

**DRAFT WEST DEAN VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT SUPPLEMENTARY  
PLANNING DOCUMENT (SPD)**

**LIST OF RESPONDENTS**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Respondent</b>
<u>Statutory Consultees</u>	
SC 0052 /00011	West Tytherley and Frenchmoor Parish Council
SC 0116 /00012	Environment Agency
SC 0163 /00013	Natural England
<u>Non-Statutory Consultees</u>	
01321 /00001	Mid-Thornegate History Society
<u>Keep Informed</u>	
KI 0046 /00010	The Theatres Trust
<u>General Responses</u>	
None	

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**SCHEDULE OF RESPONSES**

**GENERAL**

**Summary of Comments**

Support

SC0052/00011/001

**Response**

Support noted

**Change**

**No change**

**Summary of Comments**

Generally welcome design guidelines which aim to encourage development that respects and where possible enhances local distinctiveness and the intrinsic qualities of the countryside, including its heritage features and wildlife resources, so that these may be enjoyed by all.

SC0163/00013/001

**Response**

Noted

**Change**

**No change**

**Summary of Comments**

Content with document as it stands.

01321/00001/001

**Response**

Noted

**Change**

**No change**

**Summary of Comments**

No comments

SC0116/00012/001, KI0046/00010/001, 01321/00001/002

**Response**

Noted

**Change**

**No change**

**INTRODUCTION**

**Summary of Comments**

No comments received

**LOCATION**

**Summary of Comments**

No comments received

## HISTORY AND SETTLEMENT

### Summary of Comments

No comments received

## LANDSCAPE AND SURROUNDINGS

### Summary of Comments

Welcome recognition given to the special landscape qualities of the village setting and its characteristic landscape features.

SC0163/00013/002

### Response

Noted

### Change

No change

### Summary of Comments

Document rightly recognises the importance of the rich diversity of wildlife habitats within and surrounding the village.

SC163/00013/004

### Response

Noted

### Change

No change

**Summary of Comments**

Would advocate that the VDS is underpinned by Landscape Character Assessment (LCA) based on methodologies set out in *Landscape Character Assessment Guidance for England and Scotland*, Countryside Agency and Scottish Natural Heritage, 2002.

SC0163/00013/003

**Response**

The Council's existing *Test Valley Community Landscape Project*, LCA was prepared in 2004 and follows the methodology set out in the 2002 guidance document. Natural England's predecessor organisation The Countryside Agency, was also a partner in its preparation.

It is not considered that a specific reference is necessary within the document to the current LCA. The LCA is publicly available on the Council's website.

**Change**

**No change**

**Summary of Comments**

Advocate addition of a map showing all existing green space assets.

SC0163/00013/005

**Response**

The Council's existing *Public Open Space Audit* prepared in 2008, details all public open space available for recreation purposes and the Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre (HBIC) hold records of all sites with a national or local nature conservation interest.

A general map of the village (copy of West Dean Conservation Area Map 1990) is already included in the VDS and references are already made to the important open spaces and designated nature conservation sites within and surrounding the village in the 'Landscape and Surroundings' and 'Village Amenities' sections.

It is not considered that the addition of a map within the VDS indicating all existing green space assets is necessary.

**Change**

**No change**

**Summary of Comments**

All potential opportunities for enhancement, which would further complement and strengthen landscape character and sense of place should be incorporated in the VDS.

SC0163/00013/006

**Response**

It is not considered that this aim falls within the direct scope of a VDS, the intention of which is rather to articulate existing important features which are a key element of local distinctiveness and which should be retained.

Any potential opportunities for enhancement which arise in the future in the context of new development should be considered on their individual merits at such time.

**Change**

**No change**

**VILLAGE AMENITIES**

**Summary of Comments**

No comments received

**TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT**

**Summary of Comments**

No comments received

**DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING**

**Summary of Comments**

No comments received

## THE DESIGN OF BUILDINGS

### Summary of Comments

No reference to the use of energy efficient building design or renewable energy options, where these can compatibly be accommodated with conservation of the natural environment and which are important elements of a response to climate change. Advocate that this aspect of development design is included in the VDS.

SC0163/00013/007

### Response

It is recognised that there is currently no reference to this important issue within the VDS. Whilst not strictly within the direct scope of a VDS, given the growing emphasis on this issue (which has evolved since VDS guidance was prepared) and the strong relationship with the design of new buildings, it is considered appropriate that this issue is included within the VDS. However, the response to this issue should also reflect the need for compatibility with local distinctiveness and the important features which have been identified and additionally also include water efficiency.

In order to provide appropriate guidance on this issue, it is considered that an additional design guideline should be added to the VDS within 'The Design of Buildings' section.

### Change

**Add an additional design guideline within 'The Design of Buildings' section to read:**

**"In order to maximise the energy and water efficiency of buildings, the use of sustainable construction, design and materials, and the use of on-site renewable energy, should be favourably considered where this can be achieved compatible with local character and important features."**