

Sample Policies



Environment

1.2 Maintaining local distinctiveness by retaining the separation between the villages in our area. Planning permission will be refused for proposals that reduce the separation between Stevington and adjacent villages or the sense of openness created by these gaps.

Any development proposals in the identified gaps between villages should be located and designed to maintain the separation of the villages and to complement the relevant landscape characteristics of the gaps, through:

- Locating structures where they will be viewed against existing built form
- Retaining the proportion and scale of built structures and the space between them
- Reference to the built vernacular of the neighbourhood area
- Conservation and restoration of traditional boundary treatments
- Use of appropriate plant species in a comprehensive landscape scheme with appropriate boundary treatments to integrate with the rural character

Wherever possible, development should deliver enhancements to the landscape character. When selecting plant species regard should be given to:

- Maximising benefits for biodiversity;
- Prioritising native species, particularly in locations adjacent to wildlife corridors identified in this Plan
- Integrating tree planting into a network of habitats alongside the hedgerows planted on site in accordance with NP Policy
- Managing surface water run off
- Combating soil erosion;

