

Gotherington Neighbourhood Development Plan

An Enduring Vision

Village Design Statement Principles

Here is a summary of the Gotherington V.D.S. Principles:-

- *Preserve the village as a separate entity distinct from other nearby settlements.*
- *Protect views from the village to the surrounding hills.*
- *Sizeable development shall include landscaping and green areas in keeping with a village setting.*
- *Fences, walls and outbuildings bordering the open countryside should not create visual barriers.*
- *Development shall include new footpaths where appropriate.*
- *Development shall be consistent with best design practice appropriate to a rural setting.*
- *Development shall be compatible with the existing character, scale and form of the village.*
- *Developments should not unduly diminish the existing ratio between buildings and gardens.*
- *All new properties shall have ample and unobtrusive parking.*
- *Infill development should be consistent with the scale of existing houses and gardens.*
- *Infill development and extensions to buildings should be compatible with the existing character, setting and rural nature of the village.*
- *Extensions to existing properties shall be designed to be an integral part of the property and shall be harmonious with the character, scale and form of the existing building.*
- *Development shall preserve the rural character of the village by maintaining the existing playing fields and public green spaces.*
- *The footprint and height of any new housing shall be consistent with the existing character, scale and rural nature of the village.*
- *Development shall include evidence that a survey of the impact of the new build upon the village's traffic and services has been undertaken.*
- *Any development should take into account the possible effects on local services.*

