

Title of Report	DISEWORTH VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT	
Presented by	Ian Nelson Planning Policy Team Manager	
Background Papers	Report to Cabinet – 9 June 2020	Public Report: Yes
Financial Implications	The costs of consultation will be in terms of officer time as the consultation will be online. There are no financial implications otherwise.	
	Signed off by the Section 151 Officer: Yes	
Legal Implications	Legal considerations considered in the drafting of the report	
	Signed off by the Deputy Monitoring Officer: Yes	
Staffing and Corporate Implications	There are none.	
	Signed off by the Deputy Head of Paid Service: Yes	
Purpose of Report	To consider a request from Diseworth and Long Whatton Parish Council to adopt a revised Village Design Statement for Diseworth as a Supplementary Planning Document.	
Recommendations	THAT LOCAL PLAN COMMITTEE AGREE TO UNDERTAKE CONSULTATION IN RESPECT OF THE REVISED DISEWORTH VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT.	

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Diseworth Village Design Statement (“VDS”) was adopted by the District Council as Supplementary Planning Guidance on 3 April 2000.
- 1.2 Following the adoption of the Local Plan in November 2017 a report to Cabinet in January 2018 considered the issue of which existing Supplementary Planning Documents /Guidance should be retained. This involved assessing the various SPD/SPG against a number of criteria to help determine whether it was still relevant.
- 1.3 Following the decision of Cabinet in January 2018, the Diseworth and Long Whatton Parish Council were contacted to advise them of the need to consider reviewing the VDS if it was to be retained.
- 1.4 The Parish Council undertook a review of the VDS, updating and amending it as considered necessary (for example to take account of the adopted Local Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework).The proposed revised VDS was submitted to the Council with a request that it be approved as a SPD.
- 1.5 The revised VDS was considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 9 June 2020. The Cabinet report is attached as Appendix A and the proposed Village Design Statement is attached as Appendix B to this report.
- 1.6 Cabinet agreed to request this Committee to undertake consultation on the revised VDS, subject to this being done in a way that complies with the Council’s Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). Proposed changes to the SCI are considered in a separate report on this agenda. Subject to the proposed changes being agreed it is considered that a consultation can be undertaken which complies with the SCI.

Policies and other considerations, as appropriate	
Council Priorities:	Our communities are safe, healthy and connected
Policy Considerations:	The draft revised VDS has been assessed against both the adopted Local Plan and the Council's Design SPD and is considered to comply with their provisions.
Safeguarding:	None identified
Equalities/Diversity:	An Equalities Impact Assessment will need to be undertaken before the revised VDS can be adopted as a SPD
Customer Impact:	The principal impact would be upon those submitting planning applications in Diseworth as they would need to take in to account the revised VDS.
Economic and Social Impact:	The revised VDS has been prepared by the Parish Council with input from the local community. As such it represents the aspirations of the local community as to how future developments should look.
Environment and Climate Change:	The revised VDS seeks to ensure that the local environment is taken in to account when designing new developments
Consultation/Community Engagement:	The draft revised VDS has been subject to consultation and if agreed by Cabinet and the Local Plan Committee will be then subject of further consultation.
Risks:	As outlined in the confidential Appendix B to this report
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