

Draft Policy A1 – Protecting and Enhancing Local Landscape Character – draft plan v5.3

Development proposals will be required to demonstrate how siting and design have taken into consideration local landscape character.

Significant Views

The sweeping nature of views to the outlying hills is valued by residents and makes an important contribution to the landscape character of the parish.

Development proposals should therefore respect the open nature of existing settlement pockets and sustain these widespread views of surrounding hills such as Garway, Hay Bluff and the Black Mountains.

Where necessary, a Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment or similar studies may need to be carried out to ensure that any scheme is designed and sited sensitively and appropriately.

Landscaping Schemes

Development proposals should include landscaping schemes which protect and enhance the distinctive rural landscape character of the Parish. Hedgerows, mature trees, woodlands, ponds and traditional orchards are important local landscape features and should be retained wherever possible and incorporated into designs.

Local Built Character (see also Policy A4, Criteria for Development)

Development should respond to the dispersed local settlement pattern, with buildings provided at low densities in large plots and set back from the road side with front gardens and on-site parking areas. Traditional materials such as red brick or sandstone should be used in new development, conversions and extensions to ensure development is sympathetic to the local vernacular and surrounding rural character of buildings.