

# Shermanbury Parish Council

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## Shermanbury Parish's Design Statement.

Following the incorporation of the Wineham and Shermanbury Neighbourhood Plan (WASP) into the Horsham District Plan, the Parish Council has decided to develop a *Parish Design Statement*. Any planning application for development submitted to HDC, whether for minor alterations or more substantial builds, must address the Policies laid out in the WASP.

In common with most neighbourhood plans, one of our Policies stipulates that “any development must respect and reflect positively the setting of the Parish”, so we have to describe, in a *design statement*, those criteria that define “the setting of the Parish”. The Design Statement will then be referred to by HDC’s planning officers and its planning committee whenever planning applications are considered, as well as providing guidance to those submitting planning applications.

### What you will see happening

A team of volunteers will visit all parts of the parish making notes and taking pictures of property frontages (most of which are already available on Google maps). These notes will help the Design Statement team reach a consensus within discrete locations on

- The prevailing character
- Those characteristics of particular value for preservation
- The most appropriate recommendations to the planning team at Horsham District Council when planning applications are processed.

We plan to start the process on the A281 north of the Partridge Green turning in early January 2018.

### HOWEVER

We wish to capture as many views on these issues as we can and would welcome your comments on the above headings to the Shermanbury Parish Clerk at [shermanbury@pcouncil.co.uk](mailto:shermanbury@pcouncil.co.uk). Please be sure to define the area of Shermanbury Parish you are commenting upon.

We also intend to review the provisional plan at public meetings before finally submitting the Design Statement to Horsham District Council.