

WERRINGTON Neighbourhood Plan

CHARACTER ASSESSMENT:

WERRINGTON 2020

Werrington Neighbourhood Plan needs to undertake a Character Assessment. This is a document that describes the distinct appearance and feel of Werrington's different parts. It communicates the key features and characteristics that combine to give Werrington local distinctiveness and unique identity.

Werrington has a range of character areas: conservation area, older housing, newer housing with different features, green spaces, local centres, industry. Any future development needs to respect and complement the existing local character. This document will help describe the character, feel and appearance of our different areas and will pick out key features that will help to understand our local character. For instance: 'green and spacious' is regularly used to describe Werrington but means different things in different areas. It will also form a great social record for local historians in future years – hence the project's sub title 'Werrington 2020'

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO TO PARTICIPATE:

Choose a group of roads that you know. If there is a block of roads very similar then please try to do all these so that there is a consistency. **IMPORTANT:** Please contact the Neighbourhood Forum to check that these roads haven't already been covered.

Complete the attached worksheet. Email the form and 3 or 4 photos back to the Area Forum.

The first phase will be completed by end of September. If you are not able to your area, just let the Forum know and send in what you have done

You do not need to put an answer in every box. Don't worry about repetition.




Take brief notes when out, take photos to remind you what to write up. Please photo general street views and respect people's privacy. Submit photos that illustrate the main points.

Think about attractive views in and out of the area. Look at different angles and perspectives. Go back on a different day, time and weather to get a different view eg different groups of people enjoy open spaces at different times.

We will appreciate all the details you provide but some information especially the summary may have to be reworded to provide a consistency before publishing

Record resident's views and opinions.

Some ideas how to complete a work sheet

CHARACTER AREA 1		Village Spaces Recreation, amenity and village greens	Public Views Important views into and out of the area	No major views.
<p>BARTON RD., MILL LANE, HAZELWOOD DR., MARLEY CL., JACOB CL., BLENHEIM DR.</p> 	<p>Green/Natural Features Trees, woods hedges, ponds etc.</p>	<p>Garden hedges. Many distinctive mature trees including fir and scots pine trees. Wide grass verges with mature deciduous trees on east side at southern end.</p>		
	<p>Landmarks Recognisable local features</p>	<p>Parish chalk pit adjacent to post office/shop. Station Cottages appear on the 1851 census- four terraced cottages, with arched windows and delightful barley twist chimneys. Bakery House, red brick house shows CHH1888.</p>		
	<p>Buildings Type, storeys, age, Materials</p>	<p>Barton Road-Individual, mixed housing, started in 1930s but predominantly built 1950s/60s. A number of large extensions and in- fill housing has taken place in recent years. Marley Close- four large, detached red brick and cream rendered houses built early 2000s on small plots, mock slate roofs and cottage style windows. Jacob Close - recent build of small brick bungalows.</p>	<p>Key detracting features.</p>	<p>Congestion caused by school transport.</p>
	<p>Summary of Characteristics</p> <p>Barton Road is a busy primary route through village. A mix of housing standing in large plots. A number of large extensions and in-fill housing have taken place in recent years. Open feel to the area. Mature trees including scots pine add value to the appearance of the area. School traffic can cause problems at peak times.</p>	<p>Streetscape Lamp posts, benches, signage, boundaries</p>	<p>Barton Road - sparse street lighting. Benches at the Post Office and shop and sandwich shop. PO and veterinary surgery both have off road parking. Bus stops including bus stop shelter on the south east side of the road. Old red telephone box. 30 mph signs on road surface and posts. Overhead telephone and electricity cables.</p>	
<p>Layout and Topography Relationship of road, space and buildings. Landscape gradient</p>	<p>Land use Residential, leisure, Commercial, retail, Community etc.</p>	<p>Residential. Retail - Post office and shop, sandwich shop and veterinary surgery. Children's nursery.</p>		
<p>Roads, Streets, Routes Roads, pavements, footpaths, cycleways, bridleways etc.</p>	<p>Barton Road - level - originally good size linear plots, now much back garden development of individual dwellings and a number of small cul-de-sacs. Mill Lane - rises towards NE. A small number of individual plots before reaching open countryside on outskirts of village.</p>	<p>Barton Road - pavement on W side of the road Shop /PO and veterinary surgery have off road parking. Bus route. Route 51 cycleway is on part of the road Jacob Close - gravelled, Marley Close -narrow tarmac drive, Hazelwood Drive - made up road, pavement on one side. Mill Lane - quiet narrow country lane, wide grass verges, no pavement. Public footpath between houses leading across fields to Ixworth Road.</p>		

INFORMATION AND HELP

Contact and Information about Werrington Area Forum

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Werrington Neighbourhood Council and Neighbourhood Plan website www.werrington.org.uk

Check out our library noticeboard

For General Information

Character assessments

www.rtpi.org.uk/media/1282930/character_assessment_pro_forma_notes.pdf

www.rtpi.org.uk/media/1271765/how_to_prepare_a_character_assessment.pdf

Neighbourhood Plans

www.neighbourhoodplanning.org/

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Name of Road(s):

Number of Houses:

Complied by:

(we assume that you are happy for this name to be published)

Summary of characteristics:

Land use: residential, leisure, commercial. Retail
NB Please list all shops/businesses
(On a separate sheet if necessary)

Layout and topography:

relationship of road to houses, gradients, size of building plots, boundaries

Type of road: type of road, pavements, cycleways, cul de sac, bus route, thoroughfare, alleyways, pedestrian short cuts, ease of use for traffic and pedestrians, lowered kerbs parking, speeding, congestion,

Access to open space: recreation, amenity, green space, playgrounds, allotments

Green and nature features: Size position and type of trees, hedges, verges

<p>Landmarks: recognisable local features, buildings, distinctive houses, pubs</p>	
<p>Buildings: Types, detached, semi terraced, flats, number of storeys, age, materials, colour of bricks/stone, windows: bays, dormer, roofing, gaps between buildings, improvements, attractive features: letterboxes, gate posts, date stones, name plaques, chimneys, general condition.</p>	
<p>Streetscape: Car parking, lamp posts, benches, signage, post boxes, type of boundaries, bus stops, overhead cables, benches, road markings</p>	
<p>Any views: internal and external</p>	
<p>Whats nice about the area:</p>	
<p>What detracts from the area:</p>	