

Village Design Statement Validation Checklist

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	present character, and of its precious environmental setting, so that it can contribute sensitively to the protection and improvement of the village. This complements existing local planning policy.
<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>The VDS was endorsed by the Southern Wiltshire Area Board on 25 August 2011 as having been produced by a genuinely representative consultation of village opinion and the Area Board supported its submission for adoption as Supplementary Planning Guidance by Wiltshire Council.</p> <p>A VDS steering group was set up in June 2010 comprising two members from the Winterslow Parish Council, one new member from the community, and five former members of the Parish Plan Steering Group. The Winterslow VDS is the result of 12 months of consultation and survey which encapsulates the views and aspirations of the whole community, via road shows held in the village hall and at Lopcombe Corner, and visits to various village clubs and societies, that cover groups of all ages.</p>
Other Comments:	<p>This VDS represents a point in time and so there may be some references in it that are now superseded.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:</p> <p><i>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 Therefore, there may be references in it that are now superseded.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 The Salisbury District Local Plan has been superseded by the South Wiltshire Core Strategy, albeit a number of Local Plan policies are saved in the Core Strategy.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</i></p>

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	<p><i>Supplementary Planning Guidance or as a Supplementary Planning Document are also now superseded, as all VDSs are now approved as material planning considerations by the Council instead.</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p>
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 Winterslow be approved as a material planning consideration for the purposes of development management.