

Village Design Statement

Heritage: The historic fabric of buildings should be preserved and repaired wherever possible (where buildings are 'listed' specialist advice should be sought) and existing buildings reused creatively.

New developments: New developments must be mindful of and sensitive to the physical and environmental context of the site and its location in the Green Belt, the Cotswold Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and (where applicable) the Conservation area. They should be rural, not suburban, in character.

Design: The design, contemporary or traditional, must be a harmonious addition to the rural environment, complement the local built heritage, and sit well in the landscape.

Detailing: The detailing of new development and changes to existing buildings must seek to reflect the quality of craftsmanship and materials both of the area and of the specific location. Where possible, local and durable materials should be used which improve in appearance with age.

Car Parking: New developments need to show adequate car parking consistent with the use of the development to prevent an exacerbation of car parking pressures in the villages.

Local concerns: Proposals for new development must take proper account of relevant planning considerations raised by immediate neighbours or by the community through their Parish Councils through comprehensive local engagement. Specific consideration needs to be taken on all matters relating to the Neighbourhood Plan and the Village Design Statement.