

# MOULTON *Village* NEEDS YOU!!!!

*In helping to create our ...*

## VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

### **What is a Village Design Statement?**

It is a guide prepared by villagers planning for the future of their parish or village. It identifies the characteristics of the village valued by local people, and is a common vision of how a community should look and develop in the future. The guide focuses on the physical aspects of the community such as buildings, landscape and highways.

A Village Design Statement (VDS), once approved by the District Council, will be used as a supplementary planning document, and thus referred to as evidence when consideration is given to future planning applications. It can have a real impact in protecting the existing character of the village.

*What have we  
done so far?*

Some years ago the project was initiated by several local people from the village and various community organisations including the Moulton Environment Group and Parish Council to scope the outline of the document and gather information.

The initial draft has since been formulated and submitted to Daventry District Council (DDC) for their response and guidance.

The first draft has now been revised and we are hoping to submit the final document to DDC in the first quarter of 2012.

*What can  
you do?*

Consultation with all villagers is essential to creating a valid Village Design Statement.

- **We urge the community** to read the draft that can be viewed on *the Parish Website, in Moulton Library or at The Parish Office.*
- **We need your input and views on the draft document** so please complete the feedback questionnaire or contact *Jane Austin (Parish Clerk) with your ideas by the end of Jan 2012.*
- **We invite you to attend a Public Meeting in the Village Hall on Sat. 14th Jan 2012** addressed by The Parish Council and Daventry District Council where we will discuss the VDS, outline our progress and again encourage your feedback.

**\*\*PLEASE GET INVOLVED!!!** This is a rare opportunity to make your views felt in the planning system and help to shape the future of our village.



# Moulton Village Design Statement Feedback

The village design statement identifies key characteristics of the village relevant, for example to building design, historical and community background, and landscape character.

*Your Views  
and Ideas*

Below are examples of the type of questions you may answer in relation to the VDS.

1. Are there any other key points of relevance that you think should be included under History and Community background?
2. What aspects of architecture or other design features of the village are most important to you?
3. What, if any, changes would you most like to see in relation to the design/look of the village?

