



Revised draft Hyde Village Design Statement Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

Consultation Statement – May 2022

1. Introduction

- 1.1 In accordance with Section 12 (a) of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, this 'Consultation Statement' sets out the informal consultation undertaken during the preparation of the revised draft Hyde Village Design Statement SPD.
- 1.2 The revised draft Hyde Village Design Statement SPD will be the subject of a statutory 6-week period of public consultation between May and June 2022 and this statement focuses on the work undertaken prior to this public consultation.
- 1.3 In accordance with the relevant regulations, the Consultation Statement will be updated following the 6-week public consultation to provide details of who was consulted on the draft Hyde Village Design Statement SPD; how they were consulted; a summary of the main issues raised during the consultation; and how those issues have been addressed in the adopted SPD.

2. Background

- 2.1 The first Hyde Village Design Statement - covering the whole of the parish (including the settlements of Hyde, Frogham, Stuckton, Hungerford, Blissford and North Gorley) – was drawn up in 2007 by a group of local residents and parish councillors. The current Hyde Village Design Statement was formally adopted by the Authority as a supplementary planning document in June 2012 following a period of public consultation.
- 2.2 In the decade since the adoption of the Hyde Village Design Statement there have been significant changes in both national and local policy and design guidance. For example, the new National Park Local Plan was adopted in 2019 and the revised National Park Design Guide was adopted in January 2022. Hyde Parish Council is keen to update their Village Design Statement to ensure it is still afforded weight in planning decision-making. This requires the revised document to be subject to public consultation, the consideration of comments received, and a formal decision of the full Authority.
- 2.3 The revised draft Hyde Village Design Statement SPD was considered by members of the Authority's Planning Committee on 26 April 2022. At this meeting members approved the document for the purposes of consultation.

3. Preparation of the revised draft Hyde Village Design Statement SPD

3.1 Hyde Parish Council has worked with the National Park Authority's planning policy and building design & conservation officers on the revisions to the adopted Hyde Village Design Statement (2012). The Authority is content that the updates to the Village Design Statement do not conflict with the Authority's own policies and guidance and therefore it can proceed to public consultation. Similarly, it is considered there is no conflict with national policy.

3.2 The main updates in the revised document compared to the existing Hyde Village Design Statement (2012) are as follows:

- The 'Introduction' (page 2) includes additional working on national permitted development rights and a link to the Authority's webpage on them. Given the typically small-scale of development within the parish, national permitted development rights are particularly relevant.
- The 'History' section (page 3) has been updated to include reference to the National Park designation in 2005 and the statutory 'duty of regard' in Section 62(2) of the Environment Act 1995 to the National Park purposes.
- Under 'Landscape' (page 7) a cross-reference has been included to the Authority's Landscape Character Assessment (2015) which provides more detail on the landscape character areas within the parish boundary. New photographs have also been included to illustrate the landscape types.
- The section on 'Commoning' (page 10) cross-references the Commoners' Dwelling Scheme and policy SP29 in the adopted Local Plan (2019).
- Photographs illustrating recent developments in the parish have been included in the section on 'Materials' (page 18), including replacement dwellings from 2015 & 2018.
- The revised document includes several cross-references to the relevant sections of the adopted National Park Design Guide SPD (2022). For example, page 16 of the revised village design statement references the chapters of the Design Guide on traditional and contemporary materials.
- Planning policy references throughout the document have been updated to refer to the adopted New Forest National Park Local Plan (2019). Appendix 1 – 'Planning policies relevant to the Hyde VDS' - has been revised to reflect the statutory development plan for the parish that exists in 2022, compared to the previous 2012 version.
- Appendix 2 ('Hyde Parish Listed Buildings') and Appendix 3 ('Hyde Parish Locally Listed Buildings') are new sections, reflecting the information available in the Western Escarpment Conservation Area Character Appraisal and other sources.

4. The requirement for Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulations Assessment

- 4.1 The Government's National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG) resource on strategic environmental assessment and sustainability appraisal confirms, 'Supplementary planning documents do not require a sustainability appraisal, but may in exceptional circumstances require a strategic environmental assessment if they are likely to have significant environmental effects that have not already have been assessed during the preparation of the relevant strategic policies.' (Paragraph: 008 Reference ID: 11-008-20140306). Given that the revised draft Hyde Village Design Statement SPD is providing design advice and does not allocate land for development, it is the Authority's position that neither a Sustainability Appraisal nor a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is required.
- 4.2 'Competent authorities' (including National Park Authorities) must carry out an assessment under the Habitats Regulations to test if a plan or project could significantly harm the designated features of a European site. It is the Authority's view that the revised draft Hyde Village Design Statement SPD is not a 'plan or project' that might have an impact on a European site and therefore no assessment is required.
- 4.3 The Authority bases this position on the fact that the Hyde Village Design Statement does not set out where future activities or developments should take place within the parish; and does not itself consent development. The higher order New Forest National Park Local Plan (August 2019) was subject to a full Habitats Regulations Assessment.

5. Public Consultation – 6 May to 17 June 2022

- 5.1 National planning regulations require a period of public consultation of at least 4 weeks on draft supplementary planning documents. The National Park Authority is committed to a 6-week period of public consultation on draft documents, which better reflects the meeting cycles of local town and parish councils and provides greater opportunity for the public to comment. The 6-week public consultation on the revised draft Hyde Village Design Statement SPD runs from 6 May to 17 June 2022.
- 5.2 All of the representations received during this period will be reviewed and changes made to the draft document where appropriate. This process will be undertaken in liaison with Hyde Parish Council. In accordance with the relevant regulations, this 'Consultation Statement' will be updated to summarise the main issues raised during the public consultation; and how those issues have been addressed in the final document. The formal adoption of the revised Hyde Village Design Statement SPD will be a decision for the full National Park Authority meeting, with the meeting in July 2022 provisionally identified as a date for consideration of the final document.