

DECISION TAKER: CABINET MEMBER FOR BUILT ENVIRONMENT & WELLBEING – CLLR JACKIE PORTER

TITLE: ST GILES HILL NEIGHBOURHOOD DESIGN STATEMENT 2020

7 DECEMBER 2020

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WARD(S): ST MICHAEL

DECISION:

1. That the Design Guidelines/Policies in the Neighbourhood Design Statement for St Giles Hill, as set out in Appendix 2 of this report, be adopted as a Supplementary Planning Document.
2. That the 2011 St Giles Hill NDS be revoked as SPD following the adoption of the 2020 SPD.
3. That the Strategic Planning Manager be granted delegated authority to make minor factual corrections and editing, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Built Environment and Wellbeing, to finalise the Design Guidelines/Policies in the Village Design Statement for St Giles Hill, prior to publication on the Council website.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Village Design Statements are produced by local communities and provide guidance for the design of new developments within the local area. In order for these documents to carry weight in the planning decision-making process they need to be adopted by the City Council as 'Supplementary Planning Documents' (SPD).

Across the Winchester District there are over 25 parishes/communities with adopted village/neighbourhood or local design statements, many of which were adopted some time ago. A number of local communities have updated their design statements and this is to be welcomed, as this will provide more up to date guidance when determining planning applications.

A draft version of the St Giles Hill Neighbourhood Design Statement (NDS) was published for public consultation on 6th April 2020 for a period of 10 weeks. This report summarises the comments received following consultation on the draft version

of the NDS and recommends adoption of the document, subject to a number of changes in response to comments received. These changes are outlined in the schedule of comments and recommended responses in Appendix 1 and illustrated in the post-consultation version presented in Appendix 2. The report also seeks the revocation of the previous St Giles Hill NDS that dates from 2011.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

- 1 The City Council encourages the production of Village Design Statements by local communities, so as to improve the quality of development in local area and public involvement in the planning process. In order to carry weight in determining planning applications, such Statements need to be adopted by the City Council as Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs).
2. The City Council could as an alternative, informally adopt or endorse the VDS. However, this would carry less weight in determining planning applications. This approach was therefore not considered appropriate.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

DISPENSATION GRANTED BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE:

Not applicable

APPROVED BY:

Councillor Jackie Porter

DATE:

7 December 2020

Councillor Jackie Porter – Cabinet Member for Built Environment & Wellbeing

Appendix 1: Summary of responses received and amendments

Appendix 2: St Giles Hill Neighbourhood Design Statement 2020