

Appendix 5

SHEDFIELD VDS - summary of representations

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1. John Tuffrey	Hedgerows are considered to be important to the area, yet there are plans to build houses on Lower Chase Road which would cause the destruction of a large amount of hedgerow. Housing developments (such as the ones on Lower Chase Road) should aim to be sited further away from the road so that a small entrance can be cut in the hedgerow. The current plans do not seem to be 'hedgerow friendly'. Although the hedgerows along Lower Chase Road are not protected, they are considered to be a special part of the area by many of my neighbours in Evelyn Close.	The importance of hedgerows to the character of the villages is referred to on page 12. Design Guidelines 1a) and 1b) are aimed to protect existing hedgerows and re-establish them if they are damaged as the result of development. The omission of the hedgerows along Lower Chase Road from the Locally Important Hedgerows map is noted and it is agreed that these are important and should be included on the map of 'Locally Important Hedgerows' (page 14).	Add the hedgerows along Lower Chase Road, on the northern side from Winchester Road to the Parish boundary and on the southern side from Evelyn Close to the Parish boundary, to the 'Locally Important Hedgerows' map (page 14).
2. Environment Agency	Thank you for consulting the Environment Agency on the Shedfield Draft Village Design Statement. Having reviewed the document I can confirm that we have no comments to make regarding this.	Noted	None
3. Historic England	We found this to be a well-researched and written document, providing helpful and reasonable guidance for the consideration of new development against the existing and emerging Local Plan policies. Some further clarity could be provided by addition of mapping of the distinct character areas identified in the	Agree with the comments regarding the section "Settlement Pattern and Character of Buildings".	Add sub-headings to the text for Shedfield, Shirrell Heath and Waltham Chase.

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	<p>individual settlements. We felt the presentation of the analysis of each settlement in the section titled "Settlement Pattern and Character of Buildings", might prove a little dense for planning officers and would suggest breaking up the description of each area with a number of repeated subheadings to signpost decision makers to find the relevant information rapidly. Presenting the information in this section as 'bullet points' rather than paragraphs might make finding the relevant information even faster. In some instances it would help to give a little further consideration to on what basis concepts such as sufficient open space being provided in new development, the gaps between buildings being sufficient, or housing provision being proportional to the size of the plot, should be assessed.</p>		
Mrs Jan Evans	<p>I would refer you to page 14. Important Hedgerows & Design Guidelines page 45.1(b) The mature hedgerows along Lower Chase Road have not been included which is a clear omission as they have at least eight indigenous species, many resident birds and are on each side of the long distance Pilgrims Path from Winchester to Mt. St. Michel. This path is popular as is the road for local walkers, joggers, bikers, horse riders and school children en-route to and from Swanmore College. It is also a recommended blackberry picking area as witnessed for 46 years. So please include these valued hedgerows</p>	<p>The omission of the hedgerows along Lower Chase Road from the Locally Important Hedgerows map is noted and it is agreed that these are important and should be included on the map of 'Locally Important Hedgerows' (page 14).</p>	<p>Add the hedgerows along Lower Chase Road, on the northern side from Winchester Road to the Parish boundary and on the southern side from Evelyn Close to the Parish boundary, to the 'Locally Important Hedgerows' map (page 14).</p>

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	<p>retaining the rural feel to an area bordering the S. Downs National Park and gaps between settlements.</p> <p>Page 12 &15 Important groups of Trees (mentioned in the text but not on the maps) The trees around The Triangle have been omitted although planted by the Parish Council. They enhance the otherwise barren appearance of The Triangle in what is a historically wooded area i.e. The Chase. Waltham Chase needs its trees above all to maintain its semi-rural aspect. There is a rare weeping ash to the east as well as the specially planted and mature trees to the west and south which will screen the new development in Clewers Lane. So please include this maturing scenic enhancement to the approach from the north on the B2177.</p> <p>Another omission is a line of oaks to the north of the exception site 15/952/FUL although the oaks to the east have been included. All have TPOs.</p> <p>Page 35 line 5 “and a service to Petersfield runs twice a day.” This service runs once a week on a Wednesday only and is the only service using the bus stop at the north end of the village.</p> <p>Page 36, line 32 “and a field adjacent to Lower Chase Road was flooded with foul water from the drains within the field.” This has happened four times seriously as Southern Water will acknowledge – they do not need to be reminded of the exact venue.</p> <p>Page 23 Types of dwellings in Evelyn Close. This</p>	<p>The omission of the trees around The Triangle and north of the exception site from the Locally Important Groups of Trees map is noted and it is agreed that these are important and should be included on the map of ‘Locally Important Groups of Trees’ (page 15).</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>Add the trees around The Triangle and north of the exception site on Lower Chase Road to the ‘Locally Important Groups of Trees’ map (page 15).</p> <p>Page 38 line 14, amend to: “and a service to Petersfield runs each week on a Wednesday only”.</p> <p>None</p> <p>Page 23; move the reference to properties in</p>

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	close was built in 1962 and is a mixture of semi-detached and three detached chalet style houses and four conventional detached houses, 21 in all.		Evelyn Close from the 1970's section to the 1960's section and amend the map accordingly.
Natural England	<p>Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development. 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 for the local community, for example through green space provision and access to and contact with nature.</p> <p>The following is offered as general advice which we would expect to have been considered in the preparation of a Town or Village Design Statement:</p> <p>Landscape</p> <p>To preserve the wider landscape character of area, the Town or Village Design Statement should recognise and give appropriate consideration to the impact of the design statement on protected landscapes such as National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), if the town or village is within or</p>	Reference was made to Landscape Character Assessments in the development of the Village Design Statement. The guidelines make particular reference to protecting the trees and hedgerows which are an essential part of the local landscape. Reference is also made to retaining open spaces and important views, both	None

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	<p>adjacent to one.</p> <p>Landscape Character Assessments (LCA) provide a context for looking at possible changes and for seeking to ensure that the countryside character is protected and enhanced. Local area LCAs and those for protected landscapes (where applicable), should be cross-referenced as they are a useful tool to ensure that the Village Design Statement makes a positive contribution in terms of design, form and location, to the character and functions of the landscape, and avoids any unacceptable impacts. Following the principles of LCA at a local scale helps to capture the significant features, style and patterns of settlement and setting within the landscape and key views in and around the village. National Park and AONB Management Plans can also provide useful information for design statements within or adjoining protected landscapes.</p> <p>Natural England is revising the suite of 159 National Character Area (NCA) profiles to make environmental evidence and information easily available to a wider audience. NCA profiles are guidance documents which include a description of the key ecosystem services provided in each character area and how these benefit people, wildlife and the economy. They identify potential opportunities for positive environmental change and provide the best available information and evidence as a context for local decision making and action.</p>	<p>in to and out of the parish.</p>	

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	<p>The revised and current NCA profiles are available on the NCA pages of our website for you to refer to. The complete series of revised profiles will be published by April 2014.</p> <p>Green Infrastructure and Sustainable Design</p> <p>Green infrastructure is a term used to refer to the living network of green spaces, water and other environmental features in both urban and rural areas. It is often used in an urban context to cover the benefits including space for recreation, access to nature, flood storage and urban cooling to support climate change mitigation, food production, wildlife habitats and health & well-being improvements provided by trees, rights of way, parks, gardens, road verges, allotments, cemeteries, woodlands, rivers and wetlands.</p> <p>Green infrastructure is also relevant in a rural context, where it might additionally refer to the use of farmland, woodland, wetlands or other natural features to provide services such as flood protection, carbon storage or water purification. Green infrastructure maintains critical ecological links between town and country.</p> <p>The Design Statement could usefully promote high quality and multifunctional green infrastructure. Green Infrastructure by Design provides an introduction to delivering green infrastructure at the micro and neighbourhood scale through features such as street trees, green facades and green roofs, where consistent</p>	<p>Reference is made to sustainable design within the document and in particular Design Guidelines 4b, 5c, 11b and 12a.</p>	<p>None</p>

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	<p>with the local character. These features can be extremely important in increasing ecological connectivity between green spaces, particularly when footpaths and green corridors are not feasible.</p> <p>Biodiversity The Design Statement should have recognised and referenced designated wildlife sites and other biodiversity assets in the immediate area, such as protected species, ecological networks, habitats and green spaces. Design guidelines should respect, and where possible, enhance the town or village's local and neighbouring biodiversity resources. The Town and Country Planning Association has produced a practical and design orientated Biodiversity by Design guide to achieving high levels of biodiversity in developments, which may be of use. When preparing the Design Statement, your local Wildlife Trust and local environmental record centre should have been consulted, and local and national Biodiversity Action Plans should be referenced where relevant.</p> <p>Community Engagement As an organisation, we are committed to involving the community in our work, ensuring that local people and the organisations that support them are consulted at the earliest possible stage. We are keen to see this principle adopted as part of the village design statement formulation process so that local people have a</p>	<p>Consideration was given to biodiversity in the production of the documents, however as the planning process requires the inclusion of a biodiversity report it was not considered necessary to include specific guidance within this document.</p> <p>Considerable community engagement was undertaken in the production of the document and is set out in the 'Consultation Process' section and appendix A 'Statement of Process' . This should be updated and renamed as the 'Consultation Statement' in the final version of the VDS.</p>	<p>None</p> <p>Update and rename the 'Consultation Process' section of the VDS as a 'Consultation Statement' (pages 2-3)</p>

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	chance to contribute to the development of the statements from the outset.		
Mr & Mrs M King	<p>Our general impression of the Parish Plan & VDS is that it is a comprehensive and useful document and we appreciate the huge amount of time and effort that has been invested in it by many local people.</p> <p>Having read the Draft Document printed out as a hard-copy, we feel that any A4 printed versions of the Final Document would need improvement as detail is lost. Perhaps maps should be scaled up and more pages used? Particular problems exist with reference to the following pages:</p> <p>13: Illegible text (font point size too small)</p> <p>17: Map incoherent in relation to key roads cannot discern them and therefore concepts of the locations. Need to magnify graphics.</p> <p>22: Colour key incoherent.</p> <p>26: Structure labels unclear.</p> <p>32: Rights Of Way as per 17.</p> <p>39: Same as 17.</p> <p>Correction needed to page 23 regarding Evelyn Close: as a matter of fact it was built in 1962 and not “during the 1970s”. The amendment will cause a colour change to the chart on page 22.</p> <p>Hedgerows & Trees</p> <p>Page 14 has a parish map entitled “Locally Important Hedgerows”. Significant omissions are the hedgerows in Lower Chase Road (both sides) which need to be included. These together with</p>	<p>Comments regarding the various maps are noted and it is agreed that these need to be made clearer.</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>Improve the legibility of all maps before the production of the final document.</p> <p>Page 23; move the reference to properties in Evelyn Close from the 1970’s section to the 1960’s section and amend the map accordingly.</p>

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	<p>the verges help conserve the rural feel along this stretch of the Pilgrims' Trail (see page 31) in the important Local Gap preventing coalescence between Waltham Chase and Swanmore. In terms of biodiversity, Lower Chase Road is a continuation of Clewers Lane (page 12). There are other hedgerows in the village too that should be included, having been overlooked. Thence they will be protected under Design Guideline 1(b) on page 16 to some extent; the importance of achieving this is seen on page 9 'The Character of the Landscape' where 97% of respondents gave the most significant finding of the whole questionnaire.</p> <p>The future allocated growth of 250 houses around the village over 20 years will result inevitably in estates bordering the rural hedgerows. Parish action 1 (page 16) needs to include provision for management of resulting 'no-mans-land' border strip formed between apparent abandonment of the hedgerow and wooden fence panels put up by householders reducing the extent of their gardens. Such can be seen along Clewers Hill. In relation to new-build Hedge boundaries (see design guidelines 1(a) page 16), management arrangements should be included in the planning consent. In relation to Parish Action 1(a) page 16 <i>maintenance of verges in good condition</i> would need too the active cooperation of HCC, which has not always been forthcoming: for example</p>	<p>The omission of the hedgerows along Lower Chase Road from the Locally Important Hedgerows map is noted and it is agreed that these are important and should be included on the map of 'Locally Important Hedgerows' (page 14).</p> <p>This document is for guidance to developers, the requirement for specific issues to be included as part of planning consent is beyond the scope of this document.</p> <p>With reference to Parish Action 1, the Parish Plan part of the document is a "live" document and amendments can be made as situations change.</p>	<p>Add the hedgerows along Lower Chase Road, on the northern side from Winchester Road to the Parish boundary and on the southern side from Evelyn Close to the Parish boundary, to the 'Locally Important Hedgerows' map (page 14).</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p>

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	<p>no enforcement action against specific HGV ploughing up mown verge, reluctance to impose width or weight limits, inaction over potholes (giving rise to avoidance action at the expense of verges). HCC markers in some locations could encourage HGVs' drivers to keep to the carriageway.</p> <p>Page 15 shows a map entitled 'Locally important groups of trees'. In relation to the line of Oak trees running south/north on the eastern boundary of the Ridings and Evelyn Close this group of trees continues along the northern boundary of the Exception Site on Lower Chase Road to the west of Ludwells Farm. The map should be amended</p> <p>Ground Water (page 36) in the northern area of Waltham Chase should also be attributed to the proximity of the headwaters of the River Hamble to the east of Winchester Road B2177.</p> <p>History: Waltham Chase page 9: After the reference to the notoriety of Waltham Chase and the 18th century Black Act, we are surprised that no mention is made of the tragic murder, a case of mistaken identity, of the 18th century Mr CLEWER, whose name is given to Clewers Hill and Clewers Lane. The murderer was condemned at Winchester Assizes on conviction and after sentence by hanging his remains were returned to Waltham Chase to be displayed close to the scene of the crime in the Gibbet at the north eastern end of The Triangle. Mr</p>	<p>Damage to verges was an issue given detailed consideration by the steering group and is reflected in Parish Actions 4b & 6a.</p> <p>The omission of these trees is noted and it is agreed that these are important and should be included on the map of 'Locally Important Groups of Trees' (page 15).</p> <p>Noted, but it is not for the VDS to comment on the causes of particular flooding incidents.</p> <p>The history section of the document is intended as a very brief overview of the development of the three villages rather than a detailed history. Whilst this is a very interesting incident it is a little too detailed to be included.</p>	<p>None</p> <p>Add the trees to the north of the exception site on Lower Chase Road and to the west of Ludwells Farm to the 'Locally Important Groups of Trees' map (page 15).</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p>

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	<p>CLEWER was buried in the churchyard at St Mary's Church at Droxford, then the parish church for Waltham Chase and his headstone can still be seen. Late Victorian Ordnance Survey maps still showed the site of the Gibbet.</p> <p>Leisure & Recreation: Reference places of worship paragraph on page 41; Following the sentence '<i>limited off-road parking space is an issue, especially at St John the Baptist where there is none</i>'. We would suggest that another issue, affecting people who cannot drive, is that there is no bus service on Sundays on the 69 route to connect the Parish Church with Waltham Chase. Waltham Chase is in the Parish of Shedfield and has no other C of E church (only the Methodist). Roman Catholics, who cannot drive, similarly are denied buses to Bishops Waltham on Sundays.</p> <p>The nearest Cinema to Shedfield and Waltham Chase is at Fareham. Young persons and people who cannot drive may travel to by bus on weekdays to the cinema but cannot feel free to go to evening showings as it is not possible to return by bus afterwards.</p>	<p>The limited bus services to the three villages have been noted within the document and addressed at Parish Action 7.</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>CLlr Vivian Achwal</p>	<p>A lot of hard work from local volunteers the draft plan to date. Very interested in the list of action points that have been pointed out for the future of a vibrant village area.</p>	<p>Noted</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>CLlr S Newman-M^CKie</p>	<p>Very impressed with the hard work that has gone into researching and producing the VDS</p>	<p>Noted</p>	<p>None</p>

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	and especially the Parish Actions – very well done.		
Comments received at the public exhibition	<p>The village needs a group of people to note all the ditches that are blocked after heavy rain. There could then be a list give to the Council to be passed on to the appropriate people to be actioned.</p> <p>On page 36 – severe local flooding – Forest Gardens – should this be Forest Close.</p>	<p>This is covered to some extent by Parish Action 9</p> <p>Agreed – this is an error</p>	<p>None</p> <p>Amend the text to read “Forest Close” rather than Forest Gardens.</p>
General	-	<p>The VDS will require overall editing and updating to reflect its status as a Supplementary Planning Document when adopted (particularly the ‘Introduction’ section), update and give details of the consultation process on the draft VDS (particularly the ‘Consultation Process’ section), and to correct any typographical errors.</p>	<p>Edit and update the document to reflect its status when adopted as a Supplementary Planning Document, update any outdated references and correct typographical errors.</p>