

Village Design Statement Validation Checklist

Village Design Statement for:	Durrington
(i) Does the VDS describe the distinctive character of the village and the surrounding countryside?	The character of the village and surrounding countryside is described in the section entitled "History"
(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 	<p>"Open spaces and landscape" section describes that the landscape setting of the parish includes Stonehenge, Woodhenge and Durrington Walls, and the open countryside of Salisbury Plain.</p>
	<p>The Settlement Pattern section explains how the shape of the parish is influenced by the river Avon, Salisbury Plain and the Stonehenge World Heritage Site. From the middle of the 19th century the village started to grow as a ribbon development along the three main roads serving the Village. Bulford Road, Stonehenge Road and Larkhill Road form a triangle with the Conservation Area forming the northern apex. This section goes on to describe how rapid growth took place in later years.</p>
	<p>The Buildings and Materials section includes detailed schedules of the type of buildings that can be found in Durrington and Larkhill.</p>
(iii) Does the VDS draw up design principles based on the distinctive local character?	At the end of each section, the VDS draws on the content of that section to produce guiding principles for future development.
(iv) Does the VDS work in partnership with the local planning authority in the context of existing local planning policy and influence future policies.	The VDS was prepared in partnership with the local planning authority and recognises that development must comply with Wiltshire Council's policies.
(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?	The introduction explains how the draft VDS was sent to every organisation in the village and that a public exhibition was held to which all the village residents were invited. The VDS has been prepared by Durrington residents in association with Durrington Parish Council.
Other Comments:	This VDS represents a point in time and so there

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may be some references in it that are now superseded. An addendum with the following wording should therefore be added to this VDS to reflect the current situation:

This VDS was produced at a point in time. Therefore, there may be references in it that are now superseded. This includes references to the former Salisbury District Council and the Salisbury District Local Plan. The Salisbury District Local Plan has been superseded by the South Wiltshire Core Strategy, albeit a number of Local Plan policies are saved in the Core Strategy. Similarly, there may be references to policies in the South Wiltshire Core Strategy that at the time of writing were still emerging. However, the VDS is still considered to be compliant with local policy on design matters. Finally, any references to the VDSs being adopted as Supplementary Planning Guidance or as a Supplementary Planning Document are also now superseded, as all VDSs are now approved as material planning considerations by the Council instead.

The VDS has been subject to a recent review by officers and considered up-to-date and relevant, and has subsequently been approved at the Southern Area Planning Committee on 14 February 2013 as a material planning consideration.

Overall Conclusions:

The VDS is considered to meet the objectives set out in the validation checklist.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that, subject to the addition of the proposed addendum, the VDS for Durrington be approved as a material planning consideration for the purposes of development management.