



Ampfield Village Design Statement

Notice of Public Consultation Period for the revision of the Ampfield Village Design Statement.

This starts on Monday October 23rd and runs for a six week period.

**It includes two public exhibitions
that will take place in Ampfield Village Hall.**

The first will be on Friday 17th November between 5.00pm and 7.00pm and the second on Saturday 18th November between 10:00am and noon.

During this time, residents are invited to attend, read the draft VDS, learn how it was prepared and provide their comments and observations.

For more details see overleaf.

Letter to the Parishioners of Ampfield

Last winter, we wrote to you with regard to the Ampfield Village Design Statement. Although it had served the inhabitants extremely well over the years, gradually the original 2003 VDS had been overtaken by events. In order to preserve the benefits of the VDS for the future, it needed to be reviewed and updated. However, for our revised VDS to be effective, it is necessary for it to be adopted as a Supplementary Planning Document by the local planning authority, Test Valley Borough Council.

We are pleased to report that the first steps of this exercise have now been completed.

The next most important stage in the process is a period of public consultation within the parish, during which a draft revised VDS will be presented to the residents for their consideration and comment.

The draft VDS will be available for inspection during two public exhibitions in the village hall. These will include the results of the VDS questionnaire and the Ampfield landscape characteristic survey. There will also be presentations to parishioners explaining the process and procedures that went into the VDS preparation. It is important that the VDS reflects the views of the local community so all comments and observations are most welcome.

All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend one of these exhibitions. For those unable to attend, the draft VDS will be available on the Ampfield Parish Council website, www.ampfield.org.uk, again from 23rd October.

It is worth saying that for the parishioners of Ampfield, the Ampfield Village Design Statement fulfils a unique and important role. Researched and prepared by the local people, the VDS allows the Ampfield residents the opportunity to influence the scope and scale of future development within their parish. It also helps to ensure that future development will both harmonise with and respect those distinctive local characteristics of the parish, which, within our community, we hold dear.

So although the VDS cannot prevent development, as a Supplementary Planning Document, it can give us a recognised voice. It enables us formally to provide the planning officers with planning guidance to ensure the distinctive visual character of Ampfield can be retained for the benefit of future generations.

Please note that we have taken or commissioned a large number of photographs in and around the parish. These are purely for the purpose of providing photographic evidence in support of the issues raised in the VDS and/or the planning guidance notes. If you do not want a picture of your house to be published in the document, please e-mail 'graham@ampfield.org.uk', accordingly.

Ampfield Village Design Statement Working Group

