

# Sample Policies



## Housing

### 4.11 Policy - Good Quality Design

Throughout the Neighbourhood Area, development proposals should comprise high quality design and seek to demonstrate how they will enhance the character of the local area. All new development should demonstrate good quality design and respect the character and appearance of the surrounding area.

Development that fails to take the opportunities available for enhancing the local character and quality of the area and the way it functions shall not be permitted.

4.11.1 A central part of achieving good design is responding to and integrating with local surroundings and landscape context as well as the built environment through:

- a. Using good quality materials that complement the existing palette of materials used within the village, natural traditional building materials should be used for alterations and extensions to old buildings and preferably for all new buildings
- b. Using green hedging and/or trees for highway boundaries wherever possible and in keeping with the existing streetscape
- c. Ensuring safe access for pedestrians, cyclists and road users
- d. Providing adequate refuse and recycling storage incorporated into the scheme to minimise visual impact.
- e. Innovative design that is sustainable in its design, construction and operation but that is sympathetic to the traditional buildings of Stevington.
- f. Promoting high quality interior spaces and light,
- g. Respecting established building set back and arrangements of front gardens, walls, railings or hedges.
- h. Ensuring proposals relate to established plot widths within streets where development is proposed, particularly where they establish a rhythm to the architecture in a street.
- i. Roofs should be pitched unless there is a functional or aesthetic reason not to do so.

