

VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT VALIDATION CHECKLIST TEMPLATE

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Village Design Statement for:	The Chutes
(i) Does the VDS describe the distinctive character of the village and the surrounding countryside?	i) Yes: Sections 2 – 7 describe the distinctive character of the village and the surrounding countryside in terms of its context, identity, built form, movement, nature and public spaces. The Street Surveys in section 12 describe, within a pro-forma, the characteristics of 17 distinct streets and areas within the villages.
(ii) Does the VDS show how character can be identified at three levels: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The landscape setting of the village • The shape of the settlement • The nature of the buildings themselves 	ii) Yes: Sections 2 (Context) and Appendix 1 (History of the Chutes) describe the landscape setting of the village. Section 5 (Movement) and Appendix 1 describe how the settlements' shape has been influenced by historical roads, rights of way, royal forests and, agricultural systems. Section 12 (Street Surveys), Appendix 1 and Appendix 4 (Conservation Areas and Listed Buildings) show how character can be identified in the nature of the buildings themselves

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(iii) Does the VDS draw up design principles based on the distinctive local character?	<p>(iii) Yes:</p> <p>Design 'Policies' and 'Advice', summarised in coloured boxes within sections 2-5 & 10 provide broad design principles which are based on the local context.</p> <p>Section 8's Design Policy 5 (Limits to Development of Dwellings) includes prescriptive design principles, which ostensibly seek to regulate the scale and mass of any new development within a plot in order to preserve more closely the existing built form / character of the area. The justification for doing this appears to be provided in the Introduction, at paragraph 1.6 and 1.11, with an important caveat in paragraph 1.14.</p> <p>Section 12 includes a checklist for assessment of compliance of proposals' character with existing local character. This is based on numerous design parameters and lessons identified as a result of the Street Survey.</p>

<p>(iv) Does the VDS work in partnership with the local planning authority in the context of existing local planning policy and influence future policies.</p>	<p>iv) Wiltshire Core Policy 58 (Ensuring the conservation of the historic environment)</p> <p>The VDS aligns with this LPA policy.</p> <p>Core Policy 57 (Ensuring high Quality Design and Place Shaping)</p> <p>The VDS's policies and advice align with CP57 parts i – v & vii.</p> <p>It does not show explicit regard to CP57 parts vi & viii – xiv, but neither would it appear to necessarily conflict with or undermine those parts of the Policy.</p> <p>Note: I have only assessed the VDS against these two LPA policies of the Core Strategy.</p>
<p>(v) Has the VDS been developed, researched, written and edited by local people? Is it representative of the views of the village as a whole? Has the process involved a wide section of the village community in its production?</p>	<p>v) Yes - see Statement community involvement (4th October 2022) regarding the community engagement of the Chute design guide.</p>

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Other Comments:	none
Overall Conclusions:	The VDS is considered to meet the objectives set out in the validation checklist parts i-iv. Part v remains to be assessed.
Recommendation:	No recommendation is made by this officer