

APPENDIX 4

STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Throughout the Kelsall Parish Plan and Village Design exercises, the emphasis was to inform and involve the entire community. All important meetings were advertised widely by various methods including the local press, the KADRAS bi-monthly newsletter, Parish Council newsletters to all residents, poster campaigns, school newsletters, talks to local groups, electronic mail circulation lists, and announcements in the village churches.

A Village Design Group was formed in December 2004 to plan the process, and the first few meetings were advertised and held as public events to encourage continued recruitment. Membership was inclusive and extra skills were sought by co-option.



Feedback was encouraged and facilitated at public meetings and, where practicable, the different initiatives were interlinked. John Gittins of the Cheshire Landscape Trust (CLST) facilitated the workshop and guided the Design Group throughout the process.

The main milestones are shown in the table below.

July 2004	Decision to undertake PP and VDS announced in PC newsletter to all residents
October	Public meeting to launch PP and VDS, attended by 70 residents
December	Village Design Group formed
February 2005	Summary of initial findings in PC newsletter and Kadras magazine and invitation to attend VDS workshop in Community Centre
February	All-day VDS workshop attended by 40 residents, run by CLS
May	Week-long Landscape Character Assessment exercise at Kelsall Community School managed by CLST and SEEN and supported by professional advisors
June	Public presentation of school results in school hall
January 2006	Public exhibition and consultation attended by 250 residents
July	Main recommendations agreed by Kelsall Parish Council
October – December 2006	Formal public consultation on the Draft Kelsall Village Landscape and Design Statement to meet planning regulations.