**Diseworth Village Design Statement**

**Consultation Statement**

**August 2020**

**Previous Consultation**

Long Whatton & Diseworth Parish Council undertook a first round of consultation on the draft Diseworth Village Design Statement between 28th May and 11th July 2019 (6 weeks). The consultation was on-line using the parish council’s website and Facebook page.

The consultation generated one response which came from Gladmans (a land promotion company). A summary of the comments made and the resulting changes to the draft VDS are set out below.

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| **Comment (summary)** | **Response/Changes** |
| The VDS’ approach to development in the countryside conflicts with national and local policy. | Amend the Context recommendations section to state “The view of the local community is that it would wish to see the existing countryside around Diseworth protected against inappropriate development” |
| The VDS’ approach to infill development is inappropriate. | Amend Context recommendations section to state “infill development should be avoided where it would conflict with the character of the village and the particular site and its setting, including the other policies set out in this VDS”. |
| The VDS’ approach to housing mix is inappropriate | Amend the Structure of the Community recommendations section to state “ New housing should be of a varied type and size that reflects the existing character of the village” |
| The VDS should acknowledge that highways impacts may be able to be mitigated. | Amend the Highways & Traffic recommendations section to read “there should be more constructive efforts made to ensure that traffic is only that appropriate to the roads as they are at present or can be mitigated for through the scope of that planning application”. |

**Current Consultation**

The revised draft Village Design Statement, incorporating the changes above, is being published by North West Leicestershire District Council for a further period of public consultation (6 weeks) in August/September 2020.