

Policy TB21: Landscape Character

1. Proposals must demonstrate how they have addressed the requirements of the Council's Landscape Character Assessment, including the landscape quality; landscape strategy; landscape sensitivity and key issues.
2. Proposals shall retain or enhance the condition, character and features that contribute to the landscape.

- 3.99 The supporting text (paragraph 4.19) to policy CP3 - General Principles of the [Core Strategy](#) states that proposals should take account of the [Council's current Landscape Character Assessment](#).
- 3.100 The Landscape Character Assessment provides guidance on the intrinsic characteristics of landscape character areas. It details how landscapes should be conserved and managed and the degree, i.e. sensitivity, to which landscape areas can accommodate development. Applicants shall use the Landscape Character Assessment to identify important landscape features that should be protected or enhanced through development proposals. This should be incorporated as part of a landscape and visual impact study as detailed in paragraph 2.19 of this Plan.
- 3.101 Proposals shall also be consistent with the [Borough Design Guide SPD](#) (2012) which provides further information on landscape.

Policy Background

National

[National Planning Policy Framework \(NPPF\)](#) (2012) i.e. under heading 4 - Promoting Sustainable Transport, such as paragraphs 29 and 30; under heading 8 - Promoting healthy communities, such as paragraph 75, and heading 11 Conserving and enhancing the natural environment, such as paragraph 109 and 113

Regional

[South East Green Infrastructure Framework](#) (July 2009)

[Berkshire Habitat Action Plan 2007](#)

[Biodiversity Strategy for the Loddon Catchment](#) (2003)

[Blackwater Valley Countryside Strategy](#) (2011-15)

[Thames Waterway Plan](#) (2006-2011)

[Thames River Basin River Management Plan](#) (2009)

Local

[Core Strategy](#) (2010) policies CP1 - Sustainable Development and CP3 – General Principles
[Landscape Character Assessment](#) (2004)

[Strategic Development Locations SPDs](#) (2011)

[Borough Design Guide SPD](#) (2012)

[Sustainable Design Construction SPD](#) (2010)

[Wokingham Borough Biodiversity Action Plan](#) (2003-2012)

Emerging Wokingham Borough Biodiversity Action Plan (2012-2024)

[Wokingham Borough Rights of Way Improvement Plan](#) (2009)