

Email from EDDC to Examiner referred to in paragraph 3.1 of his Final Report

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Cc: Woodbury Parish Council; Cllr John Pyne

Subject: Woodbury NDP - update re. Design Guidance

Hi Andrew

I write to advise that I have recently had contact with the Clerk and a parish councillor from Woodbury PC and further to this, I've agreed to let you know for info that the PC are starting work on updating their design guidance. You will be aware that the design guidance as currently adopted is cited in Policy 1 of their plan. They are aware it's too late to give an updated design guidance full statutory weight through their current NP proposal, but have enquired as to whether perhaps a sentence could go into the NP to just recognise that the currently adopted Village Design Statement for Woodbury is being updated by the PC. I could potentially add this as a minor amend when we take your modifications to our Cabinet, just to give a signpost to this work. I'll leave it with you as to whether you can add a note to acknowledge the work in your report as a 'hook' for us.

In terms of the process for updating the design guidance, we have agreed that the PC will do this work, consult on it, amend it as needed following comments and then adopt it at full Council, sharing it with us for info and citing it alongside their NP, in due course, when commenting on planning applications. This should mean we can give it some weight in the determination of applications, but in order to give it full statutory weight they would need to consider making it part of their NDP through a review of the plan in due course.

I copy in the Clerk who I have just spoke to about this, and the WPC NP lead, and I attach the advice note I sent to the parish councillor who is looking to lead this work (Cllr Alan Wills).

Naturally if you would say anything different or additional to my advice, please do comment, otherwise this is just for your info ahead of receiving your report.

Kind regards

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