

SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK



Clapham Parish Design Statement (EPDS)

Consultation Statement

August 2022

- I.1 A Parish Design Statement (PDS) describes the distinctive character of a village and the surrounding countryside. They are prepared by Town and Parish Councils with the support of the wider community. Community consultation and engagement will establish the key design issues in a local area. This information is used to develop design principles based on the distinctive local character which helps planners, developers and individuals to understand local issues and design aspirations. Design Statements are also used to influence future local design policies and support good planning in order to improve design and support sustainable change.
- I.2 Subject to consideration and testing, a PDS can be adopted as a supplementary planning document (SPD) and will be a material consideration that will be taken into account by decision makers at the Authority and the host authorities¹ when determining planning applications.
- I.3 This Consultation Statement has been prepared in accordance with Regulation 12(a) and (b) of the Town and Country (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004.
- I.4 This statement sets out the details of the consultation. It sets out details of how, when and with whom the initial consultations with interested parties and organisations took place and how this has informed the PDS.
- I.4 The PDS has been prepared by volunteers with the support of Clapham Parish Council. The volunteer group have carried out an extensive programme of public consultation in the preparation of the PDS separate to the former consultation undertaken by the SDNPA. This consultation has informed the preparation of the PDS and the design guidelines identified. Following the preparation of the draft PDS, the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) resolved to undertake an eight week consultation from 13 June – 8 August 2022. As part of the consultation, the SDNPA:
- Published the draft PDS on the SDNPA website.
 - Sent emails to our Statutory Consultees (including relevant town and parish councils), and other interested parties
- Clapham Parish Council also notified local residents through posters on local notice boards

I.5 Consultation responses were received from one individual. The comment received is set out in Appendix I. Responses to comments received and how the PDS has been amended in response to these are also set out in Appendix I.

Respondent List

Respondent number	Respondent Name / Organisation
RI	C Tomkins

Appendix I

Individual or Organisation making the Representation (Rep Number)	Issue raised	Clapham Parish Council response	Proposed action
RI	Support for the Clapham Parish Design Statement, urging the SDNPA to adopt the Parish Design Statement as a Supplementary Planning Document		None