



Great Houghton

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Initial Survey.

Dear Parishioners,

The Parish Council is currently writing a Village Design Statement for the benefit of the parishioners, the village itself and the immediate surrounding areas. There follows below an explanation of its purpose. There also follows a questionnaire for parishioners to complete and return to the Parish Council via E-mail or by hand to the address the bottom of this page. Alternatively you can complete it online through our website at www.greathoughton.org.uk.

It is extremely important that this is completed to aid the council with the Design Statement.

What is a Village Design Statement?

It is a detailed description of the village as it is today and highlights the qualities valued by its parishioners. It defines its unique character and the important features of its design and history. It has been written by the parishioners so that local knowledge, informed views and ideas will contribute to the village's future growth, development and environment. The aim is to ensure that any changes are based on a considered understanding of the village's past, present and future and that they bring a positive contribution to Great Houghton.

Who is it for?

Change is brought about by many things. Some changes are very apparent i.e. large development. Some changes go almost unnoticed, smaller day to day adjustments to gardens, homes, open spaces, wooded areas, hedgerows and paths. These can all alter the looks and the feel of the village.

This statement is therefore addressed to:

Primarily to Statutory Bodies & Public Authorities, and planning of course, because of the influence they have over development and area growth. Also not forgetting Developers, Builders, Architects, Designers and Utility providers. Local Community Groups, Householders, Businesses & Business Properties.

Plus other outside sources that influence or have an interest in the village.

How does the Village Design Statement work?

This statement can be adopted and used by the relevant councils / planning bodies or other authorities as supplementary planning guidance and for its recommendations to be taken into account when applications are assessed. It will also be used when other bodies or persons within or outside the village affect the parish as it stands.

There will be further consultations with you as villagers as we progress. We would very much appreciate it if you would complete the table of questions that follows and please add any comments you feel worthwhile at the bottom of the sheet.

The Questionnaire itself.

The completing of the questionnaire is extremely important to bring true meaning and body to the Design Statement. It will mean the persons from each household have had the opportunity to make a real and meaningful contribution to the Statement and to those agencies that will be compelled to read it they will know and understand that this is a true village document – for the village, by the village.