

DD66 APPENDIX 1 – SUMMARY OF COMMENTS RECEIVED AND RECOMMENDED CHANGES

Respondent	Comment Summary	Officer Response	Recommend Action (Additional text shown <u>underlined</u> , deleted text shown crossed through)
Natural England	Natural England letter advising on how the VDS should be put together and what should be included.	Comments noted. The draft VDS generally accords with the advice given and Natural England do not suggest any specific changes.	No change.
Historic England	No comments.	Noted.	No change.
National Highways	No comments.	Noted.	No change.
Marine Management Organisation	No comments.	Noted.	No change.
Defence Infrastructure Organisation	While the emerging Local Plan is still in draft, it holds some (increasing) weight in planning decision-making. It would be illogical for a separate guidance document, which covers the Sir John Moore Barracks Site, to be brought forward/prepared at this stage – given that this would be based on currently adopted Local Plan policies. The current draft LVDS document could ultimately end up being conflicted with the Sir John Moore Barracks site allocation, and new Local Plan.	Village Design Statements are required to supplement the existing development plan, currently the existing Winchester District Local Plan Parts 1 and 2. While the emerging Local Plan has been published in draft form it carries little weight at this stage and may change before being adopted. The VDS is expected to be adopted well before the emerging Local Plan. Sir John Moore Barracks forms an important part of the setting of	Add to the introduction to the VDS (page 1): <u>At the time of the preparation of the LVDS the City Council was in the process of reviewing the Winchester Local Plan. The Regulation 18 draft Local Plan included Sir John Moore Barracks as a proposed site allocation and the redevelopment of the Sir John Moore Barracks (SJMB) will have a significant impact on the parish. This Village Design Statement sets out key features and characteristics which contribute to the environment of</u>

	<p>The LVDS would not be a material consideration in the preparation of the Emerging Local Plan, including the site-specific allocation for Sir John Moore Barracks. Once adopted, the Sir John Moore Barracks site allocation would outrank the LVDS content which is of relevance to the Site and the LVDS would become out of date very quickly. It would be more robust and sensible to prepare the new LVDS in tandem with the new Local Plan to ensure consistency and longevity.</p> <p>Therefore, the Draft LVDS should explicitly exclude Sir John Moore Barracks from the SPD boundary. If WCC is minded to continue to include Sir John Moore Barracks within the LVDS boundary, the document should be updated to explicitly exclude the Site from the majority of the guidance points</p>	<p>Littleton village and it would not be appropriate to exclude it from the VDS on the basis of a site allocation in the emerging Local Plan. Nor is it appropriate to exclude the Barracks from the majority of guidance points, as suggested by the DIO.</p> <p>However, it would be useful to add text at the beginning of the VDS in order to clarify the position regarding the VDS and the emerging Local Plan. The recommended change is a combination of text suggested by Littleton Parish Council and the Defence Infrastructure Organisation.</p>	<p><u>Littleton village and its surroundings. Should the site allocation be carried forward into the adopted version of the new Local Plan it will provide an up to date site specific development plan policy for the site. It is recognised that some of the detailed design guidance in this VDS may not always be applicable to a major redevelopment of the Barracks, but it provides an important reference point for the preparation of a detailed design code for the site.</u></p> <p><u>The two documents should complement each other. The SJMB Masterplan Concept / Framework Document and related / associated design code[s] will need to pay particular attention to the relationship and connectivity between the existing village and the proposed development, and to maintain the feel and ambience enjoyed by the residents of the existing village.</u></p>
	<p>A Phase 1 Habitat Survey has been undertaken (enclosed) which sets out the habitats surveyed and identified on the Site. Paragraph 5.4 should be amended as follows:</p> <p>The remainder of the MOD Flowerdown</p>	<p>The City Council's ecologist has considered the surveys submitted by the DIO and the Parish Council's concerns. It is concluded that the requested changes are factually accurate and that it would be appropriate</p>	<p>Amend paragraph 5.4, 2nd paragraph:</p> <p>The remainder of the MoD Flowerdown estate consists of <u>grassed areas of grassland, scrub and deciduous mixed woodland, improved</u></p>

	estate consists of areas of <u>grassland, scrub and deciduous and mixed woodland.</u> woodland grassed areas, improved deciduous woodland, conifers, young trees, downland and playing fields	to make these amendments.	deciduous woodland, conifers, young trees, downland and playing fields....
	Similarly paragraph 8.2 of the draft VDS should be amended as follows: The MOD Flowerdown Estate (not open to the public) contains woodland and <u>small areas of remnants of calcareous grassland.</u> <u>There are opportunities to enhance the management of the grassland and woodlands.</u> has not been farmed for 100 years, and most of the village's woodland.	The City Council's ecologist has considered the surveys submitted by the DIO and the Parish Council's concerns. It is concluded that, subject to omitting the word 'small', the requested changes are factually accurate and include a positive statement about enhancement. It would be appropriate to make these amendments.	Amend paragraph 8.2, 2nd paragraph: The MOD Flowerdown Estate (not open to the public) contains woodland and <u>areas of remnants of calcareous grassland.</u> <u>There are opportunities to enhance the management of the grassland and woodlands.</u> has not been farmed for 100 years, and most of the village's woodland.
	Map 8 on p.35 of the draft LVDS document should be updated in accordance with the Phase 1 Habitat Survey to ensure that it factually shows the habitats identified on the Site and correctly uses the Phase 1 Habitat Survey definitions which is the standardised system for classifying and mapping wildlife habitats in all parts of Great Britain.	Noted. Map 8 of the VDS shows broad areas of grassland, woodland, recreational space, etc and does not seek to show detailed habitat information. It is not, therefore, necessary to show the details of habitats identified in the Phase 1 survey.	No change.
	Paragraph 8.6 of the Draft LVDS states that the site has yet to be ecologically surveyed which is incorrect as the Site was subject to a	The City Council's ecologist has considered the surveys submitted by the DIO and the Parish Council's concerns. It is	Amend paragraph 8.6, North-west area: This area <u>comprises areas of</u>

	<p>suite of ecological surveys during 2020 and 2021. The ecological survey work has identified that the northwest areas support poor semi-improved grassland and woodland; and does not meet any SINC selection criteria. This section of the LVDS also makes specific comments on the north and south areas of the Site.</p> <p>Suggest this section is amended as follows to reflect the evidence based survey work undertaken:</p> <p>North-west Area: <u>This area comprises areas of woodland and grassland is well drained chalkland dominated by woodlands</u> which are close to the Littleton Stud, and the Littleton Recreation Ground. <u>Whilst the areas of grassland have been recorded as comprising species- poor semi-improved grassland of limited intrinsic ecological value, the areas of woodland are likely of higher ecological value providing habitat for a range of species.</u> agriculturally unimproved grassland with indigenous species allowed to develop without the major use of herbicides or inorganic fertilisers. Once surveyed, this area has the potential to be classified as a Site of Importance for Nature</p>	<p>concluded that those parts of the requested changes which are factually accurate should be incorporated, but that other parts which could undermine the importance of the areas concerned should not be agreed.</p>	<p>woodland and grassland is well drained chalkland dominated by woodlands and close to the Littleton Stud, and the Littleton Recreation Ground. The areas of is typical of agriculturally unimproved grassland and the areas of woodland provide habitat for a range of species with indigenous species allowed to develop without the major use of herbicides or inorganic fertilisers. Once surveyed, this area has the potential to be classified as a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC).</p> <p>Amend paragraph 8.6, South-east area:</p> <p>The south-eastern side of MoD Flowerdown (Sir John Moore Barracks) is classified as a SINC (2017, Reference WC0066 Area - 7.6 ha). The SINC area occupies most of the eastern unused part of the MoD Flowerdown site between Kennel Lane and the Andover Road. The <u>citation for the SINC states that classifies this area as 2D: is designated as a SINC as it supports an area of Calcareous Grassland</u> which has become impoverished through inappropriate management, but which retains</p>
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	<p>Conservation (SINC):</p> <p>South- east Area. The south-eastern side of MOD Flowerdown (Sir John Moore Barracks) is classified as a SINC (2017, Reference WC0066 Area - 7.6 ha). The SINC area occupies most of the eastern unused part of the MOD Flowerdown site between Kennel Lane and the Andover Road. The <u>citation for the SINC classifies</u> states that this area as 2D: <u>is designated as a SINC as it supports an area of calcareous grassland which has become impoverished through inappropriate management, but which retains sufficient elements of relic unimproved grassland to enable recovery. Ecological surveys of this area completed in 2021 have confirmed that the majority of the SINC is now dominated by areas of poor semi-improved grassland with only small remnant of calcareous grassland persisting.</u> This area <u>also</u> includes areas of <u>mixed deciduous woodland improved woodland</u> listed <u>and mapped</u> on the National Forest Inventory <u>and its general area is as</u> shown on LVDS Map 7.</p>		<p>sufficient elements of relic unimproved grassland to enable recovery. This area <u>also</u> includes <u>areas of mixed deciduous woodland improved woodland</u> listed in the National Forest Inventory <u>and its general area is as</u> shown on LVDS Map 7.</p>
	<p>We recognise, and are supportive of, the need to ensure that the character</p>	<p>It is legitimate for a VDS to identify and seek to protect</p>	<p>Amend Planning Guidance A1, 2nd paragraph:</p>

	<p>of Littleton is conserved. However, we consider that there is a requirement to undertake a fuller assessment to determine whether development would cause adverse impacts within these views. We therefore suggest that amendments are made to Part A1 to consider these views sensitively, as supported by a Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment, rather than to limit development in the views entirely. We therefore consider that Part A1 should be amended as follows:</p> <p>Important public views within the parish (as shown on LVDS Map 6 8) should be <u>considered sensitively in proposals for redevelopment, including protected and not obstructed by new development, extensions or changes to existing properties. Conversely,</u> Views of new or adapted buildings should not detract from the existing character and unobtrusive appearance of the village when viewed from the open countryside.</p> <p>Development in open areas that would be unduly intrusive will be resisted. New developments should be landscaped to blend into <u>respect</u> the rural character of the Littleton Area. This may involve adding new</p>	<p>important views. The changes proposed by DIO to the first paragraph of Planning Guidance point A1 are considered to weaken the guidance unacceptably and DIO have since suggested retaining the existing text but adding reference to Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment. As this is already mentioned in the proposed changes to the 2nd paragraph of A1, which it is proposed to accept, it is not considered necessary to add it to the 1st paragraph.</p>	<p>Development in open areas that would be unduly intrusive will be resisted. New developments should be landscaped to blend into <u>respect</u> the rural character of the Littleton Area. This may involve adding new landscape features or retaining existing ones (particularly historic features) as well as providing new open spaces. <u>Landscape and Visual Impact Assessments will be required as part of major development proposals which are situated within these views.</u> The area of open land and woodland around the MoD Flowerdown Estate to the north and west of the Sir John Moore Barracks buildings (as shown on LVDS Map 2) is of important landscape value. It separates the barracks site from Littleton and protects the setting of Littleton in long views from Andover Road and from the footpath from Church Lane to Andover Road.</p>
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	<p>Parts A9 and A10 of the LVDS set out the approach to Settlement Gaps. We suggest the wording of this section is amended to be consistent with WCC adopted Local Plan Policy CP18 as follows:</p> <p>Any proposed development which physically or visually diminishes the natural green space of the WDLP defined Littleton Gap will not be supported.</p>	<p>The Local Plan policy seeks to avoid development which physically or visually diminishes the Gap. Adding reference to 'natural green space' adds an unnecessary qualification that could cause confusion and potential conflict with the Local Plan policy. Therefore it is agreed that this reference should be deleted.</p>	<p>Amend Planning Guidance A9 as follows:</p> <p>Any proposed development which physically or visually diminishes the natural green space of the WDLP defined Littleton Gap will not be supported.</p>
	<p>The 'Flood Risk Track' included on Map 9 actually denotes the extent of 'Flood Zone 3' (as per the Environment Agency's 'Map for Flooding'). To ensure that the terminology within the LVDS is accurate, we consider that the annotation alongside Map 9 be updated to state 'Areas at Risk of Flooding' rather than 'Flood Risk Track'.</p>	<p>It is agreed that the suggested change would avoid the potentially confusing use of different terms.</p>	<p>Amend Map 9, Key as follows:</p> <p>Environment Agency Zone 3 Flood Risk Track <u>Areas at Risk of Flooding.</u></p>
	<p>The MOD's Safeguarding Manager</p>	<p>Noted. Any safeguarding area</p>	<p>No change.</p>

	<p>has reviewed the Draft LVDS as there is a statutory safeguarding zone which lies within the LVDS boundary where any development would trigger a requirement for MOD Safeguarding. The response is included within Appendix IV and includes general considerations for safeguarding in this zone which should be acknowledged in the LVDS.</p>	<p>would more appropriately be defined in the Local Plan rather than the VDS.</p>	
C Ward	<p>We would like to point out that there are Street Lights in Dale Close as well as in Valley Rd.</p> <p>There is a small copse of trees (horse chestnut) adjacent to our house, which we understand are protected, but not marked as such on the plan.</p> <p>Agree that footpaths need to be improved. The footpath between the Running Horse and the church is inadequate and sometimes unsafe. Similarly there needs to be a footpath alongside main road going into Winchester from the Dean Down Drove crossroads. Would also love to see the creation of new footpaths in</p>	<p>Dale Close is off Valley Road and there is no need to amend this reference in the VDS.</p> <p>Noted. The VDS does not seek to show all existing designations or features protected by other legislation.</p> <p>Noted. The VDS acknowledges the lack of footpaths in various areas (Map 7) and identifies various 'pedestrian risk areas'. The Parish Council is discussing improvements to these with Hampshire County Council.</p>	<p>Amend paragraph 8.9, 'Lighting' as follows:</p> <p>Except for Valley Road and Dale Close, there is no street lighting in Littleton Village apart from lighting associated with individual properties....</p> <p>No change.</p> <p>No change.</p>

	<p>the direction of Sparsholt to encourage walkers.</p> <p>Our garden backs on to the Holmes land, previously used as a Nursery, and has been impacted by changing activity from the nursery. The business is no longer run as a commercial nursery and the area immediately behind and to the side of our garden instead is now used for outdoor storage. There has been an expansion in the number of vehicles accessing the site, using the new entrance on Littleton Lane, together with the use of a large pallet lift truck with a noisy reversing alarm.</p>	<p>Noted. This is not a matter for the VDS and the site concerned is outside the settlement boundary of Littleton.</p>	<p>No change.</p>
<p>A & S Reeves</p>	<p>Not a formal response but 7.7 refers to "curbs" whereas it should be "kerbs".</p>	<p>Noted and agreed.</p>	<p>Amend paragraph 7.7 as follows:</p> <p>...There is only a single pavement along Main Road from the Running Horse PH to Flowerdown Barrows, through the heart of the village, broken by lowered <u>kerbs</u> curbs and road entrances....</p>
<p>P A Warner</p>	<p>An incredibly bland draft of what should be a VILLAGE Design Statement. It appears to be a selection of "standard" phrases lifted from a bureaucrat's opinion of what a VDS should consist of, containing all the appropriate details required for</p>	<p>The VDS was drafted by local residents and the Parish Council, with advice from City Council officers. There was significant public consultation at key stages by the Parish Council and the draft VDS published for</p>	<p>Add reference to the consultation process and this report in the introduction to the VDS (page 1), delete 'Draft for Public Consultation' page headings, and make any other minor factual corrections and editing as necessary to finalise and</p>

	<p>approval by the local authority. There is simply no Littleton "character", no sense this "draft" has been written by interested villagers who have consulted widely with other residents to produce a vision of what we would like to maintain, preserve and introduce to the community. There are spelling mistakes and many grammatical errors that detract from what the true villagers really feel about their environment and village facilities. What a pity. An opportunity missed and wasted for another decade.</p>	<p>consultation by the Parish Council and WCC. The final version of the VDS should be updated to refer to this report so as to provide details of the issues raised and action taken, in accordance with the Local Plan Regulations.</p> <p>With regards to the comments about spelling and grammar, the document will be checked prior to final publication. Delegated authority is sought to make minor factual corrections and editing, as necessary, in consultation with the Cabinet Member Built Environment, to finalise the VDS.</p>	<p>publish the VDS.</p>
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