

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER

The site is a small area of grassland at the eastern edge of the village centre. It lies at the bottom of a south-facing slope and a small stream forms the northern boundary. The site overlooks a field with weak hedge boundaries. The land parcel forms an extension to an existing short terrace of simple modern houses and is well contained within the village form.

ENVIRONMENTAL CAPITAL

Asset: Watercourse.

Current value: Sensitive habitat.

Proposal: Minimise car access to site, restrict access to footpath, protect drainage system.

SUSTAINABILITY INDICATORS

Resource minimisation.

South facing site offers solar gain. Terraced housing to minimise heat loss from external walls. Sustainable drainage to safeguard water quality. Parking area to have permeable surfaces.

Design quality.

Local distinctiveness preserved through:

- simple massing and detailing to match existing housing;
- rendered finishes in typical local colours.

Stream crossing design to protect habitat.

Opportunity and equity.

House types to meet local affordable needs.

DEVELOPMENT PRINCIPLES

A simple terrace of houses extends the existing built form along the shape of the valley. The terrace should front the open countryside. Access is restricted to a footpath to reduce car impact. Houses should be rendered and painted in neutral tones to blend with the existing housing.

Alterations to the existing access arrangements should be kept to a minimum to avoid adverse impact on the natural environment of the watercourse.

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Meadow View, Outer Hope

8 TWO STOREY
TERRACED HOUSES
WITH PARKING
COURTYARD