

ANNEX D



Strensall with Towthorpe Village Design Statement

Community Impact Assessment

June 2014

Community Impact Assessment: Summary

1. Name of service, policy, function or criteria being assessed:

Strensall with Towthorpe Village Design Statement

2. What are the main objectives or aims of the service/policy/function/criteria?

The purpose of a Village Design Statement (VDS) is to capture the essence of a village's character, environment and history – so it may be taken fully into account when any new development is planned.

Through the process of recording and highlighting the natural and built features of historic villages, Village Design Statements seek to identify and promote standards of design which are both appropriate and sympathetic to the locality. These standards have been set out in design guidelines which should be used for guidance by local residents, as well as developers, architects and planners who may be considering development in and around the village.

The draft Village Design Statement document has been produced by the local community, through liaison with City of York Council. It is anticipated that in the future it will be an adopted Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) alongside the City's Local Plan, subject to the requirements of the new National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

Consultation to date:

Strensall with Towthorpe village began investigating a VDS in April 2010, and a working group for the VDS was established in June 2012. Displays were shown at the Queen's Jubilee Celebration and at the Village Show in 2012 to recruit members and to inform Villagers about the VDS. In February 2013 a website was set up to allow access to all Villagers to ongoing work and decisions. Strensall with Towthorpe Parish Council was regularly briefed, regular articles were placed in the monthly parish Outreach Magazine. In summer 2013, a survey of Villagers was carried out both on line and through a questionnaire, funded by the Strensall with Towthorpe Parish Council and a City of York Council Community Grant. All businesses in Strensall with Towthorpe acted as both information stands and collection points for the questionnaires. The response rate was 13 percent of the households in the Village. From November 2012, the results of the survey have been published both on the website and through Outreach Magazine and underpin the VDS. An Open Evening on the draft VDS was held in early December 2013.

3. Name and Job Title of person completing assessment:

Katherine Atkinson, Regeneration Officer, CES

4. Have any impacts been Identified?

Yes

Community of Identity affected:

Age

Disability

Summary of impact:

The Village Design Statement will improve the quality of life for residents by enhancing village character and local identity. It will have a positive impact upon:

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing mix/ housing needs • Accessibility - footpath networks • Retention of open spaces and community facilities
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5. Date CIA completed: 05/06/14

6. Signed off by: Jonathan Carr, Head of Development Services and Regeneration

7. I am satisfied that this service/policy/function has been successfully impact assessed.
Name: Jonathan Carr
Position: Head of Development Services and Regeneration
Date: 17/06/2014

8. Decision-making body:	Date:	Decision Details:
Local Plan Working Group Cabinet	30 June 2014 1 July 2014	

Send the completed signed off document to ciasubmission@york.gov.uk It will be published on the intranet, as well as on the council website.
Actions arising from the Assessments will be logged on Verto and progress updates will be required

Community Impact Assessment (CIA)

Community Impact Assessment Title: Strensall with Towthorpe Village Design Statement

What evidence is available to suggest that the proposed service, policy, function or criteria could have a negative (N), positive (P) or no (None) effect on quality of life outcomes? (Refer to guidance for further details)

Can negative impacts be justified? **For example: improving community cohesion; complying with other legislation or enforcement duties; taking positive action to address imbalances or under-representation; needing to target a particular community or group e.g. older people.** NB. Lack of financial resources alone is NOT justification!

Community of Identity: Age

Evidence		Quality of Life Indicators	Customer Impact (N/P/None)	Staff Impact (N/P/None)
Strensall with Towthorpe Village Design Statement (May 2014)		Standard of Living Physical Security	Positive	None
Details of Impact	Can negative impacts be justified?	Reason/Action	Lead Officer	Completion Date
Design Guideline No.7 encourages a mix of building styles and sizes to be created. This would have a positive impact on housing mix	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

<p>by providing affordable homes, starter homes and family homes as well as smaller properties for older people to downsize into.</p> <p>Design Guideline No.22 says that 'New buildings should be designed in such a way as to prevent crime and meet the security requirements laid down by the Police 'Secured by Design' scheme.' This would have a positive impact on the quality of life of all age groups.</p> <p>The guidance aims to achieve better standards of design in future development projects, in compliance with local and national planning policy, and standards such as Lifetime Homes Standard and Building for Life Recommendations.</p>				
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Community of Identity: Disability

Evidence	Quality of Life Indicators	Customer Impact (N/P/None)	Staff Impact (N/P/None)
Strensall with Towthorpe Village Design Statement (May 2014)	Standard of Living	Positive	None

Details of Impact	<i>Can negative impacts be justified?</i>	Reason/Action	Lead Officer	Completion Date
<p>Design Guideline No.4 states that ‘The existing network of footpaths must be retained and improved. The design of footways, cut throughs and snickets leading to the centre of the Village must be a key aspect of any development. Every opportunity to improve, add to or enable access to the footpath network should be pursued.’</p> <p>Design Guideline No.6 states that ‘The retention of existing and the creation of new open spaces are essential. The range and location of open spaces together with their features make them vitally important to the character of the Village.’</p> <p>The encouragement of improvements to public open spaces and footpath networks within the village would have a positive impact upon community enjoyment/ accessibility and improve the overall quality</p>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

of life for all people within the villages.				
The Village Design Statement promotes the retention of community facilities and open spaces for the enjoyment of all.				

No positive or negative impact has been identified regarding the following communities:

Community of Identity: Carers of Older or Disabled People
Community of Identity: Gender
Community of Identity: Gender Reassignment
Community of Identity: Marriage & Civil Partnership
Community of Identity: Pregnancy / Maternity
Community of Identity: Race
Community of Identity: Religion / Spirituality / Belief