

Sevenoaks District Council

St Lawrence (Seal) Village Design Statement

Consultation Statement

Introduction

In accordance with the relevant Planning Regulations, before a Local Authority adopts a supplementary planning document;

“It must prepare a statement setting out the persons the local planning authority consulted when preparing the SPD, a summary of the main issues raised by those persons, and how these issues have been addressed in the SPD...”

This paper fulfils this requirement and sets out the public participation in the preparation of the document (Regulation 17 (1) (b)) and then the statutory public consultation undertaken on the draft Supplementary Planning Document (Regulation 18).

Once adopted, St Lawrence Village Design Statement SPD will form part of the Sevenoaks District Local Plan. It will not form part of the formal development plan for the area but will be a material consideration in the determination of planning applications.

Approach to consultation

Sevenoaks District Council considers that when preparing SPDs it is appropriate to inform, consult and seek the participation of organisations and/or individuals in order to ensure that the documents more closely reflect local needs and priorities.

The Council undertook a 10 week formal consultation on the St Lawrence Village Design Statement between 20th April 2018 and 29th June 2018.

As part of this consultation, the Council:

- Published the draft St Lawrence Village Design Statement on the Sevenoaks District Council website and through the Council’s consultation system;
- Made the draft SPD available for inspection at the Council’s offices and libraries in the Council’s administrative area during normal office hours;
- Invited persons and organisations on the Council’s LDF mailing list and those registered on the Council’s consultation database, to make representations during the consultation period.

Public Participation in the Preparation of the VDS by the Parish Council

Following on from the previous Village Design Statement, the Seal St Lawrence VDS has been revised by Seal Parish Council to reflect the views of the local people from a study of the Seal Parish Plan Questionnaire in 2010.

Sustainability Appraisal

A Sustainability Appraisal for the Village Design Statement has not been undertaken as Sec.180 (5)(d) Planning Act 2008 removed the compulsory requirement for a Sustainability Appraisal for a Supplementary Planning Document.

Comments

Comments were received from:

Natural England (Amy Kitching)

Historic England (Robert Lloyd-Sweet)

The representations received are broadly supportive.

Summary of Issues Raised and Responses

Name	Response Date	• Summary	Actions/ changes
Historic England (Robert Lloyd-Sweet) (Robert Lloyd-Sweet)	29 June 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On the whole, well researched and pragmatic approach • Highlight that documents should not introduce policy but are supplementary to policy • List of existing policies is a helpful addition • Appreciate consideration of relationship between villages and their setting 	

Appendix D

AONB Unit - Plan Cons Area Team	27 June 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• welcome recognition of the parish's location in relation to AONB• Kent Downs AONB Management Plan should be referred to in paragraph 4.9	Kent Downs AONB Management Plan should be referred to
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