



## Village Design Statement Validation Checklist

<b>Village Design Statement for:</b>	<b>Idmiston, Porton and Gomeldon</b>
<p><b>(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?</b></p>	<p>The Village Design Statement is shaped by the opinions and aspirations of local residents. At the beginning of the process questionnaires were distributed to all 890 dwellings in the Parish.</p> <p>Nearly half of all of households responded. In all 439 forms were returned, which is a 49% response rate. Such a high rate of return lends credibility to the findings, as being representative of our community as a whole.</p> <p>The process of producing the VDS was carried out by the Village Design Statement Team, with assistance from an officer from Spatial Planning at Wiltshire Council.</p>
<b>Overall Conclusions:</b>	<p>The Village Design Statement is considered to meet the objectives set out in the validation checklist.</p>
<b>Recommendation:</b>	<p>It is recommended that the Village Design Statement for Idmiston, Porton and Gomeldon be approved as a material planning consideration for the purposes of development management.</p>