

Appendix 3

DENMEAD VDS - summary of representations

Respondent name / organisation	Respondent's comments	Response and Recommended amendments
Natural England	<p>General Advice which Natural England would expect to be considered in preparation of a VDS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preserve landscape character of the area. • Consult /cross reference landscape character assessment (Denmead in South Hampshire Lowlands) • Design Statement should promote high quality and multifunctional green infrastructure • Biodiversity – recognise designated wildlife sites and other biodiversity assets 	<p>The Denmead Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee undertook the review of the Denmead Village Design Statement (DVDS) in parallel with the Neighbourhood Plan activity. During the four years that this work has taken, we were unaware that either Natural England or Historic England had advice to offer on the production of a VDS.</p> <p>The Natural England notes are in the main giving general advice, and do not comment on the specific content of the Denmead VDS which is awaiting Winchester District Council approval. In fact, the DVDS has already included the advice given by Natural England, covering for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Village Characteristics (including existing issues/problems), • vegetation, • wild life, • nature conservation, • landscape • emphasis of our desire to maintain and enhance many of our open and green infrastructure spaces as this is a characteristic of Denmead which the residents want to see retained. <p>Bearing in mind that we are aiming to have the VDS in place before the Planning Application for Carpenters Field is considered by the District</p>

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		<p>Council, we would propose that that process proceeds.</p> <p>Any new thinking and guidance will be considered and if appropriate incorporated during the periodic revisions which are called for at Paragraph 3.4 of the Denmead Neighbourhood Plan</p>
Historic England	<p>Pleased to see village have undertaken update of VDS, and offers general advice on format of VDS (order & presentation):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sees VDS as an important tool for ensuring new development responds to existing character of villages (NPPF 17). • No experience of character of Denmead or its buildings, but suggested breaking Design Statement into chapters with contents page. • Noted desire to continue work on list of special historic buildings. • Suggested refinement of character area descriptions. <p>Finally congratulated Parish Council on producing useful and informative document.</p>	<p>The comments on layout are constructive and useful. We would agree that the DVDS would be easier to follow if numbered chapters were used, and the inclusion of an index would help decision makers when consulting the document.</p> <p>In view of the intention to report the VDS to the local plan committee on 29 February 16, we would propose that numbering and indexing would be implemented after the VDS is made a Supplementary Planning Document. Numbering and accordingly an index will be included in the final printed version.</p>
HCC response	Hampshire County Council (HCC) as Highway Authority and lead Local Flooding Authority recommends that paragraph 154	We propose that the sentence questioned by the County Council is amended to read "In some cases the storm drains are inadequate, but all flooding should be reported to the Parish Council who will pass the

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	<p>(which suggests that storm drains may be inadequate) is removed as it is inappropriate and an amendment is proposed in Appendix 3 to address their concerns. HCC advise that the drainage may be designed appropriately but there may be maintenance or other issues and that there is a process for raising and reporting issues of this type to the Highway Authority via the Local Area Office.</p>	<p>information on to the Highway Authority via the Local Area Office”.</p>