

CHAPTER 3 – THE ENVIRONMENT

GENERAL

- 3.4 The District Council is concerned to ensure that new development and redevelopment do not adversely affect the essential rural character of the District. In considering applications for planning permission and other consents to carry out development, the District Council will have regard to the extent the proposals respect the amenity and character of settlements and the landscape of the District. To this end, development proposals should seek to retain or replace, as appropriate, trees, hedges, woodlands, ponds and marshlands as well as adding to and enhancing these features with carefully designed landscaping features.
- 3.5 The design, materials and layout of new developments should reflect as far as possible the existing vernacular of the District, particularly in the Special Landscape Areas and Conservation Areas. It is also important to ensure that new development does not intrude into the settings of important buildings or groups of buildings, or into prominent landscape features and views. The Council will also seek to conserve those open spaces within settlements which contribute significantly to the character and appearance of the locality.