

## SPECIAL LANDSCAPE AREAS

### POLICY EN1

**IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR SPECIAL ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITIES, CERTAIN AREAS ARE DESIGNATED ON THE PROPOSALS MAP AS SPECIAL LANDSCAPE AREAS. IN THESE AREAS PLANNING PERMISSION WILL NORMALLY BE GRANTED FOR DEVELOPMENT PROVIDED THAT:**

- A. IT COMPRISES AGRICULTURAL, FORESTRY, RECREATION OR TOURISM DEVELOPMENT; OR**
- B. IT RELATES TO SETTLEMENTS WITHIN THESE AREAS. IN ASSESSING SUCH PROPOSALS DETAILED DESIGN, MATERIALS, SITING AND IN PARTICULAR, LANDSCAPING, WILL BE MATERIAL CONSIDERATIONS FUNDAMENTAL TO THE GRANTING OF PLANNING PERMISSION; OR**
- C. IT RELATES TO THE RE-USE OR ADAPTATION OF RURAL BUILDINGS PROVIDED THEIR FINISHED FORM, BULK AND GENERAL DESIGN ARE IN KEEPING WITH THEIR SURROUNDINGS**
- D. IT DOES NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT THE CHARACTER OF THE LOCAL LANDSCAPE.**

These areas were originally designated in the first County Structure Plan. They have been amended since that time but the present areas were supported by the Secretary of State through his approval of the Structure Plan in 1989. The present boundaries of the areas are indicated on the Proposals Map.

Whilst new development for the purposes of agriculture, forestry, recreation or tourism may from time to time be necessary in the Special Landscape Areas, the specific policies for these types of proposals set out in the appropriate sections of this Local Plan will be strictly enforced. The District Council will seek to ensure that such development does not adversely affect the character of the local landscape.

Proposals for the re-use or adaptation of buildings will need to take account of the policies EN19 to EN22, which deal specifically with this issue.

The District Council considers that the villages situated within the Special Landscape Areas make their own contributions to the quality of those areas and proposals within such villages will be required to demonstrate that they are not harmful to that quality.