



Introduction

Village Design Statements

New buildings are all around us, and many of them are welcome additions to the local scene. Nevertheless, people have sometimes felt threatened by new development, and it is important that ordinary people have a way of influencing the key decisions.

To meet this need, the Countryside Agency has introduced Village Design Statements (VDS) so that local communities can feed their ideas and suggestions into the formal planning process, in order to conserve and enhance the distinctiveness of their village. Winchester City Council has adopted the VDS as a Supplementary Planning Document. It forms part of the Winchester Local Development Framework and will help guide change and strengthen the character of the villages and their buildings. It will have particular relevance for:

- Local authorities
- Statutory bodies and providers of services and utilities
- Local householders, landowners, businesses and farmers
- Architects, designers, planners and engineers
- Developers and builders

The document has been written by a group of Kings Worthy residents, working closely with the Parish Council. It describes Kings Worthy and Abbots Worthy at the beginning of the 21st century, and sets out our hopes and aspirations for the future. It covers the settlements of both Kings Worthy and Abbots Worthy, describing the existing village characteristics and providing guidelines for future design. It comprises:

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■ Village and Community Context

History, Economy, Community Facilities, Educational Facilities, Sports and Leisure Facilities

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■ Landscape Setting

Topography and Vegetation, Water-courses and Drainage, Important Views, Open Spaces

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■ Settlement Pattern, Character and Buildings

*Kings Worthy
Abbots Worthy*

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■ Traffic and Communication Links

Principal Roads, Local Roads, Cul de sacs, Footpaths, Parking

Each section is accompanied by a series of planning guidelines which form the Supplementary Planning Document for Kings Worthy. The additional goals represent some of our aspirations but do not form part of the adopted planning policy.

This Village Design Statement has been produced for and on behalf of Winchester City Council and will be used as part of the planning process.

NB. not all places mentioned in the text are in Kings Worthy.

The design guidelines are all cross-referenced to relevant policy in the Winchester District Local Plan Review (2006).