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Head of Strategic Planning
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Village Design Statement – South Wonston

I would like to take the opportunity to participate in the consultation exercise regarding the above mentioned Village Design Statement, and in doing so to show that there is a need for amenities in the village that have not been accommodated by the design statement up until now and that mixing these facilities with residential road use may well be a disadvantage.

I write with reference to page 14 of the draft VDS which states that the 'sole place of worship' is St Margaret's Church. I feel concerned that there should be provision for a community use building for worship that would suit other faiths and denominations. Provision for such a facility in the future of the Village is important for many villagers and could be accommodated with sympathetically designed buildings that suit the rural outskirts of the village. Such a building could work with the expressed desire of many villagers to have a provision for a burial ground or outdoor spiritual community space for remembrance and contemplation. The absence of this facility is noted on Page 15 of the draft VDS.

To enable these facilities to be available to the whole village, safe access must be considered and the VDS already includes references to parking problems around village 'hotspots' on Page 12; surely consideration should be made for more than adequate parking facilities in any future community development and a fresh look at roads approaching the village. Alresford Drove is a prime example where improvements to the 'safety of equestrians and vulnerable users' (Page 33) could be made in association with a carefully considered community use development. This would remove the disadvantage of increasing traffic flows in densely populated residential streets.

As a local resident I feel that provision should be made for forward thinking villagers who deserve facilities that will enable them to share their interests with each other and provide a quality environment for their families to enjoy.

Yours faithfully

Garth Holmes