

DRAFT SHERFIELD ENGLISH VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (SPD)

STATEMENT OF CONSULTATION AND SPD MATTERS

The draft Sherfield English Village Design Statement (VDS) SPD covers the Parish of Sherfield English and sets out design guidance.

Consultation and community involvement has been undertaken locally with the community within the Parish of Sherfield English, in line with;

- Natural England guidance document on Village Design Statements "*Village Design – making local character count in new development*" (CCP 501) (1996)
- The Council's "*Village Design Statements Planning Guidance Note*" (2000).

It is considered by the Council that the above documents, together with the;

- *Test Valley Borough Local Plan 2006*
- *Test Valley Borough Revised Local Plan 2014*

are the supporting documents which in the opinion of the Council are relevant to the preparation of the draft Sherfield English Village Design Statement as an SPD.

The consultation period during which representations can be made **Friday 9 January 2015 to 16.30 Friday 6 February 2015**, a 4 week period (28 days).

Representations should either be:

- Sent in writing to Planning Policy and Transport Service, Test Valley Borough Council, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, ANDOVER, Hampshire, SP10 3AJ
- Emailed to planningpolicy@testvalley.gov.uk

Any representation may be accompanied by a request to be notified at a specific address on adoption of the document as an SPD.

The Council are consulting the following bodies listed below prior to adoption of the Sherfield English Village Design Statement as an SPD. It is considered that this takes account of the Council's Statement of Community Involvement in Planning Matters (SCI) 2013

Parish Councils

Sherfield English Parish Council

Awbridge Parish Council

Lockerley Parish Council

Melchet Park and Plaitford Parish Council

Wellow Parish Council

Whiteparish Parish Council

Test Valley Association of Parish Councils

Local Authorities

Hampshire County Council, Economy, Transport and Environment Department
Wiltshire Council

Statutory Environmental Consultation Bodies

English Heritage
Environment Agency
Natural England

Community Interests

Test Valley Local Strategic Partnership (Test Valley Partnership)

Developer and Planning Interests (notification letter only)

Council Planning Consultants and Developers List
Home Builders Federation (HBF)
Council Local Development Framework (LDF) Keep Informed List

Sustainability Appraisal

The Council have not prepared a Sustainability Appraisal (SA) for the SPD as:

- it is not considered that the SPD would have significant social, environmental or economic effects that are not covered in the SA prepared for the Revised Local Plan DPD; and
- it is not required by the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Directive 2001/42/EC.

Sec.180(5)(d) Planning Act 2008 removed the compulsory requirement for a SA for an SPD.

Details of Consultation to Date

Consultation within the village has been continuous over a period of more than three years, by the following means:

1. Newsletter: There is a free village newsletter, delivered to every household in the parish once a month. This always includes a summary of the latest Parish Council Meeting minutes, and updates on the VDS have been included regularly since it was first proposed in May 2011.

In March the first full draft of the VDS Guidelines was included as a supplement to the newsletter, inviting responses to the newsletter editor or any Parish Councillor. Feedback was universally positive, and some useful suggestions were subsequently incorporated.

2. Web site: The village has a popular website, www.sherfieldenglish.org.uk and this has a page dedicated to the VDS and Parish Plan. The Home Page has a link to this, and since early 2012 the latest draft of the VDS has always been available for download as a PDF file of about 1MB. Each new draft has been highlighted by a prominent 'News' item on the Home Page.

The final version was posted at the same time as it was submitted to TVBC (6 Jan 2015), with a 'News' flash and link on the Home Page.

3. Public Meetings: The VDS has been presented at three public meetings, the first in May 2012, and the most recent in May 2014. In each case the VDS presentation has been part of the 'Annual Parish Meeting' which is publicised both in the free newsletter and on the website. A report on the VDS was printed and available at these meetings.

Of the three media, the free newsletter has been by far the most successful in eliciting feedback, and the other two have been seen primarily as a means of delivering more detail to those who wanted it.

The draft Sherfield English Village Design Statement has been written, designed and subsequently amended to take account of the responses received during the process of consultation and community involvement. It also takes into account comments made by officers of the Council as the local planning authority.