

CABINET – 12 JANUARY 2021

Title of Report	DISEWORTH VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT	
Presented by	Councillor Robert Ashman Planning and Infrastructure Portfolio Holder	
Background Papers	Diseworth Village Design Statement Report to Cabinet – 9 June 2020 Planning Practice Guidance Consultation responses to draft Diseworth Village Design statement	Public Report: Yes
		Key Decision: No
Financial Implications	None identified. The cost of consultation has been met from existing resources	
	Signed off by the Section 151 Officer: Yes	
Legal Implications	Legal considerations were considered in the drafting of the report	
	Signed off by the Monitoring Officer: Yes	
Staffing and Corporate Implications	None identified	
	Signed off by the Deputy Head of Paid Service: Yes	
Purpose of Report	To consider the responses to the consultation exercise in respect of the revised Village Design Statement for Diseworth and to consider whether it should be adopted as a Supplementary Planning Document.	
Reason for Decision	The preparation of a Supplementary Planning Document is a Cabinet function.	
Recommendations	THAT CABINET RECOMMEND TO THE LOCAL PLAN COMMITTEE THAT THE REVISED DISEWORTH VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT BE ADOPTED AS A SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT SUBJECT TO THE CHANGES HIGHLIGHTED AT APPENDIX A OF THIS REPORT.	

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Members will recall that the 9 June 2020 meeting of Cabinet considered a report in respect of request from Long Whatton and Diseworth Parish Council to adopt a revised Village Design Statement (VDS) for Diseworth as a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).
- 1.2 Cabinet agreed to ask the Local Plan Committee to undertake consultation on the proposed revised VDS. This was agreed by the Local Plan Committee at its meeting of 29 July 2020.

2.0 CONSULTATION ON THE REVISED VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

- 2.1 The revised VDS was subject to consultation between 17 August and 28 September 2020.

- 2.2 The consultation was notified by e-mail or letter to a range of stakeholders from the database of consultees held by the Planning Policy team. In addition, the consultation was included on the Planning Policy pages of the Council's website.
- 2.3 In total seven responses were received to the consultation. A summary of the comments received together with the suggested responses is included at Appendix A of this report.
- 2.4 Only one response of any significance was received. This raised concerns regarding the appropriateness of parts of the revised VDS when compared to government guidance as set out in the Planning Practice Guidance. Officers considered that these comments were not unreasonable and therefore put forward to the Parish Council some changes to the wording at pages 2 and 4. The Parish Council has confirmed its acceptance of these proposed changes as set out in Appendix A of this report.

3.0 NEXT STEPS

- 3.1 In terms of governance, formulation of an SPD is an Executive function but adoption is a Council function which has been delegated to the Local Plan Committee.
- 3.2 Therefore, Cabinet are asked to request the Local Plan Committee to approve the VDS as a SPD subject to the change outlined above at paragraph 2.4.

Policies and other considerations, as appropriate	
Council Priorities:	Our communities are safe, healthy and connected
Policy Considerations:	The draft 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 VDS can be adopted as SPD. This will be done prior to going to Local Plan Committee.
Customer Impact:	The principal impact would be upon those submitting planning applications in Diseworth as they would need to take in to account the VDS.
Economic and Social Impact:	The 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 VDS seeks to ensure that the local environment is taken in to account when designing new developments
Consultation/Community Engagement:	The VDS has been subject to consultation both before and after it was submitted to the council
Risks:	None identified
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