

SOUTH DOWNS
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South Downs
National Park Authority

**Upham Village Design Statement (UVDS)
Consultation Statement**

November 2024

(1) Introduction

- 1.1 This Consultation Statement has been prepared in accordance with Regulation 12 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended). It sets out the details of the recent public consultation - including how, when, and with whom, the recent public consultation took place - and how this has informed the Upham Village Design Statement (UVDS).

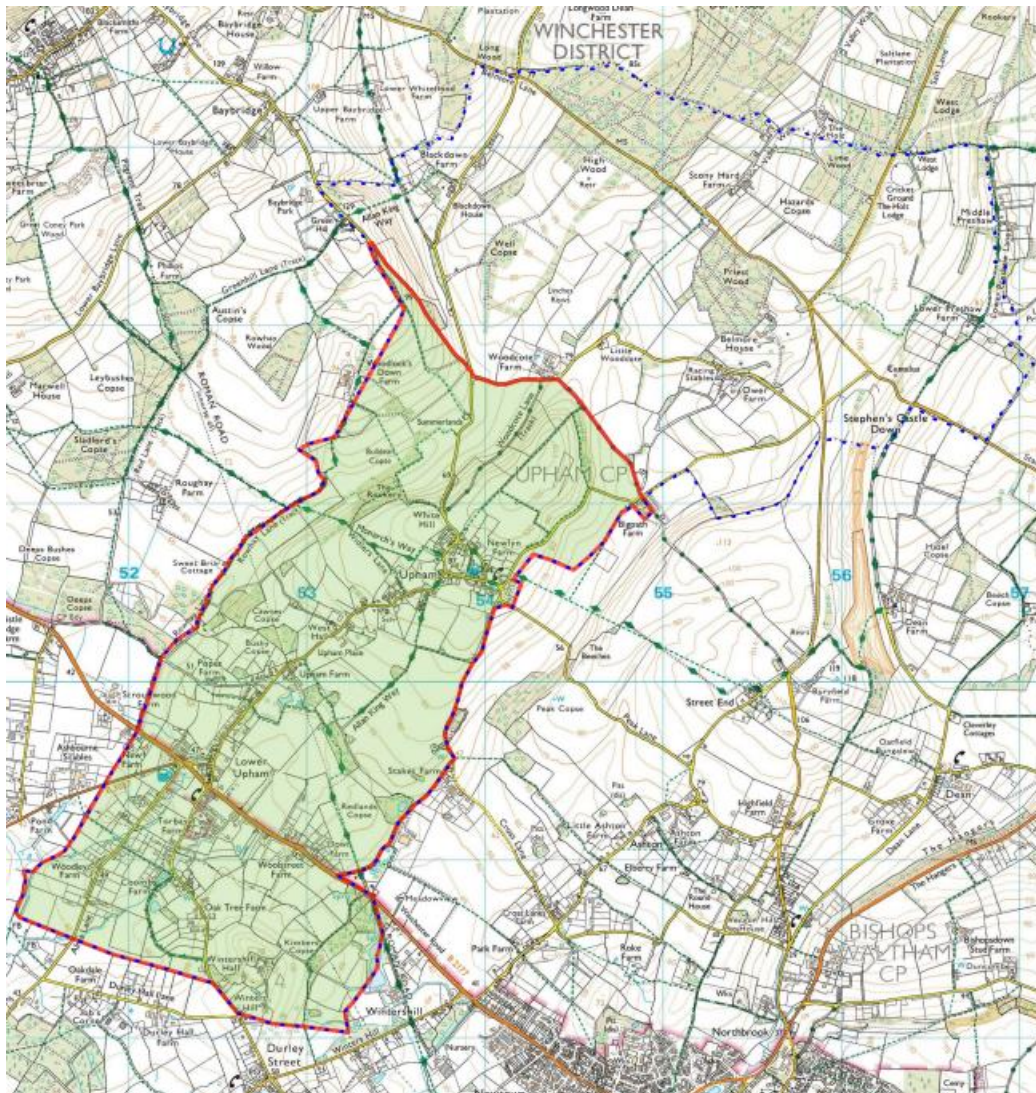
(2) What is a Village Design Statement?

- 2.1 A Village Design Statement is prepared by a town or parish council with the support of the wider community – for example, in the form of a steering group.
- 2.2 A Village Design Statement is used to describe the distinctive and local landscape character and design of a village and its surrounding countryside. To do this, community consultation and engagement is undertaken to establish the distinctive and local landscape character and/or key design issues in the local area. This information is then used to develop design guidelines to help planners, developers, and individuals to understand local character and design issues and aspirations. In doing so, a Village Design Statement can be used to help implement existing local design policies, influence future local design policies, and support good planning.
- 2.3 A Village Design Statement – subject to public consultation and assessment – can be adopted by a local planning authority as a supplementary planning document. As set out in the Planning Practice Guidance¹, a supplementary planning document should build, and provide more detailed advice or guidance, on policies in a local plan. In terms of Upham, the relevant adopted local plans are the South Downs Local Plan (Adopted 2019) and the Winchester Local Plan (Part 1; Joint Core Strategy [Adopted 2013] and Part 2; Development Management and Allocations [Adopted 2017]) for the areas inside and outside the South Downs National Park respectively. Moreover, the Upham Village Design Statement (UVDS) can provide further detail in terms of distinctive and local landscape character and design for the purposes of interpreting and implementing:
- **Policies SD4 (Landscape Character)** and **SD5 (Design)** in the South Downs Local Plan (Adopted 2019); and
 - **Policy CPI3 (High Quality Design)** in the Winchester Local Plan Part 1 (Adopted 2013) and **Policy DMI5 (Local Distinctiveness)** in the Winchester Local Plan Part 2 (Adopted 2017).
- 2.4 It should be emphasised that a supplementary planning document does not form part of the development plan, and so it cannot introduce new planning policies. However, a supplementary planning document is a material consideration in decision-making and the determination of planning applications.

¹ Paragraph: 008. Reference ID: 61-00820190315. Revision date: 15 03 2019.

(3) The Upham Village Design Statement (UVDS) - Overview

- 3.1 The Upham Village Design Statement (UVDS) is informed by, and supersedes, the first village design statement for Upham which was adopted in 1999 by Winchester City Council. At the time, the city council was the sole local planning authority for the whole of Winchester District. The South Downs National Park was designated on 31 March 2010, and the South Downs National Park Authority became the local planning authority for the South Downs National Park on 01 April 2011. Upham is now split between the local planning authority areas of the South Downs National Park Authority and Winchester City Council for the areas inside and outside the South Downs National Park respectively.
- 3.2 The Upham Village Design Statement (UVDS) directly covers the village – both Upham and Lower Upham - and its immediate surroundings as shaded green and edged in red in Map I below. The edged red boundary follows either the parish boundary (as denoted by the dotted blue line) or existing field boundaries (north).



Map I: A map showing the area covered by the Upham Village Design Statement (UVDS) as set out in Appendix 5 in the UVDS. Please note, OS Map not to scale.

- 3.3 The Upham Village Design Statement (UVDS) has been informed by:
- The South Downs Landscape Character Assessment (LCA) [2020];
 - The Winchester Landscape Character Assessment (LCA) [2022]; and
 - A steering group led pilot study of Queen Street, Upham in Autumn 2020;
 - A steering group/volunteer led village character survey in Spring/Summer 2021;
 - A steering group hosted meeting at Upham Village Hall in Autumn 2021; and
 - A steering group hosted stand at the Church Fete in Summer 2023.
- 3.4 The Upham Village Design Statement (UVDS) has used all the above to describe the distinctive and local landscape character and design of Upham and its immediate surrounding area. In doing so, the UVDS includes design guidelines to help ensure that this distinctive and local landscape character and design is conserved or enhanced by new development.

(4) The Upham Village Design Statement (UVDS) – Public Consultation

- 4.1 The Upham Village Design Statement (UVDS) has been prepared by volunteers, known collectively as the “Upham VDS Steering Group”, with the support of Upham Parish Council. The steering group has carried out various consultation exercises and surveys as set out in Paragraph 3.3 above.

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- 4.2 In April 2024, the Draft Upham Village Design Statement was submitted to the South Downs National Park Authority, so that the Authority could carry out the necessary formal public consultation in line with the South Downs Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) [April 2022]². The details of, responses to, and actions arising from, the formal public consultation are set out further below.
- 4.3 The South Downs National Park Authority resolved to undertake an 8-week public consultation of the Draft Upham Village Design Statement from **Tuesday 28 May to Wednesday 24 July 2024**. As part of the first consultation, the Authority:
- Displayed a hard copy of the Draft Upham Village Design Statement at its offices;
 - Published the Draft Upham Village Design Statement on its website; and
 - Emailed and/or sent letters to statutory consultees and other interested parties on its Planning Policy Contact Database.

² Weblink: <https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/planning-policy/statement-of-community-involvement/>

- 4.4 As part of the first consultation, Upham Parish Council advised the Authority that it had:
- Provided an update and link to the Authority’s website on its own website;
 - Provided hard copies of the Draft Upham Village Design Statement to the parish clerk and councillors;
 - Displayed hard copies of the Draft Upham Village Design Statement at The Brushmakers Arms Public House and Upham Church;
 - Displayed notices about the consultation on the two village noticeboards;
 - Published details about the consultation in “Upham Update” (Issue 51) which was delivered to approximately 320 addresses in the parish; and
 - Emailed approximately 220 residents on their “CommsHub” about the consultation before the consultation start and end dates.
- 4.5 The first public consultation received **10no. representations** – see Respondent List in Table I below. The issues raised by the respondents, the Authority and parish council’s responses to the issues raised, and how the Upham Village Design Statement (UVDS) has been amended in response to the issues raised, are summarised in **Appendix I**.

Respondent Number	Respondent Name / Organisation
R1	Natural England
R2	Environment Agency
R3	National Highways
R4	Historic England
R5	Resident
R6	Resident
R7	Resident
R8	Resident
R9	Resident
R10	Resident

Table I: List of respondents to the first consultation of the Upham Village Design Statement.

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- 4.6 In October 2024, the Upham Village Design Statement was amended and re-submitted to the South Downs National Park Authority and Winchester City Council, so that the local planning authorities could carry out the necessary joint formal public consultation in line with the Town and County Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, the South Downs Statement of Community Involvement (April 2022)³, and the Winchester City Council Statement of Community Involvement (January 2024)⁴.

³ Weblink: <https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/planning-policy/statement-of-community-involvement/>

⁴ Weblink: <https://www.winchester.gov.uk/planning-policy/winchester-district-local-plan-2018-2038-emerging/statement-of-community-involvement>

- 4.6 The South Downs National Park Authority and Winchester City Council have resolved to undertake a joint 6-week public consultation of the Upham Village Design Statement (UVDS) from **Monday 11 November to Monday 23 December 2024**. The joint consultation is being led by the South Downs National Park Authority as most of the UVDS area is within its local planning authority area.
- 4.8 As part of the second consultation, the South Downs National Park Authority will:
- Display a hard copy of the Upham Village Design Statement and Consultation Statement at its offices;
 - Publish the Upham Village Design Statement and Consultation Statement on its website;
 - Send out emails and/or letters to statutory consultees and other interested parties on its Planning Policy Contact Database; and
 - Send out emails and/or letters to the those who responded to the first consultation between Tuesday 28 May and Wednesday 24 July 2024.
- 4.9 As part of the second consultation, Winchester City Council (WCC) has advised the Authority that it will:
- Display a hard copy of the Upham Village Design Statement and Consultation Statement at its offices;
 - Publish the Upham Village Design Statement and Consultation Statement on its website;
 - Send out emails notifying those who have registered on the WCC/Local Plans websites to receive updates of the local plan;
 - Prepare a website article for the WCC front page and publish twitter notifications at the start and near to the conclusion of the consultation;
 - Notify the WCC Cabinet Member for Place and Local Plan and the WCC Ward Members by email; and
 - Provide details about the consultation in WCC's monthly Parish Connect newsletter that is sent to all Parishes within the Winchester District.
- 4.10 As part of the second consultation, Upham Parish Council has advised the Authority that it will:
- Provide an update and link to the Authority's website on its own website;
 - Provide hard copies of the Upham Village Design Statement to the parish clerk and councillors;
 - Display hard copies of the Upham Village Design Statement at The Brushmakers Arms Public House and Upham Church;
 - Display notices about the consultation on the two village noticeboards;
 - Publish details about the consultation in "Upham Update" (Issue 54) which will be delivered to approximately 320 addresses in the parish; and
 - Email approximately 220 residents on their "CommsHub" about the consultation before the consultation start and end dates.

Appendix I – Public Consultation No.1

The table below sets out the issues raised by respondents to the first consultation, alongside Upham Parish Council’s and the South Down National Park Authority’s responses to the issues raised, and how the Upham Village Design Statement has been amended in response to the issues raised.

Respondent Number	Issue raised	Response	Action
R1	Landscape. Village design statements should recognise, and consider, their impact on protected landscapes (i.e., National Parks).	Upham Parish Council is working with the South Downs National Park Authority on the preparation and adoption of the Upham Village Design Statement.	None.
R1	Landscape. Landscape character assessments provide context for possible changes and help ensure that the countryside character is protected and enhanced. Local area character assessments, and those for protected landscapes, should be cross-referenced to ensure that the village design statement makes positive contributions in terms of design, form and location to the character and functions of the landscape, avoiding any unacceptable impacts. National Park and AONB Management Plans can also provide useful information for design statements within or adjoining protected landscapes.	The Upham Village Design Statement references, and has been informed by, both the South Downs Landscape Character Assessment (2020) and the Winchester Landscape Character Assessment (2022), as well as volunteer-led character area assessments (2021). All the above are included in the document’s appendices.	None.

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RI	<p>Landscape. The suite of 159 National Character Area (NCA) profiles is being revised to make environmental evidence and information easily available. NCA profiles are guidance documents which include a description of key ecosystem services provided in each character area and how these benefit people, wildlife and the economy. NCAs identify opportunities for positive environmental change and provide the best available information and evidence as a context for local decision making and action. The revised and current NCA profiles are available on the NCA pages of Natural England's website.</p>	<p>The National Character Areas (NCAs) have been referenced in the following sections of the document: What is Landscape? (p4) and Village Character (p8).</p>	<p>NCAs included.</p>
RI	<p>Green Infrastructure and Sustainable Drainage. Green infrastructure is relevant in a rural context where it might refer to the use of farmland, woodland, wetlands or other natural features to provide services such as flood protection, carbon storage or water purification. Green infrastructure maintains critical ecological links between town and country. The design statement could usefully promote high quality and multifunctional green infrastructure. Natural England's Green Infrastructure Guidance introduces green infrastructure delivery at the micro and neighbourhood scale through features such as street trees, green facades and green roofs, where consistent with the local character. These features can be extremely important in increasing ecological connectivity between green spaces, particularly when footpaths and green corridors are not feasible.</p>	<p>The Natural England Green Infrastructure Guidance (2023) is being considered in the South Downs Local Plan Review as part of its strategic policy for green infrastructure (SD45). Otherwise, the Upham Village Design Statement includes design guidance for; trees, hedges, and banks; biodiversity and habitats; and public open spaces. The village design statement also appends information about broad habitats, ecological network mapping, ecological data, and priority habitats from the Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre (HBIC) in Appendix 4. It is considered that the information and guidelines in the village design statement are appropriate, proportionate, and in scope.</p>	<p>None.</p>

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RI	<p>Biodiversity. The design statement should recognise and reference designated wildlife sites and other biodiversity assets, such as protected species, ecological networks, habitats and green spaces. Design guidelines should respect, and where possible, enhance the village’s local and neighbouring biodiversity resources. The Town and Country Planning Association (TCPA) has produced a practical and design orientated “Biodiversity by Design” guide to achieve biodiversity in development. When preparing the design statement, your local wildlife trust and local environmental record centre should have been consulted, and local and national Biodiversity Action Plans (BAPs) should be referenced where relevant.</p>	<p>The Upham Village Design Statement appends information on designated wildlife sites and other biodiversity assets as provided by the Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre (HBIC) – see Appendix 4. It also includes design guidance for; trees, hedges, and banks; biodiversity and habitats; and public open spaces. It is important to remember that specific policies on biodiversity (and net gain) are / will be captured in the Adopted South Downs Local Plan and South Downs Local Plan Review respectively. In terms of consultation, the South Downs National Park Authority led on the consultation and notified all statutory consultees on its Planning Policy Contact Database.</p>	None.
RI	<p>Community Engagement. We are committed to involving the community in our work, ensuring that local people and the organisations that support them are consulted at the earliest possible stage. We are keen to see this principle adopted as part of the village design statement formulation process so that local people have a chance to contribute to the development of the statements from the outset.</p>	<p>The recent and upcoming public consultations have been / will be led by the South Downs National Park Authority in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended), the South Downs Statement of Community Involvement (April 2022), and the Winchester City Council Statement of Community Involvement (January 2024). The public consultation carried out to date is summarised in the main body of this consultation statement.</p>	None.

Respondent Number	Issue raised	Response	Action
R2	<p>The village design statement's content falls outside of the Environment Agency's remit, but pleased to see:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 11 - The overall encouragement for the conservation and enhancement of habitats, such as additional tree planting with native species, planting for birds and insects, retention of wild areas, wildlife friendly habitats, etc; and • Page 22 (in relation to driveways) - <i>“All surfaces should be permeable, wherever possible, to help reduce water run-off from ground surfaces.”</i> This is good practice for effective water management and can help to reduce flood risk. 	Acknowledged and the Environment Agency are thanked for their response.	None.
R3	National Highways is concerned with proposals that have potential to impact the safe and efficient operation of the Strategic Road Network (SRN). We have reviewed the documents available in relation to this consultation and have “No Comments”.	Acknowledged and National Highways are thanked for their response.	None.
R4	UVDS is welcomed, detailed, and an accessible document with useful images.	Acknowledged and Historic England are thanked for their response.	None.

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R4	<p>The design statement does not explicitly draw on the Upham Conservation Area Appraisal and Technical Assessment (September 2000). The above contains information and links to current issues, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It includes a section on trees with a map of significant trees and tree groups (p19-21); this could be referred to in “Trees, Hedges and Banks” (p6) of the UVDS; and • UVDS Appendix 3 maps listed buildings and the main text refers to the contribution of buildings which are not listed but does not map these. The Technical Assessment has a section on the contribution of unlisted buildings. Reference could be made to local listing by the relevant local planning authority. 	<p>The South Downs National Park Authority is not preparing a local list or non-designated heritage asset (NDHA) list as it is not currently resourced to do so. The Authority has advised parish and town councils to identify assets of heritage value in their neighbourhood development plans or design statements. In the case of Upham, NDHAs are identified in the Upham Conservation Area Appraisal Technical Assessment (September 2000) – this has been referenced throughout the document and in Appendix 3. If outside the conservation area, then NDHAs will be identified on a case-by-case basis through planning applications and/or through any future guidance as appropriate.</p>	<p>Amendments to Page 11, Page 16 and Appendix 3.</p>
R5	<p>UVDS is excellent, covering many aspects of the village.</p>	<p>Acknowledged and the resident is thanked for their response.</p>	<p>None.</p>
R5	<p>The font size is small, and the Appendices are worse.</p>	<p>Advice has been sought by the South Downs National Park Authority’s Communications Team. The font type has been changed to Calibri and increased to size 12 for the main text, and size 13 for the design guidelines.</p>	<p>Resolved.</p>

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R6	Excellent report which succeeds in defining/capturing the unique character of the village. The consultation process was carefully carried out using public meetings, surveys, and displays at the village fete etc., and gave ample opportunity for villagers to comment and get involved.	Acknowledged and the resident is thanked for their response.	None.
R6	Design Guidelines 1.1 to 1.15. These effectively characterise the rural landscape of the village. All are fully supported, particularly the preservation of open views, hedgerows, rural lanes, and tree planting.	Acknowledged and the resident is thanked for their response.	None.
R6	Design Guidelines 2.1 to 2.14. Recent development has extended and increased car parking in existing properties. Any new build should be in keeping with the size and nature of existing buildings.	Parking standards (i.e., number and size) for new developments is covered in Policy SD22 of the Adopted South Downs Local Plan, and the Adopted Parking Supplementary Planning Document.	None.
R6	Design Guidelines 3.1 to 3.15. Rooves play an important part in defining the character of buildings, and these guidelines should help to preserve this.	Acknowledged and the resident is thanked for their response.	None.
R6	Design Guidelines 4.1 to 4.15. These capture the essence of our walls and give useful guidelines on materials.	Acknowledged and the resident is thanked for their response.	None.
R6	Design Guidelines 5.1 to 5.15. Agree that the use of UPVC windows should be avoided.	Acknowledged and the resident is thanked for their response.	None.

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R6	Design Guidelines 7.1 to 7.14. It is important that services support efforts to counter the climate crisis. Strongly agree that decorative outside lighting should be avoided to preserve natural darkness. Fully support the provision of EV charging facilities in the village.	Acknowledged and the resident is thanked for their response.	None.
R6	There will be pressure to build houses. It is important that these are built in ways which are sympathetic to the rural character of the South Downs National Park. This excellent document will be invaluable.	Acknowledged and the resident is thanked for their response.	None.
R7	Fully support adoption of the village design statement as a supplementary planning document.	Acknowledged and the resident is thanked for their response.	None.
R7	The village design statement clearly expresses the details which make up the essence of the village's distinctive characteristics. It will be a vital document for future development.	Acknowledged and the resident is thanked for their response.	None.
R8	Congratulations to the team. A lot of good work and it will be a fine document, hopefully making a great contribution to the development and care of the village.	Acknowledged and the resident is thanked for their response.	None.
R8	The font is quite small in the printed version. Lots of places in the hard copy where the text is almost illegible and very hard work even without any major sight issues.	Advice has been sought by the South Downs National Park Authority's Communications Team. The font type has been changed to Calibri and increased to size 12 for the main text, and size 13 for the design guidelines.	Resolved.

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R8	General. Grey boxes with white text is difficult to read. White text is never recommended for accessibility.	Advice has been sought by the South Downs National Park Authority's Communications Team. The design guidelines are now in black text over a light grey background, whilst the title remains in white text but over a green background to provide a suitable contrast.	Resolved.
R8	General. Historic Maps 2/3 should have easily readable captions. They look scanned, small, grey and fuzzy.	Maps have been resized and resolution improved.	Resolved.
R8	Introduction (p1). There should be one map of the parish to show what the parish consists of.	A map has been produced in Appendix 5, and Map 4 has been updated accordingly.	Map included.
R8	Introduction (p1). Final paragraph refers to free draining chalk soil in the centre of the parish. The document is about the village (except p4) so the reference to the centre of the parish is confusing.	The following has been deleted: <i>"in the centre of the parish"</i> .	Deleted.
R8	Section I (p5, Col 2, Para 2). <i>"Upham Street, and the lanes in the village are very rural which encourages use by cyclists, walkers, and horse riders, and adds to the feeling of tranquillity."</i> Comma in wrong place or something missing.	The commas after <i>"Upham Street"</i> and <i>"horse riders"</i> have been deleted.	Deleted.
R8	Section I (p6, Col 2, Para 2). Have you considered asking for new hedges to be native or mixed species?	The document has been amended so that <i>"a mix of native species"</i> is encouraged.	Amended.
R8	Section I (p7). The photo of the Pond is very dark. There is another photo on p10 so do you need both?	The photo has been replaced with a clearer photo – see Photo 19.	Photo replaced.

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R8	Section 1 (p11). Torbay Farm Open Space deserves a photo.	A photo has now been included - see Photo 23.	Photo added.
R8	Design Guidelines 1.0 – 1.2. None of the roads are main roads, except Winchester Road and Mortimers Lane. The whole sentence is rather obscure, in a place where we need clarity. “In line with” is not useful.	The design guideline has been amended to: <i>“Ensure any building development adjacent to the main roads is consistent with the general built form and pattern for the village”</i> .	Design Guideline amended.
R8	Design Guidelines 1.0 – 1.3. See Photo <u>13</u> .	The typo has been corrected.	Corrected.
R8	Design Guidelines 1.0 – 1.6 & 1.15. 1.6 uses “native species”, whilst 1.15 uses “indigenous species”. These have the same meaning in this context, but “indigenous more commonly refers to people so stick to “native”.	The document has been amended so that “ <i>a mix of native species</i> ” is encouraged.	Corrected.
R8	Section 2 (p12, Col 1, Para 1). “ <i>both the designated (listed) and non-designated heritage assets</i> ”. Jargon needs more explanation or is not necessary.	The sentence has been amended to: “ <i>The historic buildings in Upham – both those that are formally designated, and those which are not – can be traced back to the origins of the settlement as a farming community</i> ”.	Clarified.
R8	Section 2 (p12, Col 1, Para 3). This could mislead people who have an unlisted building in the conservation area into thinking that they do not need approval.	The sentence has been amended to: “ <i>In terms of listed buildings, any proposed works will require listed building consent from the SDNPA or WCC.</i> ”	Clarified.

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R8	<p>Section 2 (p13, Col 1, Para 2). <i>“two storeys in height however the visual bulk”.</i> Either needs comma or semi-colon after “height”, and a comma after “however”.</p>	<p>The sentence has been amended to: <i>“The buildings in Upham are generally no more than two storeys in height, however, the visual bulk or mass of a building also needs to be considered to ensure it fits into its setting”.</i></p>	Corrected.
R8	<p>Section 2 (p13, Col 2, Diag 1). <i>“Avoid complex forms and complicated roofs”.</i> Are these not often the result of “agglomeration of extensions and alterations that can also add layers of character to a building” (p12, Col 2, Para 2)?</p>	<p>This is acknowledged. However, complex roof forms may only be appropriate depending on the age and style of a particular property. In general, complex forms should be avoided, especially in new development. The word “unnecessary” has been added in Diagram 2.</p>	Clarified.
R8	<p>Page 14. This is Diagram 3, so requiring renumbering elsewhere in the document. The white lines delineating plots are very thin and faint in the hard copy. Black or grey on white would be clearer.</p>	<p>A figure and ground diagram is a two dimensional map of a built space that shows the relationship between built and unbuilt spaces. It is common for such diagrams to have white on a black background. The diagram has been enlarged, and a number and caption has been added.</p>	Resolved.
R8	<p>Design Guidelines 2.0 – 2.1. See comment from p13, Col 1, Diag 1. Would this point go in the roofs section?</p>	<p>This design guideline is applicable to both built character and roofs. The design guideline has now been duplicated – see 2.1 and 3.2.</p>	Design guideline duplicated.
R8	<p>Design Guidelines 2.0 – 2.2. In terms of “linear pattern”, does this mean of itself or in relation to neighbouring buildings? If the former, then it goes against 2.1.</p>	<p>This design guideline has now been amended to ensure that the arrangement, design, pattern, and siting of a new building or buildings are characteristic to the village and wider landscape.</p>	Design guideline amended.

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R8	Design Guidelines 2.0 – 2.6. “Up and over” should be “up-and-over”.	The typo has been corrected.	Corrected.
R8	Design Guidelines 2.0 – 2.11. Should “design and site extensions” be “design <u>any</u> site extensions”?	The design guideline is correct as written. It is “to site” as in “to locate”.	None.
R8	Section 3. All mentions and diagrams are of gabled roofs. No mention of hipped roofs which are very common on older houses and cottages in the village.	The village design statement includes photos of properties with hipped roofs. The design guidelines have been amended to include hipped roofs – see 3.13.	Design guideline amended.
R8	Section 4, p18, Col 1, Photo 30. “seen on Upham Church and the Manor House”. Not just these two buildings, but also several cottages including Rookery Cottage and Penhale Cottage.	The design statement cannot reference every applicable property. Those listed are just examples and the caption has been amended to include “ <i>and others</i> ”.	Caption amended.
R8	Section 5, p21, Col 1, Para 3. “ <i>The humblest buildings have plain panel doors</i> ”. I suggest “have plain <u>boarded or</u> panel doors”. Photo 35 of Church Cottage includes a boarded door, as do many cottages, including five in Shoe Lane.	The sentence has been amended to: “ <i>Doors follow a hierarchy with the most elaborate door surrounds reserved for higher status buildings. The humblest buildings have plain panelled or boarded doors simply punched into the wall.</i> ”	Corrected.
R8	No Section heading for Section 6 Landscaping.	The omission has been corrected.	Corrected.
R8	Section 6, p22, Col 2, Para 2. It should be “panelled”.	The typo has been corrected.	Corrected.

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R8	Section 6, p23, Col 1, Para 5. “native species including, Hawthorn, Blackthorn ...” Why do hedge and tree species have capital letters? Comma should be moved to after “native species”.	The species names have been amended to lower case as suggested.	Corrected.
R8	Design Guidelines 6.0. It should be “panelled”.	The typo has been corrected.	Corrected.
R8	Design Guidelines 7.0 – 7.7. Replace “encourage” with “consider” in relation to satellite dishes.	The design guideline has been amended to: “ <i>Consider placing of satellite dishes so they are not obtrusive</i> ”.	Amended.
R8	Design Guidelines 7.0 – 7.8 onwards. These points all seem to be subsets of 7.8. For example, 7.14 repeats some of 7.11.	The comment is acknowledged but no change actioned as the current format is consistent with all other design guidelines.	None.
R8	Appendices. The maps and legends are tiny and most of the text is illegible in the hard copy. On screen, some of the text is fuzzy due to poor quality images.	The appendices have now been provided in a separate document so that they can be enlarged and their resolution and readability improved.	Appendices now a separate document.
R8	Appendix 1, p1, Para 2. The first sentence is jargon. The paragraph makes perfect sense without it.	The text has been extracted from the South Downs Landscape Character Assessment (LCA) which was published in 2020.	None.
R8	Appendix 1, p1, Para 3. “Creating” does not need a capital letter in bullet point 7.	The text has been extracted from the South Downs Landscape Character Assessment (LCA) which was published in 2020. However, to help make the appendix easier to read, the bullet points have now been replaced with a weblink.	Bullet points replaced with a weblink.

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R8	Appendix 2, pII. Map legend is illegible in hard copy. It becomes fuzzy if you zoom in on online version.	The map and legend are an extract from the Winchester Landscape Character Assessment (LCA) 2022. A weblink has been added if users find it difficult to read the legend. Otherwise, the appendices have now been provided in a separate document so that they can be enlarged and their resolution and readability improved.	Appendices now a separate document.
R8	Appendix 2, pII. The shading is unclear on the map.	The map (and its shading) is an extract from the Winchester Landscape Character Assessment (LCA) 2022. A weblink has been added if users find it difficult to read the map (and its shading). Otherwise, the appendices have now been provided in a separate document so that they can be enlarged and their resolution and readability improved.	Appendices now a separate document.
R8	Appendix 3, pIII. The text in the table is difficult to read.	The table is an extract from the National Heritage List for England (NHLE). For ease of reading and understanding, the table has been replaced with a weblink.	Table replaced with a weblink.
R8	Appendix 3, pIII. Kay's Farmhouse should be Ray's Farmhouse.	This is acknowledged. However, the table is an extract from the National Heritage Listed for England (NHLE). Any issues or queries should be directed to Historic England. For ease of reading and understanding, the table has been replaced with a weblink.	None.

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R8	Appendix 4, Broad Habitats Map, pIV. What date is this map? The large orange field at the top is an arable field, not “neutral grassland”.	The map is an extract provided by Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre (HBIC) on 05 December 2023. Any issues or queries should be directed to HBIC.	Date included.
R8	Appendix 4, Ecological Network Map, pV. The above orange field is pink in this map, where I think arable would be white, therefore making it look like there is more opportunity for networks than there is.	The map is an extract provided by Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre (HBIC). Any issues or queries should be directed to HBIC.	None.
R8	Appendix 4, Ecological Data, pVI. SINC 10 is missing.	The map and table are an extract provided by Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre (HBIC). Any issues or queries should be directed to HBIC.	None.
R8	Appendix 5. The consultation material is fuzzy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First page of Village Character Survey (pVIII); • Third recording sheet for Survey I (pX); • Building Character Sheet (pXI); • All Survey Summary sheets, except the last which has larger text (pXI to XIII); • Survey Scores (pXIV); and • All Draft Design Guidelines sheets (pXV to XVI). 	The appendix has now been refined down to explanatory text, the survey areas, photos and survey scores. This has allowed text and images to be resized and resolution improved.	Resolved.
R8	Appendix 5, Survey I. What are the blue crossings out?	The appendix has now been refined and so these blue crossings have been removed.	Resolved.

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R9	Thank you for hard work. General agreement with guidelines, particularly those that encourage biodiversity.	Acknowledged and the resident is thanked for their response.	None.
R10	A very thorough and comprehensive document.	Acknowledged and the resident is thanked for their response.	None.
R10	An accurate description of the village and surrounding landscape.	Acknowledged and the resident is thanked for their response.	None.
R10	A useful framework to ensure the broad character of the village and surrounding landscape remains intact and enhanced in the future.	Acknowledged and the resident is thanked for their response.	None.
R10	A flexible and sympathetic approach in the framework will be required to take into account developments in technology, building materials, environmental changes etc and sustainability.	The village design statement provides further details in terms of distinctive local landscape character and design for the purposes of interpreting and implementing Policies SD4 and SD5 in the South Downs Local Plan, and Policies CPI3 and DMI5 in the Winchester Local Plan. Any matters not addressed in the village design statement are covered in the respective local plans, along with their various supplementary planning documents and technical advice notes.	None.