



A Village Design Statement for Freeland.

With input from Freeland residents - Freeland PC in conjunction with WODC intend to explore the possibilities of producing our own Village Design Statement. (VDS)

When completed, this VDS would sit alongside the WODC Local Plan as a supplementary planning document bespoke to Freeland.

It would set out what we, as residents, feel about...OUR VILLAGE. What makes it special, unique or maybe what could be improved? So, when, or if development is proposed (from a modest extension to new dwellings) we have already thought long and hard about the things we value and the things we do not wish to see lost under the wheels of change.

A VDS would neither prevent nor encourage development but add a nuanced understanding of the implications development may have on our village. To that end, a VDS will need to be far reaching...to include History, Cartography, Landscape, Biodiversity, Hydrology, Climate change, Sustainability and Photography old and new etc.

WHO WILL PROVIDE THE CONTENT?

Every resident will be consulted, every group from School to Church, Sports team to Allotment society.

A potential 12-month project will produce a booklet complete with maps/ text and photos; (for an example, visit 'Combe Village Design Statement', recently adopted by WODC)

An initial steering group has been set up through the auspices of the PC.

If you wish early involvement, contact Peter Foster/ Robert Crocker/ Lindsey Harrison or Fay fayf.fpc@gmail.com.

A village meeting is planned for early New Year.