

# **Land and Street Scapes Workshop**

## **Purpose**

To develop options to maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place that

- enhance the character and quality of the street and natural landscapes within the village
- conserve and enhance the character and quality of Stratfield Mortimer's rural landscapes.

## **Key Focus**

- Design Guides and Codes
  - for new developments (housing, car parks, green spaces etc) in the Neighbourhood Plan
  - to address climate change - higher temperatures and heavier rainfall.
  - development of individual street or areas within Stratfield Mortimer
- The guides, aims and policies set out in 'Living with Beauty' report.

## **Considerations**

The Design Guides and Codes shall address the following which West Berkshire Council and the Examiner may wish to see have been considered.

- Protecting and enhancing the landscape character and scenic quality of the countryside within and adjoining the parish
- Maintaining and enhancing the character and distinctiveness of the Parish and village within and outside the settlement boundary?
- Delivering high and appropriate design that maintain and enhances local character yet encourage innovative design that sit comfortably within the local character.
- Protects and enhances natural landscapes within the villages, including recreational open space and strategic green corridors?
- Avoiding loss of tranquillity minimising and, where possible, improving on unacceptable levels of noise, light pollution, odour and vibration.

The workshop must consider the relevant questions and policies (NPPF & WBC) as set out in the paper 'Comparison of how the Stratfield Mortimer NP Objectives Accord with Sustainability Themes, Objectives, Plans and Policies'

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