

Appendix 2 Consultation Representations and Recommended Response

Part one – Representations and modifications proposed by Winchester City Council

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Comments and name of consultee where known	Recommended Response
National Air Traffic Services No comment	Noted
Southern Water Southern Water is the statutory wastewater undertaker for the village of Swanmore we have no comments to make on this occasion.	Noted
Equality and Human Rights Commission Local, Parish and Town Councils and other public authorities have obligations under the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) in the Equality Act 2010 to consider the effect of their policies and decisions on people sharing particular protected characteristics. (Link provided to their guidance)	Due to the nature of VDS documents, it is not considered that there are any specific effects arising in respect to the PSED.
Titchborne Parish Council Swanmore Village Design Statement is sound and fit for purpose and we welcome its forthcoming adoption as a Supplementary Planning Document.	Support welcomed
Natural England General advice which Natural England (NE) would like to be considered in the preparation of a Village Design Statement: Consider the impact on National Park & use any appropriate guidance within any National Park management plan. <u>Landscape</u> Cross-refer to any local Landscape Character Assessments (LCA) and make use of NE National Character Area (NCA) profiles	The VDS has been prepared with advice from officers from the SDNPA. The VDS discusses the role of the National Park as a significant development consideration on page 6. However, given the significance of the SDNP in the character of the parish, it is considered useful to refer to it within the planning guidance on page 6. The VDS provides a full description of the local landscape character as sought by NE and uses descriptions from the WCC Landscape Character Assessment (LCA) The WCC LCA should be referenced

<p><u>Green Infrastructure and Sustainable Design</u> Promote high quality and multifunctional green infrastructure, including features that will support climate change mitigation.</p> <p><u>Biodiversity</u> Recognise designated wildlife sites and other biodiversity assets in the immediate area eg. protected species, ecological networks, habitats and green spaces. Guidelines should respect, and enhance the local and neighbouring biodiversity resources. Consult the local Wildlife Trust and local environmental record centre and refer to Biodiversity Action Plans where relevant.</p>	<p>and this section would be more appropriate within the 'Character and Landscape Setting' Chapter. Amendments are recommended to this effect below.</p> <p>Recommended Changes: Under 'Planning guidance: General considerations' Add new guideline 2.1 (and renumber following) <u>2.1 All development within or nearby the South Downs National Park should take account of the character of the National Park when developing proposals</u> (page 6 and amend in the 'Guidelines for Developers' section)</p> <p>Amend landscape character description as follows: 'Key characteristics of the surrounding areas are <i>described within WCC Landscape Character Assessment as follows:...</i>'</p> <p>Change sub-heading on page 7 as follows: 'Surrounding countryside <u>Landscape character.</u>'</p> <p>Move section 'Key characteristics...wet weather' (page 4) to below second paragraph on page 7.</p> <p>The VDS discusses wildlife, biodiversity and green infrastructure in detail throughout the document. The Council's ecologist provided input at an early stage and the local wildlife trust was consulted as part of the public consultation.</p> <p>Many of the planning guidelines within the VDS seek to protect and enhance green infrastructure such as trees, hedgerows, shrubs, open spaces etc. The VDS discusses local SINC's within the text and identifies a series of green corridors and the document would be enhanced if these were also included within the planning guidelines. See below for recommended changes.</p>
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<p>Resident The VDS should show much greater intent to protect the SINC in the village. The 'Landscape and Setting' Guidance should include a statement to the effect that any development in Swanmore should protect the biodiversity and green corridors in the parish;</p> <p>A statement should also be added that deliberate damage to SINC will not be seen as a reason to downgrade the SINC status; they will recover with time.</p>	<p>There are policies in the local plan that require developments to protect and enhance green infrastructure, biodiversity and protected sites such as SINC (CP15, CP16 and DM15 – DM17).</p> <p>However, it is agreed that the VDS should refer more explicitly to biodiversity and an additional guideline should be provided to reflect the local importance of biodiversity assets, including SINC and the green corridors. The section would be strengthened by edits to increase the prominence of biodiversity as recommended below.</p> <p>Designation of SINC and their status are made by HCC. It would be going beyond the remit of the VDS to include the suggested statement.</p> <p>Recommended Changes: Amend Planning guidance: 'Landscape and setting and nature conservation' and add new guideline: <u>3.7 Developments should maintain and enhance the biodiversity assets of the parish, including the SINC and the green corridors identified in this VDS'</u></p> <p>Move existing 3.7 (Utilities) guidelines to the section on 'Street furniture' and renumber as necessary</p> <p>Move existing 3.8 (cyclists and pedestrians) to new 'Open Space and Recreation' section and renumber as 4.4</p> <p>Amend 3.9 as follows: 3.98 New development should respect the character of the locality, with buildings in keeping with reasonable public expectations.'</p>
<p>Resident SHELAA land (ref SWA02) falls within the area shown on page 12 as part of the second green corridor. Does this impact on the</p>	<p>Similar areas of green corridors were identified by the local community in the original VDS of 2001 as particularly precious areas linking surrounding habitats and planning guidance in the 'Wildlife</p>

<p>SHELAA submission for mixed development? Would this be altered if land was submitted for affordable housing only?</p>	<p>and Environment' section of the 2001 VDS sought their maintenance and improvement. It is recommended that similar guidance should be included within the proposed VDS to reflect the local importance of such corridors, together with a brief explanation of the green corridors in the text.</p> <p>The comments in relation to a SHELAA site are not relevant for this VDS. It should be noted that the identification of a green corridor in the VDS would not exclude a site for inclusion in the SHELAA.</p> <p>Recommended Changes: Add the following to text on page 12: <u>'There are also three "green corridors" running through the village that are important to the local community as biodiversity links:'</u></p> <p>Amend Planning guidance: 'Sport Open space and recreation' and add new guideline: <u>4.5 Developments should respect the biodiversity and recreational value of the green corridors identified in this VDS</u></p>
<p>Resident With regard to 'Significant development considerations' on page 6, where the defined settlement gap between Swanmore and Waltham Chase is mentioned, there should be an insertion on page 6 in respect of Lower Chase Road (that connects the two villages).</p> <p>The landscape between Swanmore and Waltham Chase is within a settlement gap and has a rural ambiance which should be maintained with 'an edge of village feel'; otherwise Lower Chase Road would deteriorate in character to the detriment of Swanmore and Waltham Chase as separate entities. There is a risk of coalescence by default due to erosion over time.</p>	<p>There are policies in the local plan that restrict development in the countryside (MTRA4 & DM1) and that require developments to have due regard to the rural character of the area (DM23). This area is also within a settlement gap between Swanmore and Waltham Chase identified under Policy CP18, where only development that does not physically or visually diminish the gap may be acceptable. It is therefore considered that there should be sufficient protection in the local plan.</p> <p>The VDS describes the importance of the rural character and setting of the village, which includes the settlement gap, on page 1 and page 6. The rural landscape of the parish is part of the planning guidance at 3.1, but - given the importance of the gaps between settlements - it is agreed that these should also be referred to, as part of the general development considerations in section 2.</p>

	<p>Recommended Changes: Under Planning guidance: General considerations Add new guideline 2.1 (and renumber following) <u>2.1 All development within the defined settlement gap should respect the generally open and undeveloped nature of the area</u> (page 6 and amend in the 'Guidelines for Developers' section)</p>
<p>Resident By achieving a significant growth in new houses through large sites, there should be a much-reduced need for garden development, in order to achieve building targets.</p> <p>Section 2.1 on page 6 should be amended to strengthen the discouragement of garden development.</p>	<p>Applications for development in gardens will be considered on their individual merits and within settlement boundaries development may be acceptable subject to compliance with other elements of the local plan.</p> <p>Policies CP13, CP14, DM15 and DM16 of the local plan all emphasise the importance of developments responding appropriately to the local character and the VDS guidelines detail factors that are considered important to preserve and enhance the character of the village. The VDS cannot rule out a category of development as a whole and it is considered that sufficient policies and guidelines exist to control inappropriate development within planning law.</p> <p>Recommended Changes: None</p>
<p>Resident Care should be taken not to overcrowd the area any more than already done. This can spoil the place and creates too much traffic</p>	<p>The VDS cannot control the amount of new development required by the local plan, but does outline desirable criteria to influence the siting and appearance of proposals to ensure compatibility with the character of the village.</p> <p>Recommended Changes: None</p>
<p>Resident Support the VDS as a whole, but the two schools should be added to the list of local employers.</p> <p>There are several typographical errors and omissions in the credits.</p>	<p>The support is welcomed.</p> <p>It is recommended that the schools' contribution to the local economy be acknowledged in the VDS.</p>

<p>Resident</p> <p>The quality of photos seems strangely variable and the line drawings have poor resolution. Some contributors have not been acknowledged should be given for the line drawings and some of the photos.</p>	<p>The errors identified by the respondent will be corrected as part of the final editing process, which will also address the visual appearance of the document.</p> <p>Recommended Changes: Add the following text – ‘<u>Local employment is limited to the two local schools, farms,...</u>’ (page 3)</p>
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Part two – Additional representations proposed by SDNPA

The following representations were made to ensure the VDS accurately refers to the South Downs Local Plan and correct minor typographical errors

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Page / Paragraph reference	Recommended modification
Acknowledgementsproduced for and on behalf of Winchester City Council and the South Downs National Park <u>Authority</u>
Page 1, paragraph 4policies within the Winchester District Local Plan and the emerging South Downs National Park Local Plan.....
Page 6, Paragraph 1	The latest version of the <u>adopted</u> South Downs Local Plan (Pre Submission September 2017)
Appendix 1 Parent policies	Various policy references have been added to all sections to ensure that the VDS refers to the correct parent policy as identified in the South Downs Local Plan

