

## **Appendix 2**

### **Ryedale Local Plan / The Ryedale Plan**

### **Settrington Village Design Statement Proposed Draft Supplementary Planning Document**

### **Consultation Statement**

**Prepared in accordance with  
Regulation 12(a) of the Town and Country Planning  
(Local Planning)(England) Regulations 2012**

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## **Introduction**

- 1.1 This Consultation Statement describes the involvement of the community, organisations and the statutory consultees in the preparation of the draft Settrington Village Design Statement to comply with the 2012 Regulations and the adopted Ryedale Statement of Community Involvement. It is being made available during the formal 6 week consultation period alongside the draft Settrington Village Design Statement and the accompanying Sustainability Appraisal.
- 1.2 Settrington Parish Council is keen that the Settrington Village Design Statement is adopted as a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). An SPD provides more local detail and expands upon policies in the District Council's adopted Development Plan. SPDs are not subject to a formal Examination like other planning documents, but in order to be considered for adoption as such, the Village Design Statement needs to meet certain procedural and legal requirements. This Consultation Statement has been prepared to assist in that process and to ensure procedural and legal compliance with the 2012 Regulations with respect to consultation.
- 1.3 To date, the Ryedale Local Plan (2002) remains the adopted Development Plan for the District of Ryedale. It is to be replaced by the Ryedale Plan which is currently under production. Therefore, the Settrington Village Design Statement (as a proposed SPD) has been prepared to supplement both the existing Ryedale Local Plan and the emerging Ryedale Plan under the guidance and Regulations available for the preparation of Supplementary Planning Documents.

## **Background to the Settrington Village Design Statement**

- 2.1 A draft Settrington Building Appraisal document was prepared in the late 1990s by the Parish Council and circulated within the village for comments. The aim of this document was to provide guidance for the alteration and extension of existing buildings as well as for any new development that may take place. The main objective was to maintain the integrity of the eighteenth century estate village. Around the same time, a Character Appraisal was also prepared by the Parish Council and circulated in the village for comments. These two documents were forwarded to Ryedale District Council in October 2000.
- 2.3 Ryedale District Council considered the two documents and suggested that they could form the basis of a Village Design Statement. The District Council suggested that the Parish Council follow the guidance in the Countryside Commission's information pack regarding the production of village design statements to ensure the Settrington Village Design Statement remained focussed and did not stray from its main objectives.

## **Preparing the draft Settrington Village Design Statement**

- 2.4 Settrington Parish Council took the lead in the production of the Village Design Statement. In addition to the regular Parish Council meetings, the Parish Council arranged additional progress meetings, public meetings, exhibitions and surveys. All residents in the village were given the opportunity to be involved at each stage and were notified of the progress.
- 2.5 An initial draft VDS was supplied to the District Council in 2006 for comments. The Council's Building Conservation Officer provided comments and the document was revised.

- 2.6 In 2008, the District Council suggested the addition of an appendix detailing the features of importance to the character of Settrington and design considerations to enable the document to provide advice relevant to developers and builders in the planning process. The draft VDS including the design appendix was made available in the village in May 2009 for comments from the residents. No further comments were received and in September 2009 the Parish Council agreed to this addition.
- 2.7 In early 2012, the Parish Council asked residents in the village to provide any further comments on the draft VDS particularly the (Buildings) Character Appraisal section. No further comments were made on the document by the residents in the village and the final draft VDS was produced in July 2012 in preparation for the formal consultation.

### **Draft Sustainability Appraisal produced - April 2010**

- 2.8 Despite the Town and Country Planning (Local Development)(England)(Amendment) Regulations 2009 removing the need for SPDs to be subject to a Sustainability Appraisal, this only applies if the higher document (in this case the Local Plan) has itself been subjected to a Sustainability Appraisal. In this instance, the Ryedale Local Plan (2002) has not been subject to a Sustainability Appraisal. Therefore, a Sustainability Appraisal of the VDS was required.
- 2.9 The District Council produced a draft Sustainability Appraisal (SA) based on the appendix detailing the features of importance to the character of Settrington and the design considerations. The draft SA was circulated to residents for comments. No comments were made on the SA. Therefore the SA is being published alongside the draft Settrington VDS for the formal consultation.

### **Screening Assessment under the Habitats Regulations – October 2011**

- 2.10 The District Council produced a draft SEA Screening Assessment under the Habitats Regulations to cover the production of any Village Design Statements as Supplementary Planning Documents in the Ryedale Local Planning Authority area.
- 2.11 The draft SEA Screening Assessment was sent to the statutory consultee, Natural England for comment. Natural England agreed with the conclusions of the draft HRA Screening Assessment for Village Design Statements, namely that:

*“Village Design Statements are unlikely to give rise to significant effects that would harm the integrity of Natura 2000 and RAMSAR Sites both within and outside of the Local Planning Authority Area.”*

- 2.12 The agreement by Natural England is due to the premise that Village Design Statements seek to ensure that development is designed to respect the special qualities of each village in a way which will preserve and enhance the respective village and that Village Design Statements will not set out a framework for development or locational strategy, and that all proposals will be assessed against all relevant local and national planning policies.
- 2.13 Therefore an SEA is not required for the Settrington Village Design Statement.

### **How the issues on the Draft VDS were addressed**

- 3.1 Appendix 1 sets out a chronological summary of production events between 2001 and 2012, the various topics considered, and how the document evolved and was

amended in light of the various consultation events. The appendix is based on information provided to Ryedale District Council by Settrington Parish Council.

### **Details of the Formal Consultation - November 2012 – January 2013**

- 4.1 The Settrington Village Design Statement is being made available for the formal consultation from 17 November 2012 to 09 January 2013. The Parish Council will inform all residents and businesses in the village of the availability of the documents by a letter drop, whilst Ryedale Council will inform the relevant specific consultation bodies of Natural England, English Heritage and the Environment Agency. Copies of the Village Design Statement, the Sustainability Appraisal and this Consultation Statement are available on Ryedale District Council's website at: <http://ldf.ryedale.gov.uk> and in the village itself at Harrison Hire Offices or from the Parish Council both in paper or electronic formats. Posters were displayed in the village and a Press Release was forwarded to the relevant media. Any comments on the draft Settrington VDS, the SA and the Consultation Statement are to be sent to Ryedale District Council for collation and summary.

### **Summary of the main issues raised in the Formal Consultation**

- 5.1 *To be completed by the District Council following formal consultation*

### **Completion of Consultation**

- 6.1 Once the formal consultation exercise has been completed, the Parish Council will revise the VDS once more to take into account relevant comments received. It will then need to be approved by the Parish Council and sent to the District Council for consideration for formal adoption as an SDP as part of the adopted Development Plan.

## Appendix 1

### **Summary of the Consultation and sequence of events undertaken by both Settrington Parish Council and Ryedale District Council to Produce the draft Settrington Village Design Statement 1999 - 2012**

#### ***Parish Council Meeting – 30 December 1999***

Initial meeting to produce a draft Settrington Building Appraisal document and the Character Appraisal. A draft of each of these documents was sent to Ryedale District Council in October 2000.

#### ***November 2000 – February 2001***

Ryedale District Council suggest that the Settrington Building Appraisal document and Character Appraisal document could form the basis for a Village Design Statement.

#### ***Public Meeting – 12 November 2001***

In October 2001 the Parish Council displayed a poster on the Parish Notice Board and circulated a letter to all residents in the village inviting them to a public meeting at 7pm on 12 November 2001 to consider the wider environment of Settrington to meet the District Council's suggestion of producing a Village Design Statement. On display were boards of the Building Appraisal undertaken by the Parish Council. The purpose of the meeting was to raise awareness of the work undertaken to date and to provide a forum to suggest a number of items which the community could consider in the preparation for a VDS meeting on 3 December 2001. Items to be considered were:

1. a brief look at Settrington's past and the way this has influenced the present
2. the opportunity to consider the Building Appraisal Document
3. to discuss the future of the village

#### ***Public Meeting – 3 December 2001***

All residents in the village were reminded (by a Parish Council letter dated 16 November 2001) to attend the forthcoming meeting to discuss the topics raised from the previous public meeting on 12 November 2001 and to agree the production method for the VDS. The main concerns from the meeting on 3 December 2001 were:

##### 1. Beck and Becksides

The Becksides is owned by the Parish Council and is a registered Village Green. The main issue is to ensure that it remains an area to be enjoyed by residents. Is the PC making the best use of this asset to the village? Does it look how residents want it to look? Is the "wild rhubarb" (ie Butterbur) an asset or eyesore? Suggestions included the planting of native trees and wild flowers. Concerns were raised regarding the encroachment of grass onto footpaths, the land being too wet for plants and maintenance issues. The effectiveness of the Irish Bridge was also raised.

##### 2. Village trees and hedges

More tree planting was suggested especially as some residents thought the village needed:

- more flowering cherry trees along Town Street
- more trees on Scarlet Balk Lane to the quarry corner to provide an attractive entry to the village
- more oaks from Town Street to Sparrow Hall junction
- screening of the Council storage dump at Bullpiece Corner
- Identification of ancient hedgerows - Church Road?

Concerns about the infilling of gaps in rows of trees and hedges were raised especially as they afford views into the village.

### 3. Views and Open Spaces

The need for open spaces and views were identified especially when considering new tree planting. The view of the village from Scarlet Balk Lane was identified to be retained and other view points need to be identified. However the need for screening from Scagglethorpe Road was also seen as necessary.

### 4. Roads, footpaths, verges, ditches, drainage grips etc

Several issues were raised:

- Damage to vehicles by heavy vehicles
- Registered footpaths
- Identification of ancient hedgerows
- Hedges and boundaries
- Neglect of roadside drainage grips leading to standing water
- Screening
- Traffic management

### 5. Street signs, street furniture, road names

Various concerns were raised:

- Reduce the number of poles by more than one sign per post, but is there a safety issue?
- Street names – generally OK although some confusion regarding addresses
- Overhead cables
- Streetlights and type of light / bulb
  - o Lighting and safety issues for children OAPs
  - o More streetlights at speedbumps,
- Street furniture
  - o More seats to be provided – especially at the Tennis Court and Beckside
  - o The positioning of seats
  - o Litter bins – are more needed?
  - o Preserve older street furniture especially external stands for water taps and round AA signs

### 6. Recreational areas

Need to be considered especially children's play areas

### 7. Future Development

- Ryedale Plan restricts this to infill only. Is other development desirable?
- Barn conversions need to look like houses not old barns.
- In-fill development
- External development

It was also suggested at this meeting that those interested in assisting were divided into groups to consider the various topics in more detail:

1. Landscape and wildlife – beck, becksides, village views, trees etc
2. Roads, footpaths, verges, ditches, boundary walls and fences
3. Street furniture, signage, road names, addresses, overhead cable, streetlights
4. Recreation and play areas
5. Future development – various guidelines. To include the building appraisal work already done by the Parish Council.

### ***Meetings of Topic Groups – January + February 2002***

Following a Parish Council letter (12 December 2001) to all residents in the village, 20 residents expressed a preference to which group they would like to belong, with another

resident asking to be kept informed of future events. The various groups met on 22 January 2002 to undertake more detailed work on their particular topic for the VDS. This work was reported back to a joint meeting of all groups and any other interested residents on 26 February 2002. 24 residents / Parish Councillors were present at this meeting (8 sent apologies)

The main points arising from each group are as follows:

**Group 1 – Landscape etc**

The group was currently undertaking site meetings to cover all aspects in this group (2 completed so far). It was suggested that the District Council wildlife officer may be able to offer advice especially regarding Tree Sparrows as RDC are currently providing nest boxes.

**Group 2 – Trees, hedges etc**

An officer from the County Council footpath section is to come and meet the group. A plan of paths had been provided by the County Council. Some stone walls needed to be reinstated.

**Group 3 – Street Furniture**

The location of street furniture had been recorded on a plan. Specific issues were identified regarding the red telephone kiosk, old water pumps, litter bins, dog bins, village name signs, the Pinfold wall in the car park, the Millennium Beacon.

**Group 4 – Recreational Areas**

The tennis, cricket and bowls clubs were well supported and active in the village. The play equipment was in need of replacement with safer and more interesting apparatus. It was recognised that grant funding was necessary for this. Similarly the football pitch could become a multi-use 5-a-side pitch with basket ball hoops also installed.

**Group 5 - Character appraisal**

There was little to add to the Building Appraisal already undertaken. There were some good examples in the village of double-glazed windows as opposed to secondary glazing being installed. Spaces between buildings should not be sold as development in-fill plots. The next meeting was scheduled for 9 April 2002

***Open Days – April + May 2002***

Following the Parish Council meeting on 9 April 2002, letters were circulated (dated 29 April and 20 May 2002) to all residents inviting them to the two open days to view the work done so far. Amongst the items displayed was a copy of the Francis Johnson report

11 May 2002 (2-4pm) Village Hall

26 May 2002 (10-12noon) Village Hall

***First Draft VDS Completed – 20 November 2002***

***Topic Group Member Meetings – 20 January + 27 September 2003***

Two topic group meetings were arranged consisting of members from each topic group to decide any amendments to the first draft VDS including the decision of the format of the document, the inclusion of the Johnson report as an appendix and to identify which photographs, sketches and diagrams etc to be used, together with any omissions or any information that could be removed. Residents were also invited to attend and provide comments. There were 7 residents / Parish Councillors present at the meeting in January where amendments to the format were agreed as well as sections 7, 8 and 9 needing more detail.

### ***Draft VDS sent to District Council – 10 July 2006***

The Parish Council sent a draft of the Settrington VDS to Ryedale District Council for comment. The Council's Building Conservation Officer provided a response following a meeting with the Parish Council on 6 April 2007. The main concerns by the Conservation Officer were around:

- Materials
  - o the use of traditional lime mortars
  - o replacement or repairs to windows
- Flora and Fauna
  - o Protected species
  - o Invasive species
- Future development
  - o The need to set out where development would be acceptable in the village
- Typing amendments

### ***Amended Draft VDS – 26 February 2008***

The Parish Council considered the comments made by the District Council and amended the document accordingly and resent it to the District Council for consideration as a Supplementary Planning Document.

### ***Resident's Consultation - 30 October – 27 November 2008***

A draft copy of the VDS was available in the village for comments. The Parish Council displayed a notice advertising this consultation on the Parish Notice Board. There were no further comments made on the document.

### ***Addition of Design Appendix – 2008-2009***

In October 2008, at a meeting with the Parish Council, the District Council suggested the addition of an appendix detailing the features of importance to the character of Settrington and design considerations to enable the document to provide advice relevant to developers and builders in the planning process. In May 2009, the Parish Council circulated the appendix provided by the District Council. No comments were made and in September 2009 the Parish Council agreed to this addition.

### ***Resident's Consultation – February - March 2012***

The Parish Council displayed a notice on the Parish Notice Board asking residents to re-read their copy of VDS - mainly the (Buildings) Character Appraisal section - and to provide any comments, observations, amendments, additions, or simply endorsement by mid-March. There were no further comments made on the document by the residents in the village.

### ***Final Draft VDS produced – May - July 2012***

The document was further amended by the Parish Council in May to address further shortcomings identified by Ryedale District Council. A final draft VDS was produced in July in preparation for the formal consultation.