

Case Study

Topic	PLANNING: Landscape Strategy
Name of Initiative	Lymington Local Distinctiveness Supplementary Planning Document
Name of Local Authority / Organisation	New Forest District Council
Related Topics/Issues	DESIGN: Masterplanning, New Design, PLANNING: Experience of developing SPG

Aims & Objectives	To work with the local community to understand local distinctiveness and produce planning guidance for developers.
Outcomes & Impacts	<p>This document is all about identifying and helping to protect the local character and distinctiveness of Lymington and Pennington. It is about guiding how new development (including alterations or extensions to existing buildings) is undertaken in the future to ensure that it takes place in a way that protects local character and maintains the positive features that contribute to the particular area's local distinctiveness. It applies to all new development – not just residential development. It is one of a series of 'Local Distinctiveness' guidance documents that New Forest District Council is preparing for the towns and main villages in its area.</p> <p>This document is part of the Local Development Framework for New Forest District outside the National Park. It is a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) which provides detailed guidance on the implementation of policies in local Development Plan Documents. In particular it provides guidance in the implementation of Core Strategy Policies CS2 and CS3 and Core Strategy objectives: Objective 1 - Special qualities, local distinctiveness and a high quality living environment, and Objective 6 - Towns, villages and built environment quality.</p> <p>The guidance given in this document will be particularly relevant to those considering new development proposals within Lymington and Pennington. The character area guidance in this document should help inform the necessary thorough research into the context of individual sites. It is for the resident, the developer or the designer to investigate the finer nuances of a place and how they can inform the design of new development based upon the information provided here.</p>
Process	<p>New Forest District Council undertook community workshop held 25 February 2010, further consultations subsequently and also received contributions for additional material, photographs and suggestions. In particular they worked with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Lymington Society • Hampshire County Council's Landscape Planning Team • Lymington & Pennington Town Council • New Forest District Councillors • Lymington & Pennington Community Forum
Resources/Funding	Internal staff resources and consultation time.

Timescales	Approx 12 months from inaugural community workshop to adoption of final document in Feb 2011
Evaluation	Well received by local community groups, Planning Committee and elected Members. Regularly referred to as key source of guidance by planning officers, in committee reports, by elected councillors and by the public and local councils when commenting on planning applications. Key test of its value will be how and when it is referred to in planning appeal decisions – data on this should emerge over the next 12 months.
Prospects & Opportunities	Further guidance is being produced for all the major towns and villages in the district, based upon this model.
Key Learning/Advice for Others	Building strong relationships between elected members and officers, with local amenity and community groups, and with the town council, strong project management, and a genuine commitment to collaborative working were all essential ingredients in the success of this project.

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