

DECISION TAKER: Councillor Jackie Porter, Cabinet Member for Place and Local Plan

REPORT TITLE: LITTLETON VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT ADOPTION

4 SEPTEMBER 2023

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WARD(S): WONSTON AND MICHELDEVER

DECISION:

1. That the draft Littleton Village Design Statement be amended as set out in Appendix 1 of this report and that the revised Statement at Appendix 2 be adopted as a Supplementary Planning Document.
2. That the 2010 Littleton Village Design Statement be revoked as SPD following the adoption of the 2023 version.
3. That the Strategic Planning Manager is granted delegated authority to make minor factual corrections and editing, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Place and Local Plan, to finalise the Planning Guidance in the revised Littleton Village Design Statement, prior to publication on the Council website.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

This report recommends that the Littleton Village Design Statement is adopted as a Supplementary Planning Document, following public consultation in January / February 2023 and amendments as recommended.

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 planning decision-making process they need to be adopted by the City Council as Supplementary Planning Documents.

Across the Winchester District there are 34 adopted village or neighbourhood design statements. Some of these were adopted some time ago and are now being updated. This is to be welcomed, as it will provide more up to date guidance to be taken into account when determining planning applications. The existing Littleton

Village Design Statement was adopted in 2010.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

1. The City Council encourages the production of Village Design Statements by local communities, in order to improve the quality of development in local area and public involvement in the planning process. In order to carry as much weight as possible 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 approach, informally adopt or endorse the VDS. However, this would carry less weight in determining planning applications. This approach is therefore not recommended.
3. Comments on behalf of the Defence Infrastructure Organisation suggest that it would be more sensible to prepare the VDS in tandem with the new Local Plan or that the VDS should exclude Sir John Moore Barracks. It is recommended that a new section is included to clarify the relationship between the Local Plan, proposals for the Barracks and the VDS, but that the revised VDS should be adopted as a SPD and should continue to cover the Barracks area .Other comments were also made by DIO and others on the draft VDS, which are summarised at Appendix 1, along with a recommended response and proposed changes. These involve some changes to the content of the draft VDS, as set out at Appendix 1 and included in the recommended revised VDS at Appendix 2.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

DISPENSATION GRANTED BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE:

None

APPROVED BY: Jackie Porter

DATE: 04.09.2023

COUNCILLOR JACKIE PORTER – CABINET MEMBER FOR PLACE AND LOCAL PLAN

Appendices:

APPENDIX 1 Summary of Comments Received and Recommended Changes

APPENDIX 2 Revised Littleton Village Design Statement Recommended for Adoption