

Draft Swavesey Village Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

Consultation Statement and Proposed Changes December 2019

1. Background

South Cambridgeshire District Council as the Local Planning Authority developed the draft SPD in collaboration with the local community and other stakeholders since autumn 2018. The Swavesey Village Design Guide SPD has been prepared to assist in delivering the objectives as set out in Policy HQ/1: High Quality Design of the adopted South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2018 as well as other related policies.

This consultation statement has been prepared in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Plan) (England) Regulations 2012. Regulation 12 requires that SCDC prepare a consultation statement setting out the persons consulted when preparing the SPD, a summary of the main issues raised by those persons and how these have been addressed in the SPD.

2. Preparation of the draft SPD

The District Council as the Local Planning Authority contracted specialist consultants to work constructively with the local community and other stakeholders, through a series of workshops and events, during the autumn of 2018. A project champion was nominated by the village community and a community steering group was assembled comprising community members representing different interest groups, including the parish council.

Initial workshops were held with the steering group and other members of the local community to allow the community to voice their perceptions of the character of the village, and their priorities for design guidance to be included in the draft SPD. This input and how it is reflected in the document is captured in the Community Input section of the SPD (Chapter 3).

Further workshops and review sessions were held with the community steering group in early 2019 on drafts of the SPD to gain feedback on the emerging guidance and to ensure that it reflected community priorities and a consensus view.

Workshops were also held by SCDC with officers from the development management (planning) team as key users for the SPD. This has helped to shape the form and content of the draft SPD. The emerging draft SPD was further reviewed by a nominated senior officer from the development management team to comment in more detail on its structure and content from a user perspective.

The draft SPD sought to incorporate this feedback constructively and to balance the priorities and views of the village community with the requirements of a useful and robust policy document.

3. Consultation on the draft SPD

A public consultation on the draft Swavesey Village Design Guide SPD was held for 6 weeks between the 15th April 2019 and 31 May 2019. The proposed modifications address the issues raised by the consultation responses. Consultation on the SPD was undertaken in accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement adopted in 2010.

As the draft SPD supports the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan, there was no further need to undertake a separate Strategic Environmental Assessment or Habitats Regulations Assessment for this document, although screening reports were completed and made available during the consultation. An Equalities Impact Assessment was also completed and made available during the consultation.

The draft SPD and other supporting documents were available for inspection during the consultation period at the following locations:

- online on the Council's website;
- at South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne Business Park, Cambourne, CB23 6EA; and
- at a public exhibition at the Swavesey Memorial Hall on 15 May 2019 from 3.30-8pm, when officers were on hand to answer questions.

Comments could be made using:

- the online consultation system: <https://scambs.jdi-consult.net/localplan/>; or
- by completing the consultation response form and either emailing or posting it to us at vds@scambs.gov.uk or South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne Business Park, Cambourne, CB23 6EA.

The SPD consultation was advertised via a public notice in the Cambridge News on 10 April 2019, and on the Council's website and social media.

4. Consultees

A list of the organisations who were directly notified of the draft Swavesey Village Design Guide (SPD) in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended) via email, or post where no email address was available, can be found as Appendix A. It should be noted that other individuals were also contacted that do not appear on this list.

5. Consultation Outcome / Key Issues Raised

During the consultation, 28 representations were received, made by 18 respondents. Of the representations 21% were supports, 18% were objections, and 60% were comments.

38 people visited the public exhibition where the main topics of discussion were:

- Flooding and water management
- Bridleways, byways and cycle routes

The following series of tables identifies the written representations received to each part of the SPD, summarises the main issues raised, provides a Council assessment of the issues and where necessary what proposed modifications to the SPD are indicated.

1. Introduction (including general (not chapter specific) representations)				
Representations Received	Support: 5	Object: 0	Comment: 5	Total: 10
Main issues in reps 67910 67903 67896 67889 67882	Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pleased the VDG has brought out the green spaces as important, captured flooding issue as a priority and protects viewpoints and character in new developments to promote. Thank you for supporting this valuable project! • I support a plan for the village. For me the importance is 			

67875 67861 67859 67858 67855	<p>to protect the High Street which is really busy now and dangerous. Keeping a village feel is very important too.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very well done and in keeping with the village sentiment- thanks for listening, let's hope that the developers do as well. • I support all sections of the Village Design Statement. In particular Section 9, I support the extension of the bridleway network. And section 10 – community green space, I would add that trees are especially important within these areas – not just playing fields. • Cambridge Past Present and Future Support the village SPDS. Green infrastructure is important and the principle of retaining or enhancing the connectivity of habitats is incorporated. [General comment submitted for all the Village Design Guide SPDs] • BPHA Overall bpha are supportive of the approach taken within the South Cambridgeshire Village Design Statements. Affordable housing should be addressed in the Village Design Statements. The approach taken to the appropriate materials to be used within new development is broadly supported. The Village Design Guides should strike a balance between innovation and following a rigid design approach with reference to Modern Methods of Construction. We would strongly support improvements being made to the public realm to contribute towards the viability of local service provision within village centres. [General comment submitted for all the Village Design Guide SPDs] <p>Object - None</p> <p>Comment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forestry Commission Tree species choice needs to be considered re climate change [General comment submitted for all the Village Design Guide SPDs] • Natural England SPDs could consider making provision for green infrastructure, wildlife development and enhance character and local distinctiveness through green infrastructure and contact with nature. [General comment submitted for all the Village Design Guide SPDs] • Cambridgeshire Police Secured by Design can be achieved, developers should seek advice at an early stage from the Designing Out Crime Officer. [General comment submitted for all the Village Design Guide SPDs] • Sport England Supports the development of safe pedestrian and cycle routes through all new development, reference should be widened to refer to opportunities for all types of formal and informal sport and physical activity. [General comment submitted for all the Village Design Guide SPDs]
Council's Assessment	Welcome support

	<p><u>Tree species choice</u>: This is not specifically a Swavesey issue and therefore not required to be covered in the Village Design Guide. Policies in Chapter 4 of the SCDC 2018 Local Plan cover the impact and mitigation of climate change. The new draft Sustainable Design and Construction SPD also contains guidance on trees and climate change resilience.</p> <p><u>Green infrastructure</u>: this is covered in chapters 6, 7 and 8 specifically which promote the role of green infrastructure in sustaining and developing the character of the village</p> <p><u>Secured by Design</u>: this is not specifically a Swavesey issue and therefore not required to be covered in the Village Design Guide.</p> <p><u>Space for formal and informal physical activity</u>: the role of off-road routes and landscapes in new developments, in providing space for physical activity, is already mentioned in the Village Design Guide.</p>
Proposed Modifications	No modifications proposed.

2. About Swavesey

Representations Received	Support: 0	Object: 0	Comment: 0	Total: 0
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3. Community Input

Representations Received	Support: 2	Object: 0	Comment: 1	Total: 3
Main Issues in rep 67868 67865 67860	<p>Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> British Horse Society: The BHS is very pleased to see the inclusion of equestrians in the Swavesey VDG and supports all the ideas below for improving the bridleway network, creating new bridleways and upgrading footpaths to bridleway status. Swavesey and District Bridleways Association: Really good case made for increased, effective public bridleway provision. <p>Object - None</p> <p>Comment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laragh Homes: Land potentially available to assist with the expansion of playing fields should residential development opportunities arise on land to the west of Swavesey. 			
Council's Assessment	<p><u>Welcome support</u></p> <p><u>Potential playing fields</u>: these issues are beyond the scope of the Village Design Guide but are noted for future reference.</p>			
Proposed Modifications	None			

4. Rural character				
Representations Received	Support: 0	Object: 0	Comment: 0	Total: 0

5. A flooding landscape				
Representations Received	Support: 2	Object: 0	Comment: 2	Total: 4
Main Issues in rep 68344 67867 67864 67863	<p>Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I strongly agree with the need to take into account the flood plan of our village as any development on these areas can result in causing flooding to other new areas. BPHA: support the need for collaborative working on flood risk. In relation to low carbon housing this should take into account the need for schemes to be viable with a sustainable maintenance strategy. Consider design implications of electrical generation (solar PVs) due to the shift to electric cars etc. <p>Object - None</p> <p>Comment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cambridgeshire LLFA welcome the consideration of using flood risk management measures to promote biodiversity in the Village Design Guide SPD. It should further promote sustainable drainage techniques (SuDS). [General comment submitted for all the Village Design Guide SPDs] Laragh Homes: In Swavesey we agree there is a particularly strong risk that new development will intensify flood risk. However it is important to note that some new development can result in a betterment. In this instance there is an opportunity for approx. 120 existing properties on Moat Way and Whitegate Close will be reclassified as benefiting from defences and may even see improvements in their insurance premiums and property value. 			
Council's Assessment	<p>Welcome support</p> <p><u>SuDS</u> – these are mentioned in the guidance but can be further highlighted.</p> <p><u>Betterment through new development</u> – this is noted although outside the scope of the Village Design Guide to propose new development sites or infrastructure.</p>			
Proposed Modifications	Additional mention of SuDS			

6. Character areas				
Representations Received	Support: 0	Object: 0	Comment: 0	Total: 0

7. Materials				
Representations Received	Support: 0	Object: 0	Comment: 0	Total: 0

8. Village edges				
Representations Received	Support: 0	Object: 1	Comment: 0	Total: 1
Main Issues in reps 67866	Support - None Object <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laragh Homes: Raised embankment to Home Close with views through trees to open fields as shown on figure 38. It is unclear in what extent this raised embankment contributes positively to views. We feel there needs to be more analysis to understand the value of such an embankment, that appears to be on private land and does not form part of a public right of way. Comment - None			
Council's Assessment	TBC			
Proposed Modifications	TBC			

9. Movement network				
Representations Received	Support: 1	Object: 0	Comment: 1	Total: 2
Main Issues in reps 68343 67862	Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve of the suggested new bridleways. Object - None Comment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> British Horse Society: Hale Road is incorrectly shown as a bridleway, it is currently a footpath but has the potential to become a bridleway. Bridleway surfaces should ideally be grass, however if a harder surface is required, soft-edged small material can be used. In point 9.5 equestrians should also be included on these paths. 			
Council's Assessment	Correction to the annotation for Hale Road is noted as are the helpful feedback on surfacing.			
Proposed Modifications	Correct labelling of Hale Road. Add further detail to 9.6 regarding surfacing. Add mention of equestrians to 9.5			

10. Community green spaces				
Representations Received	Support: 0	Object: 0	Comment: 0	Total: 0

11. Integrating new development				
Representations Received	Support: 1	Object: 0	Comment: 1	Total: 2
Main Issues in	Support			

reps 67862 67731	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very pleased to see such strong support for the historic nature of the village along with detailed sensitive new-build guidelines. Swavesey is a unique settlement with unique issues, especially flood prevention. Please continue to protect this heritage. <p>Object - None</p> <p>Comment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Woodland Trust: We support the proposal to include hedges and native trees as boundaries to gardens and along footpaths within any new development. We would like to see planting of trees (whether street trees, trees on areas of greenspace or small copses) considered for inclusion where appropriate.
Council's Assessment	Welcome support. <u>Trees:</u> this is covered, as noted in the representation, within the guidance. The larger green spaces within developments can accommodate further tree planting.
Proposed Modifications	No modifications proposed.

6. Schedule of changes to the SPD

Minor graphical, spelling and grammar corrections are not listed.

Chapter 4

Add a working farm marker for Freisland Farm.

4.6 – replace 'it should as a rule' with 'the scale and massing of each building should as a rule, and replace 'house' with development or building so it applies to all uses

Chapter 5

5.4 – add 'negative' between 'visual' and 'impact'

5.5 - Add 'Sustainable drainage techniques (SuDS) should be used to mitigate runoff.' at the end of the guidance point

Figure 18 - Add the amendments to the map to show additional embankment and drain.

Chapter 6

Add '(linear green spaces)' after 'green fingers'

6.1.3 – amend 'overspill' to 'visitor'

Figure 22 – add 'typical' to start of caption

6.2.1 add 'irregular' before 'building line'

Figure 20 – add 'mitigating the impact on the landscape without dominating the public realm' to annotation regarding parking in front gardens

Chapter 8

8.1 – amend second sentence to 'The landscape and visual gap between Swavesey and the A14 is particularly important to residents'

Chapter 9

Fig 39 – Correct annotation to show Hale Road as public footpath with potential for public bridleway. Add cycle route on the east side of Main Street connecting the A14 to the village college. Remove potential open space from map.

9.3 – amend first sentence to read ‘Planning of new developments should take into account the existing and potential linkages shown on figure 39, for example:’

9.5 - add mention of equestrians.

9.6 – Add final sentence: ‘Ideally bridleway surface should be grass, however if a harder surface is required, soft-edged small material can be used.’

Chapter 10

Amend second paragraph to read ‘Overall there is a shortfall of all types of community recreation space in relation to SCDC standards, and there is community support for expanding the playing fields around the village college. There is a particular shortfall within the estate development to the west side of the village where development has an inward looking, suburban character. By contrast the more recent development at Home Close has a much more outward looking, rural layout (figures 40 and 41.)’

Remove point 10.2

Figure 42 – remove potential public open space from map.

Chapter 12

12.1 – add ‘as long as they deal sufficiently with privacy and natural surveillance’ to the end of the first sentence

7. List of consultees

3CT (Haverhill Community Transport)
A2 Dominion Housing Group
Abbotsley Parish Council
Abellio Greater Anglia
Abington Pigotts Parish Council
Accent Nene Housing Society Limited
Advisory Council for the Education of
Gypsy and other Travellers (ACERT)
Affinity Water
Age UK Cambridgeshire
Airport Operators Association
Anglia Ruskin University - Cambridge
Campus
Anglian Water Services Limited
Arrington Parish Council
Ashdon Parish Council
Ashwell Parish Council
Babraham Parish Council
Balsham Parish Council
Bar Hill Parish Council
Barley Parish Council
Barrington Parish Council
Barrington Parish Council
Bartlow Parish Council
Barton Parish Council
Bassingbourn cum Kneesworth Parish
Council
Bedford Borough Council

Bedfordshire and River Ivel Internal
Drainage Board
Bedfordshire Pilgrims Housing Association
Bidwells
Bluntisham Parish Council
Bottisham Parish Council
Bourn Parish Council
Bovis Homes (South East)
Boxworth Parish Council
Braintree District Council
Brinkley Parish Council
British Gas
British Horse Society
British Romany Union
Building Research Establishment
Caldecote Parish Council
Cam Valley Forum
Cambourne Parish Council
Cambridge and County Developments
(formerly Cambridge Housing Society)
Cambridge Area Bus Users
Cambridge Campaign for Better Transport
Cambridge Council for Voluntary Service
Cambridge Cycling Campaign
Cambridge Dial a Ride
Cambridge Ethnic Community Forum
Cambridge Federation of Tenants
Leaseholders and Residents Assoc.
Cambridge Forum of Disabled People

Cambridge GET Group
 Cambridge Inter-Faith Group
 Cambridge Past Present and Future
 Cambridge Peterborough and South
 Lincolnshire (CPSL) Mind
 Cambridge Race Equality & Diversity
 Service
 Cambridge Regional College
 Cambridge University Hospitals NHS
 Foundation Trust
 Cambridge University Hospitals NHS
 Foundation Trust
 Cambridge Water (South Staffs Water)
 Cambridge Women's Resource Centre
 (CWRC)
 Cambridgeshire & Peterborough
 Combined Authority
 Cambridgeshire & Peterborough NHS
 Foundation Trust
 Cambridgeshire ACRE
 Cambridgeshire and Peterborough
 Association of Local Councils
 Cambridgeshire Chamber of Commerce
 Cambridgeshire Community Foundation
 Cambridgeshire Constabulary
 Cambridgeshire County Council
 Cambridgeshire Ecumenical Council
 Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service
 Cambridgeshire Football Association
 Cambridgeshire Local Access Forum
 Cambs Fire Service (Operational Support
 Directorate)
 Campaign to Protect Rural England
 (CPRE)
 Care Network
 Carlton Cum Willingham Parish Council
 Castle Camps Parish Council
 Caxton Parish Council
 Central Bedfordshire Council
 Centre 33
 Chancellor, Masters and Scholars of the
 Univ. of Cambridge
 Childerley Parish Council
 Chrishall Parish Council
 Church Commissioners
 Circle Anglia Housing Trust
 Civil Aviation Authority (CAA)
 Clarion Housing Group
 Comberton Parish Council
 Confederation of British Industry - East of
 England
 Conington Parish Council
 Conservators of the River Cam
 Cottenham Parish Council
 Country Land & Business Association

Countryside Properties Plc
 Croydon Parish Council
 DB Schenker Rail (UK)
 Defence Lands Ops North
 Department for Business Innovation and
 Skills
 Department for Transport
 Department of Environment, Food and
 Rural Affairs
 Design Council CABE
 Disability Cambridgeshire
 Dry Drayton Parish Council
 Dunton Parish Council
 Duxford Parish Council
 Earith Parish Council
 East Cambridgeshire District Council
 Education Funding Agency
 EE
 Elmdon and Wendon Lofts Parish Council
 Elsworth Parish Council
 Eltisley Parish Council
 Ely Diocesan Board
 Ely Group of Internal Drainage Boards
 Environment Agency
 EON UK plc
 Essex County Council
 Everton Parish Council
 Eynesbury Hardwicke Parish Council
 Federation of Small Businesses
 Fen Ditton Parish Council
 Fen Drayton Parish Council
 Fenland District Council
 Fenstanton Parish Council
 Fields in Trust
 Flagship Homes
 Flagship Homes
 Forest Heath District Council
 Forestry Commission England
 Fowlmere Parish Council
 Foxton Parish Council
 Freight Transport Association
 Friends of the Earth
 Friends, Families and Travellers
 Community Base
 Fulbourn Parish Council
 Gallagher Estates
 Girton Parish Council
 Godmanchester Town Council
 Grantchester Parish Council
 Graveley Parish Council
 Great Abington Parish Council
 Great and Little Chishill Parish Council
 Great and Little Eversden Parish Council
 Great Bradley Parish Council
 Great Chesterford Parish Council

Great Gransden Parish Council	Little Wilbraham and Six Mile Bottom Parish Council
Great Ouse Boating Association	Littlebury Parish Council
Great Shelford Parish Council	Local Nature Partnership
Great Thurlow Parish Council	Lode Parish Council
Great Wilbraham Parish Council	Lolworth Parish Council
Greater Cambridge Partnership	Longstanton Parish Council
Guilden Morden Parish Council	Longstowe Parish Council
Haddenham Parish Council	Luminus Group
Hadstock Parish Council	Marine Management Organisation
Hardwick Parish Council	Marshall of Cambridge (Holdings) Limited
Harlton Parish Council	Melbourn Parish Council
Harston Parish Council	Meldreth Parish Council
Haslingfield Parish Council	MENTER
Hastoe Housing Association	Middle Level Commissioners
Hatley Parish Council	Milton Parish Council
Hauxton Parish Council	National Association of Health Workers with Travellers
Haverhill Town Council	National Grid
Hazardous Installations Inspectorate	National House Building Council
Health and Safety Executive	National Housing Federation
Helions Bumpstead Parish Council	National Travellers Action Group
Hertfordshire County Council	Natural England
Heydon Parish Council	Network Rail
Highways England	Network Regulation
Hildersham Parish Council	Newton Parish Council
Hilton Parish Council	NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group
Hinxton Parish Council	NHS England (Midlands & East)
Histon & Impington Parish Council	NHS Property Services Ltd (Midlands & East)
Historic England	North Hertfordshire District Council
Holywell-cum-Needlingworth Parish Council	Nuthampstead Parish Council
Home Builders Federation	Oakington and Westwick Parish Council
Homes and Communities Agency	Office of Rail and Road
Horningsea Parish Council	Offord Cluny and Offord Darcy Parish Council
Horseheath Parish Council	Openreach
Hundred Houses Society Limited	Orchard Park Community Council
Huntingdonshire Association for Community Transport (HACT)	Ormiston Children's and Family Trust
Huntingdonshire District Council	Orwell Parish Council
Hunts Health - Local Commissioning Group	Over and Willingham Internal Drainage Board
Iceni Homes	Over Parish Council
Ickleton Parish Council	Pampisford Parish Council
Institute of Directors - Eastern Branch	Papworth Everard Parish Council
IWM Duxford	Papworth Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
Kelshall Parish Council	Papworth Saint Agnes Parish Meeting
Kier Partnership Homes Limited	Paradigm Housing Group
King Street Housing Society	Persimmon Homes East Midlands Limited
Kingston Parish Council	Peterborough City Council
Knapwell Parish Council	Planning Inspectorate
Landbeach Parish Council	Post Office Property
Linton Parish Council	Potton Town Council
Litlington Parish Council	Ramblers' Association [Cambridge Group]
Little Abington Parish Council	
Little Shelford Parish Council	
Little Thurlow Parish Council	

Rampton Parish Council	The Showman's Guild of Great Britain
Renewable UK	The Society of Independent Roundabout Proprietors
Road Haulage Association	The Theatres Trust
Romany Institute	The Traveller Law Reform Project
Royal Mail	The Traveller Movement
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)	The Varrier Jones Foundation
Royston Community Transport	The Wildlife Trust
Royston Town Council	Three
Sanctuary Housing Association	Thriplow Parish Council
Sawston Parish Council	Toft Parish Council
Scottish and Southern Electricity Group Shelter	Toseland Parish Council
Shingay-cum-Wendy Parish Council	Travel for Work Partnership
Shudy Camps Parish Council	Traveller Solidarity Network
Skills Funding Agency	UK Power Networks
Smithy Fen Residents Association	University of Cambridge - Vice Chancellor's Office
South Cambridgeshire District Council	Uttlesford District Council
South Cambridgeshire Youth Council	Visit East Anglia Limited
Sport England	Vodafone and O2
St Edmundsbury Borough Council	Waresley Parish Council
St Ives Town Council	West Suffolk (Forest Heath and St Edmundsbury Councils)
St Neots Rural Parish Council	West Wratting Parish Council
Stagecoach East	Weston Colville Parish Council
Stapleford Parish Council	Whaddon Parish Council
Steeple Morden Parish Council	Whippet Coaches Limited
Stow-cum-Quy Parish Council	Whittlesford Parish Council
Strethall Parish Council	Wicken and Upware Parish Council
Stretham Parish Council	Wilburton Parish Council
Suffolk County Council	Willingham Parish Council
Sustrans (East of England)	Wimpole Parish Council
Swaffham Bulbeck Parish Council	Withersfield Parish Council
Swaffham Prior Parish Council	Wood Plc
Swavesey Internal Drainage Board	Woodland Trust
Swavesey Parish Council	Wrestlingworth and Cockayne Hatley Parish Council
Tadlow Parish Council	Yelling Parish Council
Taylor Wimpey East Anglia	
Teversham Parish Council	
The Amusement Catering Equip. Society (ACES)	
The Association of Circus Proprietors	
The Association of Independent Showmen (AIS)	
The Cambridgeshire Cottage Housing Society	
The camToo Project	
The Crown Estate	
The Equality and Human Rights Commission	
The Gypsy Council (GCECWCR)	
The Kite Trust	
The Lawn Tennis Association	
The Magog Trust	
The National Trust	
The Papworth Trust	