



Summary

This Village Design Statement has been prepared for the Parish of Walgrave by a Steering Group made up of eighteen parishioners, over a period of some fifteen months.

The Steering Group initiated a survey of the buildings of Walgrave, which provides a comprehensive description of every residence in the parish. This document, which can be viewed on application to the Walgrave Parish Council, has been an indispensable guide to the development of this statement.

The Steering Group believes that what has emerged is a concise document which is attractive to several different groups of readers. Firstly, it will be used by professional developers and their agents in any proposals for development they may make; secondly, it is a short history of the village which travels back as far as the Domesday Book and is thus of general interest to adults and children of the village alike;

thirdly, it is intended to be a document which highlights the many positive features of village life in Northamptonshire and the splendid nature of the local countryside.

This Village Design Statement has produced a set of planning guidelines on the environment, open spaces, buildings, highways, utilities and agriculture. The residents of Walgrave believe that if these guidelines are followed in all future development, the consequence will be a village which everyone can be proud to live in, to visit and to enjoy.

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Front cover - Walgrave village sign, Lower Green

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17th century sundial on the "Dial House"



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Introduction

What is a Village Design Statement?

A Village Design Statement is a summary of what the community feels is distinctive or characteristic of their village and what the community feels should be considered in any future developments or changes, to enhance or protect those special features.

The Walgrave Village Design Statement was initiated by the Parish Council and is the result of consultation with the population. A Steering Group of villagers has coordinated and developed those views on behalf of the community, to a timetable detailed in the Appendix. The support of Daventry District Council Planning Department has aided its development.

Who is it for?

The Village Design Statement is intended to be used by any developers and their agents proposing developments or major maintenance/improvement works within Walgrave, or having an impact on the Parish of Walgrave. It will guide them as to the preferred key design outcomes. It is also intended as guidance and help for any villagers making modifications to their property.

How does it work?

Daventry District Council has a statutory Planning Policy which is amended from time to time. Walgrave Village Design Statement is added to this legal framework and must be fully considered when assessing the merits of any planning application.

Status of the Design Statement

Following public consultation Daventry District Council formally considered this design statement on 18 May 2011 and adopted it as a Supplementary Planning Document. This design statement will therefore be a material consideration when assessing any planning applications in or near the village, as well as providing guidelines for any other future changes.

The Walgrave Village Design Statement

The evolution of the village is described and how various factors influenced the development of Walgrave. The village today is then characterised and assessed, with Planning Guidelines given as a guide for the future.