

# Sample Policies



## Heritage

Stevington is a long-established settlement, first recorded in the Domesday Book of 1086. The distinctive charm of the village owes much to its cruciform layout with characteristic ‘ends’, typical of an Anglo-Saxon village. It has a variety of architectural forms, styles and materials represented by buildings constructed and developed over hundreds of years of which 43 are listed.

### 2. Protecting our Heritage assets

2.1 The local community has identified particular landmark views and buildings which they value and which help define and contribute to the historic and natural character of our local area. There is strong support for ensuring these are protected as local heritage or landscape assets for the enjoyment of the community into the future.

Any designated historic heritage assets in the Parish and their settings, both above and below ground and including listed buildings, and any monuments that may be scheduled or conservation areas that may be created will be conserved and enhanced for their historic significance and their importance to local distinctiveness, character and sense of place.

2.2 All future development in the village Conservation Area should comply with the County Council’s conservation and heritage policies including those for listed buildings. Wherever possible, construction materials and finishes should complement the surrounding area and the character and heritage of the immediate environment. Where approved, modern the renovation or alteration of buildings or structures identified on the Local Heritage List should be designed sensitively, and with careful regard to the heritage asset’s historical and architectural interest and setting.

Loss of non-designated heritage assets (locally listed buildings) should be resisted replacement/new build materials should also visually complement the immediate environment.

2.3 Any development proposals should seek to preserve or enhance the character of the village both within and outside the Conservation Area, The demolition of buildings and structures that contribute to the character and appearance of these areas including those identified in the proposed Local Heritage List will be resisted.

2.4 Ideally the design of new buildings should reflect the design principles of their time so that the richness of varied character continues and is extended into the future. However, the quality of design must ensure that new buildings contribute positively to the historic character. Listed Buildings and their settings; and Conservation Areas and their settings, will be conserved and enhanced to reinforce the quality and character of Stevington.

