

TEFFONT



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Introduction

In 2007 the residents of Teffont began the process of preparing a Village Design Statement (VDS).

The comprehensive document which follows is the result of two questionnaires, several public consultations and a huge amount of work by teams of volunteers

all motivated by the desire to see that new development in the village respects the unique character and charm of Teffont.

Because this VDS is so comprehensive, the Parish Council decided that for ease of access the Development Guidelines should be at the beginning of the document. However, we urge those responsible for making or influencing planning decisions to read the whole document as this will ensure the Guidelines are placed in context.

Why is the VDS important?

On its adoption as Supplementary Planning Guidance by Wiltshire Council the VDS becomes a “material consideration in the determination of a planning application”.

This means that the contents will be taken into account by the Council when determining

planning applications however it should also serve as an important first reference point for all those involved in Teffont’s future development.

What is at stake?

As the Descriptive Tour of the Village so clearly illustrates, Teffont is an exceptional village and amongst the features making it so unusual are:

- ◇ The large number and proportion of listed buildings, including its two churches
- ◇ The presence within the village boundaries of Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and other very special landscape features such as its stream and water meadows
- ◇ The way in which the village’s linear development is marked by open spaces
- ◇ The position of Teffont within the South West Wiltshire and Cranborne Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)

This VDS highlights the geology, history and biodiversity of Teffont, all of which underpin the architectural heritage of this beautiful Wiltshire stone village. We believe that taken as a whole the document will serve to recognise the past, value the present, but above all be a guide to protect the future of Teffont.

