

Item 8 – Otford Village Design Statement

The attached report was considered by the Planning Advisory Committee on 13 October 2015, relevant minute extract below:

Planning Advisory Committee - 13 October 2015 (Minute 22)

Members considered the report which proposed that the Village Design Statement (VDS) for Otford which had been prepared by local groups, be adopted as a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). It was noted that as required by the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004 (as amended) Consultation Statements had been prepared for each document.

The Planning Policy Team Leader also [tabled](#) an alternative wording for a paragraph 3.5 of the Village Design Statement (VDS) which had been received from Otford Parish Council which Members considered.

Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been given to impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Resolved: That it be recommended to Cabinet that approval be given for the adoption of the Otford Village Design Statement as a Supplementary Planning Document, subject to paragraph 3.5 being amended to read

‘3.5 The future of the Archbishop’s Palace Tower and Palace Field
The remains of the Archbishops Palace’ (c. 1518) are an iconic Otford landmark and amongst the oldest in the Sevenoaks region. They form an important part of Otford’s identity. There has been a recent proposal that ownership and responsibility for the whole site be transferred from Sevenoaks District Council, to the Otford community. This proposal has been received with a great deal of local support.’

