does not occur.”</i>
Hampshire Constabulary	Design Guideline 19	Sufficient signage should be provided so that people do not get lost or confused	It is agreed that this would improve Design Guideline 19	Design Guideline 19, amend to read: <i>“...should be minimal, without loss of essential information, while the use of natural materials...”</i>
M J Beard	Design Guideline 21	Inadequate off-road parking in new developments will cause problems in the area.	Remark, in support of guideline 21, noted.	None.
Hampshire Constabulary	Design Guideline 21	On-site car parking should adhere to Secure By Design guidelines.	It is agreed that this would improve Design Guideline 21.	Design Guideline 21, add new sentence at the end of the Guideline: <i>“The design of on-site car parking should reflect ‘Secured by Design’ guidelines and certification and ‘Better Places to Live – By Design’.”</i>
Cllr Beveridge Environment	Bio-diversity survey results Bio-diversity survey	Contradiction where some animal species are recorded as both ‘rarely’ and ‘commonly’ seen. Identify contributions to UK or	It is agreed that further clarification would improve this aspect of the NDS. It is proposed that new paragraphs are added	Appendix 4 Biodiversity Survey Results, add new paragraphs at the beginning of the Appendix: <i>“The biodiversity survey aimed to gather preliminary data on which trees and animal species were present in the area in 2006. A sample of residents was asked to report which species they had seen during the year (see paragraphs 19 and 20 and Map 3). Of course, residents have</i>

<p>Agency</p>	<p>results and para 22</p>	<p>Hampshire Biodiversity Action Plans.</p>	<p>following the heading 4. Biodiversity Survey Results (p.25) to respond to these comments .</p>	<p><i>varied experience in identifying wildlife. They may also put out food for animals or design their gardens to encourage wildlife visitors. Such factors may have caused the occasional and seeming aberration in results where some animal species were reported as being both rarely and commonly seen. However, the results do provide the required initial picture for the area.</i></p> <p><i>A repetition of the survey is being considered to refine and align the methodology with standard techniques and broaden the breadth and depth of species recording. The HBIC and Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust can supply technical information/support and the Hampshire Biodiversity Action Plan, (Habitat Action Plan 21, Urban) indicates how local interest groups can contribute to this initiative. Future findings on priority species and those increasing or in decline would be reported to HBIC and Hampshire BAP with possible involvement of their Recorders for confirmation of sightings.”</i></p>												
<p>Environment Agency</p>	<p>Sustainability Appraisal</p>	<p>Encourage further discussion and strengthening of policies found by the Sustainability Appraisal to be likely to have a significant impact.</p>	<p>It may not have been apparent that there is discussion of the Sustainability Appraisal results in the main part of the NDS (paragraphs 42-47). However, it is agreed that further discussion of the Sustainability Appraisal results would improve this aspect of the NDS. It is proposed that a new heading and text is added, to follow paragraph 46.</p> <p>Additionally, the Sustainability Appraisal has been reviewed in relation to policies likely to have</p>	<p>Sustainability Appraisal section, add new text after paragraph 46 (and re-number existing paragraph 47):</p> <p><i>Access to Wildlife</i></p> <p><i>47. Recent analysis from the Sheffield University BUGS project suggests strongly that the reason why gardens can be more important for wildlife than some countryside is that they offer a mosaic of habitats which can support a much greater variety of wildlife when compared with fields. Agriculture and development are two key issues in Hampshire which have affected plant and animal populations adversely over the last 50 years (Hampshire BAP). There may be additional reasons for these effects but using ‘brownfield’ sites for housing, without an environmental component in the design, may well have negative effects on wildlife.</i></p> <p>Appendix 5 Sustainability Appraisal, amend the tables as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1319 1337 1865 1474"> <tr> <td>Guideline</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>3</td> <td>4</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Access to wildlife/nature sites</td> <td>+</td> <td>+</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>?</td> </tr> </table>	Guideline	1	2	3	4	5	Access to wildlife/nature sites	+	+	0	0	?
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			a significant impact. This has resulted in changes being recommended to the tables.	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Guideline</td> <td>6</td> <td>7</td> <td>8</td> <td>9</td> <td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Access to wildlife/nature sites</td> <td>+</td> <td>+</td> <td>+</td> <td>+</td> <td>+</td> </tr> </table>	Guideline	6	7	8	9	10	Access to wildlife/nature sites	+	+	+	+	+
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Environment Agency	Conclusion (para 48)	The simplistic and generalised summation fails to address options/policies adequately	Paragraph 48 is the Conclusion for the whole NDS, not just the Sustainability Appraisal Conclusion. There is already a section on the outcomes of the SA, which it is proposed to expand (see above). However, it is recommended that this be moved alongside the SA results to avoid confusion.	<p>Sustainability Appraisal section (Paragraphs 42–47), move to the beginning of Appendix 5: Sustainability Appraisal.</p> <p>Paragraph 43, amend to read: ‘...A Table from the Plan is shown below and lists 13 criteria... ...The results appear below as Sustainability Tables for Landscape Setting...’</p>												

Abbreviations:

BAP: Biodiversity Action Plan  
 BUGS: Biodiversity in Urban Gardens in Sheffield  
 HBIC: Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre  
 PPS: Planning Policy Statement  
 SA: Sustainability Appraisal  
 SBD: Secured by Design

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