

FURTHER INFORMATION

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Additional copies of the Rearsby VDS are available via the Clerk to Rearsby Parish Council. You may also download the document from the Rearsby website at www.rearsby.net.

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Source material

Borough of Charnwood Local Plan 1996-2006, Charnwood Borough Council, 2002 – www.charnwoodbc.gov.uk

Rearsby: The Story of a Village, Rearsby Local History Society, 1984

Village Design: Making Local Character Count in New Development Parts 1 and 2, Countryside Commission, 1996 (now The Countryside Agency – www.countryside.gov.uk)

‘Rearsby Listed Buildings’ (courtesy of Charnwood Borough Council)

The VDS Team has collected various information about the village. Appropriate documents and photographs can be accessed via the Clerk of Rearsby Parish Council or via the Rearsby website at www.rearsby.net.

Rearsby is situated in the Wreake Valley in North East Leicestershire midway between Leicester and Melton Mowbray. It has a population of about 1,000.

The Rearsby Village Design Statement reflects the views of the people of Rearsby. A number of events have been held to encourage participation and get their views including public presentations at various of the development stages, a full consultation exercise, and leaflet drops to solicit interest and arouse opinion. Copies of the document were available for one month during the consultation exercise at various addresses in the village, at the Post Office and on the internet via the village website. The exercise was well publicised in advance via *Rearsby Scene*, the village noticeboards and the website. All comments by village residents have been considered and incorporated, as appropriate, into the document.

Charnwood Borough Council fully supports the production of Village Design Statements by local people as one way of providing design guidance and supplementing Local Plan policy. The Borough of Charnwood Local Plan has a policy about design (EV/A), the intent of which is to ensure a high standard of design in all new developments. EV/A sets out a number of criteria against which new development proposals are judged, and refers to the production of design guides to outline the key defining local characteristics of various parts of the Borough.

The Rearsby Village Design Statement is fully in line with the design and development principles of government Planning Policy Guidance Notes (PPGs), the Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland Deposit Draft Structure Plan 1996-2016, and the Borough of Charnwood Local Plan 1996-2006. It supports the sustainable development initiative Local Agenda 21 through Forum for a Better Leicestershire and Action for a Better Charnwood.