With the adoption of the Barnsley Local Plan in January earlier this year, the 2011 Core Strategy and the saved policies of the Unitary Development Plan are now superseded.

Your Parish Council's Parish Design Statement was prepared to give detail to the policies of the Barnsley Unitary Development Plan to be used in the determination of planning applications by Barnsley Council.

Since the saved policies of the Unitary Development Plan are now superseded, the Parish Design Statement cannot now be given the weight of a Supplementary Planning Document and will not be used in the determination of planning applications by Barnsley Council.

Essentially, if you want the guidance in the Parish Design Statement to be given the fullest possible weight in the determination of planning applications, you must amend the Parish Design Statement to take account of the new Local Plan policies and request that Barnsley Council adopt it as a new Supplementary Planning Document.

My colleague Tony Wiles may be able to be of assistance to you in your work to amend the Parish Design Statement – you can contact him on tonywiles@barnsley.gov.uk or on 01226 772576.

For you further information, we are planning to undertake a public consultation on a number of Supplementary Planning Documents in the autumn, with a view to recommending their adoption at a meeting of the Full Council, to which you may wish to add your amended Parish Design Statement.

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