

# LANDFORD VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

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### 9.1 Landford Community Plan (2008-2013)

In November 2000 the Government's Rural White Paper *Our Countryside – The Future* launched the concept of the parish and town plans whose purpose is to:

*“... set out a vision of what is important, how new development can best be fitted in, the design and quality standards it should meet, how to preserve valued local features and to map out the facilities which the community needs to safeguard for the future.”*

Guidance for parish and town councils Rural White Paper Plans should “*identify key facilities and services, set out the problems that need to be tackled and demonstrate how distinctive character and features can be preserved.*”

Parish Plans are “holistic” or comprehensive in scope. They should set out a vision of how the community wants to develop, and identify the action needed to achieve it. They can include everything that is relevant to the people who live and work in the community, from employment and playgrounds to the design of new buildings and protection of hedges and ponds. They can include any social, environmental or economic issues. It is up to the community to decide what is important to them. Parish Plans have the potential to influence a wide range of organisations and processes which affect the lives of rural communities. They should complement and help deliver local planning policies and frameworks but they cannot override adopted planning policy. They should influence local housing and land management strategies. They should also contribute to the way local services are managed and delivered.

The Landford Community Plan (2008-2013) took two years to produce and was published in November 2008. It was adopted by Landford Parish Council the following month and endorsed by Salisbury District Council (now Wiltshire Council) in January 2009.

The document is available on the local website at [www.plan.landfordcommunity.org.uk](http://www.plan.landfordcommunity.org.uk). One requirement of the Plan was the production of a Village Design Statement.

### 9.2 Village Design Statement

A Village Design Statement (VDS) is a means of influencing decisions on design and development. It provides a clear statement of the character of a particular village or area against which planning applications can be assessed. It is not about whether development should take place (that is a matter for the adopted Local Development Plan), but about how development should proceed with regard to the local identity of the area.

The criteria for producing a VDS are:

- It is developed, researched, written and edited by local people;
- Is representative of the views of the village and involved a wide section of the community in its production;
- Describes the visual character of the village and shows how local character and distinctiveness can be protected and enhanced in any new development;
- Is compatible with the statutory planning system and suitable for approval by the local Authority as support to its Local Plan;
- Is applicable to all forms and scale of development; and
- Is about managing development, not preventing it.

Local people are well placed to identify local character and distinctiveness, described in terms of the landscape setting of the village, the pattern and shape of the settlement and the nature of buildings, open spaces, landmarks and any special features.

Policy C1 of the adopted Salisbury District Local Plan (adopted June 2003) states that the Local Planning Authority attaches great importance to the preservation of the countryside and wishes to conserve the character, appearance and resources of the rural area whilst promoting the well-being of the rural communities and the viability of agriculture.

The VDS provides detailed support for the design and development policies in this document, and if adopted becomes a material consideration when determining planning applications.

### **9.3 New Forest National Park Core Strategy**

Authorities now produce Local Development Frameworks comprising a series of planning documents and the Core Strategy is a key document in the Local Development Framework. The Core Strategy guides decisions about what will happen where within the New Forest National Park.

The Authority's Core Strategy will deliver the long term planning vision for the National Park. The Core Strategy provides a planning policy framework up to 2026 consistent with the statutory National Park purposes and sets the context for the preparation of other planning policy documents within the Local Development Framework (LDF). Following an examination in public during 2010, the document was adopted in December 2010.

The VDS provides detailed support for the design and development policies in this document, and if adopted becomes a material consideration when determining planning applications.

This document can be viewed on the NFNPA website [www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/core\\_strategy.pdf](http://www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/core_strategy.pdf)

### **9.4 South Wiltshire Core Strategy**

The South Wiltshire Core Strategy Development Plan Document (DPD) sets out the Council's spatial vision, key objectives and overall principles for development in the area of the former Salisbury District Council.

The Core Strategy aims to balance the competing environmental, social and economic pressures by prescribing a sustainable spatial strategy for the future development of South Wiltshire. This will include the location of strategic sites for new housing and employment development, as well as policies with which planning applications will be judged.

The South Wiltshire Core Strategy DPD covers the former Salisbury district area (please note that this now excludes that part of Wiltshire that now constitutes part of the New Forest National Park) and should be in conformity with the South Regional Spatial Strategy.

Further planning policies affecting the Landford area will be included in subsequent Wiltshire Council DPDs in due course.

Please note that although that much of the Core Strategy has been completed, it is still subject to an Examination in Public and has not yet been finalised and approved.

The latest version of the document is available on the Wiltshire Council website [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/) and follow the links to *planning and development* for the South Wiltshire area.

## 9.5 New Forest National Park Management Plan

All National Park Authorities must produce a Management Plan for their area. The central role of the Plan is to guide and co-ordinate the work of all those with an interest in the Park in delivering the National Park purposes and duty.

As with other Management Plans, this plan for the New Forest National Park is a strategic document which sets out the overall policy approach for the area, and attempts to tackle some of the major issues that affect the Park now, or are likely to influence it in the future. Above all it focuses attention on maintaining the New Forest as a special, distinctive and unique place for present and future generations.

This document can be viewed on the NFNPA website [www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/core\\_strategy.pdf](http://www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/core_strategy.pdf)

## 9.6 The Government Planning Portal

The Planning Portal can be accessed online at [www.planningportal.gov.uk/england/public](http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/england/public) .

You can use the tools and information on this site to find out about planning in your area and what development you can perform around your house.

The Portal's services also let you apply for planning permission electronically as well as submit and track an appeal online.

## 9.7 A guide: how to satisfy design conditions

This document considers conditions that relate to the layout and design of buildings. It is intended to help applicants and agents meet the requirements of design conditions. These conditions are imposed on planning and listed building consents to ensure that development meets appropriate standards of quality.

They will usually relate to detailed matters that are not practical to resolve at application stage. Not complying with conditions can lead to poor results and enforcement action, so it is important to comply with them within the required timescale. Some conditions need to be satisfied before any work commences on site. Others will only be addressed practically once work has started, but before the extent of actual work can be finalised.

A copy of this document can be viewed or downloaded from the New Forest District Council's website at [www.newforest.gov.uk](http://www.newforest.gov.uk) and search on the document title.

## 9.8 Regarding PVC Windows

For guidance on the use of PVC windows please consult the following two documents.

**Creating Places Design Guide** – page 96 'Some advice on UPVC windows'  
[www.wiltshire.gov.uk/south\\_wiltshire\\_creating\\_places\\_design\\_guide\\_spg\\_-\\_chapter\\_22\\_-\\_detailed\\_design\\_of\\_windows.pdf](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/south_wiltshire_creating_places_design_guide_spg_-_chapter_22_-_detailed_design_of_windows.pdf)

**PVC-u or Timber. Which is best?**  
[www.greenpeace.org.uk/files/pdfs/migrated/MultimediaFiles/Live/FullReport/5588.pdf](http://www.greenpeace.org.uk/files/pdfs/migrated/MultimediaFiles/Live/FullReport/5588.pdf)

## 9.9 Planning Guides for Wildlife

The following two publications are available from Natural England and can be obtained through their website at [www.naturalengland.org.uk/publications/publications/default.aspx](http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/publications/publications/default.aspx)

### **Barn Owls and rural planning applications: a guide for planners (IN74)**

This booklet, produced on behalf of the Barn Owl Trust, is aimed at planners and developers, and looks at the background of the barn owl, the problems it faces, and actively promotes ways to encourage the co-existence of barn owls and mankind.

### **Bats in Buildings (IN152)**

This leaflet is for the wide range of building professionals - builders, roofers, slaters, joiners, surveyors, timber treatment specialists, insulation installers, pest controllers, plumbers, electricians and telephone engineers, who may come across bats or a bat roost in the course of their work. Bat roosts are protected, even when bats are absent. It is important that you can recognise a roost and know what to do and who to contact.

## **9.10 List of Useful References**

### **Local authorities**

Wiltshire Council, County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA 14 8JN,  
Tel: 01225 713000

Wiltshire Council, 27-29 Milford Street, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP1 2AP Tel: 01722 336272

New Forest National Park Authority, South Efford House, Milford Road, Everton, Lymington SO41 0JD Tel: 01590 646615

### **Statutory bodies**

English Heritage, 29 Queens Square, Bristol BS1 4ND Tel: 0117 9750700

Natural England, Cromwell House, 2nd Floor, 15 Andover Road, Winchester SO23 7BT Tel: 03000602514

Environment Agency, Rivers House East Quay, Bridgwater, TA6 4YS Tel. 08459 333111

Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA),  
Government Office South West, The Pithay, Bristol, BS1 2PB Tel: 0117 900 1867

### **Publication contacts**

DEFRA Publications, PO Box 9B, Thames Ditton, Surrey, KT8 0BN Tel: 08459 556000

### **Other specialist advice**

Hawk and Owl Trust, 32 Hollis Avenue, North Weston, Portishead, BS20 8NB Tel: 01275 849287

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, Elm Tree Court, Long Street, Devizes, Wiltshire SN10 1NJ Tel: 01380 725670

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust Headquarters, Beechcroft House, Vicarage Lane, Curdridge, Hampshire SO32 2DP Tel: 01489 7744

The Landscape Institute, 6-8 Barnard Mews, London SW11 1QU Tel: 020 7350 5200

Royal Institute of British Architects Wessex Region, 16 Narrow Quay, Bristol BS1 4QA Tel: 0117 934 9966

Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), Surveyors Court, Westwood Way, Coventry CV4 8JE  
Tel: 0207 2227000 or 02476 694757

Farming And Wildlife Advisory Group, Stoneleigh Park, Kenilworth, Warwickshire CV8 2RX Tel: 02476 696699