

Development Plan Workshop 15 October 2014

Environment

- Green field infrastructure network
- New public open space
- Local green space
- Locally listed buildings

Main points

- Protect open space and views – eg., to the church
- Use green space to lead into the built environment
- Green infrastructure network to allow car-free travel for residents – through the meadow, playing field and beyond, also to the North side of the town
- Incorporate green space into “larger” developments
- Allow sufficient space for native species of trees, etc to grow without overburdening gardens or communal space
- Green-up Market Place, shared green space to restrict use at appropriate times for deliveries, access, etc.

Group 1 – Environment – summary

- Protect open space and views
- Use green space to lead into built environment to soften impact of development
- Could be part of policy to prevent ribbon development and encourage development in areas where distance into town does not require a car
- Provide open walkways, cycling, discourage car use and secure open links into public access areas, paths, etc
- Incorporate new rights of way/permissive rights
- Protect views of upper valley sides
- Use enabling policies for some of this to build in future control
- Consider withdrawing Article 4 permitted development rights to provide protection for building in Conservation area in close proximity to listed buildings
- Use Design Statement as material planning consideration
- Consider wider countryside development plan to include CCB policy on agricultural and equestrian development
- Maintain “dark skies”.
- Encourage underground utility networks, removal of overhead cables, etc

Group 2 – Housing – summary

- Policy to enforce repair of listed buildings at risk
- Materials to be approved for alterations esp. in conservation area

- Green space to be used to avoid over-urbanisation – keep open country feeling
- Links via green space for walks, cyclists, to enable movement through town
- Green infrastructure should include bus links – properly sustainable development with reduced reliance on car use and local employment provision
- Green space in Market Place, high quality public open space, underground car park
- Provide shared green space in Market Place to restrict vehicle use during the day
- Policy to protect strategic open space-e.g., valley

Group 3 - Business

- Provide for locally listed buildings
- Paths, bikeways throughout town to provide easy links
- Incorporate open space into developments adequate for relaxation, play and sympathetic to needs of all age groups
- Parkland connection between development and countryside
- Protect views
- Protect burgage plots, recognise them in new development
- Protect and link municipal open space, e.g., Church yard, cemetery
- Plot sizes and public open spaces to allow native species planting to reach maturity without impinging on new development