

Policy Ideas on...



DESIGN

Parking

Parking for vehicles should predominantly be provided at the front of properties, aiming to have the space(s) as close as possible to the entrance of the dwelling. New properties along the B1393 through Thornwood will be required to have sufficient parking and turning provision to reduce the need for vehicles having to reverse out onto this busy road.

Traditional Building

New buildings should typically be two storey brick or render buildings, and should generally not exceed 2.5 storeys.

Apartments or flats should not be more than 3 storeys in height, and should respect the landscape setting and the built environment. The flats located at Wellington Road are seen as a good example in terms of respecting setting. Higher building types should not be located on the higher areas of land to avoid dominating the roofscape of the development.

Materials

The character of our traditional Parish should be preserved and strengthened by using appropriate detailing and materials such as hanging tiles, red and yellow brick detailing, red brick façade, render and timber detailing, bay windows and pitched roofs with ornament details. The use of poor quality materials and design in an attempt to recreate traditional architectural styles in the area will not be supported.

Designing Crime Out

Developments should be designed to reduce opportunities for crime and antisocial behaviour. The following general principles should be used in the design of all new developments to make places safer:

- ◆ Neighbourhoods that use streets, not segregated paths and alleyways, for all movement;
- ◆ Good wayfinding;
- ◆ Good overlooking of public space and streets;
- ◆ All open spaces having a clearly understood and meaningful purpose;
- ◆ Welcoming environments that appear to be well cared for;
- ◆ Cars parked in front of, or adjacent to, homes.

Views of North Weald

The built form has strong connections with surrounding agricultural landscape which provides trees or hedge lined backdrops to views out of, and in to, the village, providing a sense of openness to the edges of the village. These features should be respected and enhanced. Long distance views of St Andrew's Church should be enhanced. Views from the surrounding landscape should not be dominated by rooftops.

Additional policies include Building Layout, Public Space, Street Layouts, Trees and Hedges, Waste Storage and Wildlife Friendly Environment.