

CABINET (LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK) COMMITTEE

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PUBLICATION OF THE SPARSHOLT VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT 2012

REPORT OF HEAD OF STRATEGIC PLANNING

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RECENT REFERENCES:

PHD99 – ‘Draft Sparsholt Village Design Statement’ June 2007.

[CAB1547\(LDF\)](#) – ‘Sparsholt Village Design Statement – Recommended Adoption’ 2007

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Cabinet (LDF) Committee resolved to adopt the Sparsholt VDS on 6 November 2007, subject to amendments following the earlier consultation. However, a final document has not been produced since that resolution.

Sparsholt Parish Council is now ready to publish the final version. However, given the amount of time which has elapsed between the formal resolution to adopt the VDS and producing the final document, updates are now needed to reflect changes in planning policy and legislation since the formal adoption. These changes are summarised in section 2 and delegated authority is sought for the Head of Strategic Planning to make these amendments, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning and Economic Development, and for the adopted document to be published.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1 That the Head of Strategic Planning is given delegated authority to make minor factual amendments and other minor updates to the Sparsholt VDS, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning and Economic Development, to enable the document to be adopted and published.
- 2 That £500 is awarded to Sparsholt Parish Council towards the cost of publishing the adopted VDS.

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DETAIL:

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Village Design Statements (VDSs) provide Supplementary Planning Guidance to the policies within the Winchester District Local Plan. A VDS was originally produced and adopted for Sparsholt in 1999. To update this, a draft revised Village Design Statement (VDS) was produced by Sparsholt Parish Council in 2007.
- 1.2 Following a consultation on the draft VDS between 05 July and 17 August 2007, Cabinet (LDF) Committee resolved to adopt the VDS on 6 November 2007 subject to the amendments made following the consultation. However, a final document has not been produced since that resolution, meaning that the VDS was never formally brought into effect as an adopted Supplementary Planning Document.
- 1.3 Sparsholt Parish Council now wishes to publish the final version so that it can be used to influence planning decisions. However, given the amount of time which has elapsed between the formal adoption of the VDS and producing the final document, updates are now needed to reflect changes in planning policy, legislation and local circumstances since the formal adoption. These changes are summarised in section 2 and delegated authority is sought for the Head of Strategic Planning in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning and Economic Development to make these amendments to enable the document to be formally adopted and published.

2. Summary of Changes to the VDS

- 2.1 In view of the minor nature of the changes, the complete VDS is not reproduced here, but can be viewed as an appendix to [CAB1547\(LDF\)](#) – Cabinet (LDF) Committee 6 November 2007. The following minor changes are proposed, in addition to the changes approved by this Committee in November 2007, in order to update the document:
 - Front cover – update adoption dates.
 - Introduction - Removal of reference to Planning Policy Statement 12 and amendment to name of Sparsholt Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Plan, 2008.
 - Paragraph 24 - update the number of pupils present in the village school from 110 to 129.
 - Design Guidelines – added references to relevant Local Plan policies where missing and delete references to policies which are no longer 'saved'.

- Design Guideline 13 – clarification that it applies to all buildings in the Conservation Area, not just listed buildings.
- Appendix 1 'Listed and Positive Buildings' – update to reflect demolition of a building.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

2 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND CHANGE PLANS (RELEVANCE TO):

- 2.1 Although not specifically mentioned in the Sustainable Community Strategy, the production of VDSs will contribute to the 'High Quality Environment' aims of the Council, particularly with regard to ensuring new development is sensitive and appropriate to the local environment

3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

- 3.1 In 2007, an offer of up to £1,000 was authorised as a contribution towards the costs of publication of the final document ([CAB1547\(LDF\)](#)). Since then the budget for supporting Village Design Statements has been cut and funding is now found from a small budget for community-led activity that also supports parish plans. With a reduced budget now available to support this type of activity, support is generally limited to £500 per parish. As the Sparsholt Village Appraisal Group was encouraged by the earlier Cabinet (LDF) Committee to reduce paper copies of the Design Statement as far as possible this sum is expected to be adequate to cover the reasonable costs of publication.

4 RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

- 4.1 None

5 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

- 5.1 None

6 APPENDICES:

- 6.1 None.