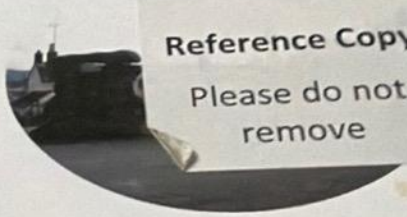


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are of importance to the overall character of the area and are protected from development. These types of artefacts and features are increasingly at risk and when opportunities arise it is important to try and protect them from damage.

Policy BE4

In considering applications for development, the Local Planning Authority will not permit the unnecessary removal of local features of quality or craftsmanship. Where appropriate planning permission for development will be conditional on their retention.

3.18 Important open space within settlements

Within the towns and villages of the Borough, open space helps to maintain the character of settlements by providing important green spaces, which contribute to the setting of the settlement. Within settlement limits it is important to protect these areas from development as they contribute to the traditional character and

setting of the settlement.

3.19 Outside of settlements, the general policies of restraint provide opportunities to protect areas of land from development. However there are some instances where areas of land located outside of settlement limits also contribute significantly to the character and setting of the settlement. Whilst the policies of the plan relating to rural areas provide protection from development, there may be pressure on those areas adjacent to settlement limits for some form of development, for example pressure for an exceptions housing site or an agricultural related building. Therefore it is considered important that areas of important open space, which are identified as contributing to the character and setting of a settlement, are also protected from development.

Policy BE5

Development will not be permitted on areas of land identified as important open space. These areas are shown on the proposals maps

Historic Parks and Gardens



