

SP16 Design

Development proposals will be expected to create high quality durable places that are accessible, well integrated with their surroundings and which:

- Reinforce local distinctiveness
- Provide a well-connected public realm which is accessible and usable by all, safe and easily navigated
- Protect amenity and promote well-being

To reinforce local distinctiveness, the location, siting, form, layout, scale and detailed design of new development should respect the context provided by its surroundings including:

- Topography and landform that shape the form and structure of settlements in the landscape
- The structure of towns and villages formed by street patterns, routes, public spaces, rivers and becks. The medieval street patterns and historic cores of Malton, Pickering, Kirkbymoorside and Helmsley are of particular significance and medieval two row villages with back lanes are typical in Ryedale
- The grain of the settlements, influenced by street blocks, plot sizes, the orientation of buildings, boundaries, spaces between buildings and the density, size and scale of buildings
- The character and appearance of open space and green spaces including existing Visually Important Undeveloped Areas (VIUAs) or further VIUAs which may be designated in the Local Plan Sites Document or in a Neighbourhood Plan. Development proposals on land designated as a VIUA will only be permitted where the benefits of the development proposed significantly outweigh the loss or damage to the character of the settlement
- Views, vistas and skylines that are provided and framed by the above and/or influenced by the position of key historic or landmark buildings and structures
- The type, texture and colour of materials, quality and type of building techniques and elements of architectural detail

The design of new development will also be expected to:

- Incorporate appropriate hard and soft landscaping features to enhance the setting of the development and/or space
- Contribute to a safe and well connected public realm by respecting and incorporating routes, buildings and views which create local identity and assist orientation and wayfinding; creating public spaces which are safe and easy to use and move through by all members of the community; facilitating access by sustainable modes of travel including public transport, cycling and walking
- Reduce crime and the fear of crime through the careful design of buildings and spaces

- Provide, where appropriate, active and interesting public frontages, clearly defined public spaces and secure private spaces
- Make efficient use of land and to be built at a density which is appropriate to its surrounding context. In general new housing development should not be built below an indicative density of 30 dwellings to the hectare unless this can be justified in terms of the surrounding context
- Proposals for major development will be expected to include a statement identifying the waste implications of the development and measures taken to minimise and manage waste generated

Extensions and alterations to existing buildings will be appropriate and sympathetic to the character and appearance of the host building in terms of scale, form and use of materials and in considering proposals for the alteration, re-use or extension of individual historic buildings the Council will seek to ensure that:

- A building is capable of conversion to the use proposed without the need for extensions or alterations that would be detrimental to its character
- Proposed extensions and alterations, considered acceptable in principle, that are of an architectural style which complements the traditional character of the main building
- Appropriate materials and traditional construction methods and techniques are used