

Farnham Design Statement 2022

Farnham Town Council held a public consultation on amendments agreed after consultation with WBC Officers Sarah Wells and Graham Parrot. The consultation closed 4 July 2022.

Of the twelve responses received, eight represented views of a wider community group or organisation.

Some individual contributions made comment on several character areas. Guidelines were written by local groups, hence the variety. The guidelines for South Farnham (Waverley), for example, were written by the SOFRA committee and shared with residents for amendment.

Comments were made about active travel and topics covered by the Farnham Neighbourhood Plan. These comments are not for a Design Statement.

Comments were made on the text changes from 'must' to 'should', particularly in guidelines. These changes were at the direction of WBC Officers as the document is Supplementary Planning Guidance not Planning Policy.

Local members have had seven versions to engage with their local community groups and improve the existing plan.

Suggested FDS changes:

2.8	add Badshot Lea to Weybourne and Aldershot and add a final sentence. A further green space, identified in the Farnham Neighbourhood Plan as Brambleton Park, should also be improved and enhanced for public enjoyment. This space is currently owned and managed by Waverley Borough Council.
2.9	change "five" to "six" and "all" to "most" Afterhistoric character insert new sentence: In January 2021 the Shepherd and Flock roundabout became the latest Conservation Area to be designated in the town.
3.4	change national primary road system to major road network
3.10.2	change Action to Management
3.18	Village halls, community centres, school halls and church halls ...
10.1	... character. Insert "On its northern edge ..."
10.2	add "and boundaries are frequently brick or flint walls, with or without hedges"
10.4	...its unique character. There is a delightful cluster of houses, which are Grade II listed, near the Upper Hale Road and Farnborough Road junction and these must also be protected.
10.6	add final sentence "Views to the southeast from Heath End stretch to the Hogs Back and the Surrey Hills AONB".
10.7	add "and Heath End" after Hale
10.8	add "Grade II listed" after St. John's and substitute "recently restored Kitty Milroy murals" for "wall paintings" Add Grade II listed to the Methodist Chapel and change "at" to "adjacent to"
10.11.2	add "distinctive character" of the surrounding area
10.11.6	change "on-site" to "off-road"