

WORTHAM



A Village Design Statement

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- ✓ Use simple windows and sub-divide so that each pane of glass is the same size. This traditional approach is still encouraged.
- ✓ Position the windows with care and balance between the needs of a 'floor plan' and a visually pleasing elevation. In traditional buildings, windows are often 'window above window' 'grid style'.
- ✓ Use relatively small dormers: two small dormer windows rather than one large one are preferred.
- ✓ Render or sheet lead line apex and cheeks of dormers.
- ✓ Use plain vertical boarded or recessed moulded panel doors which are traditional in the area and are preferred to ornate or heavily detailed doors.

Porches

- ✓ Use small, open storm porches, with gabled or lean-to roofs, where possible. The same materials should be used to finish porch roofs and walls as for the main building.

Garages

- ✓ Double garages should have two separate vehicle doors instead of one large double width door. Open 'cart lodge' style garages can be effective in certain situations.

Boundaries

- ✓ Use native deciduous hedging as the preferred material for boundaries.
- ✓ Use post and rail, chestnut paling, woven willow or wattle fencing or simple open palisade fences as fencing material.
- ✓ Consider low walls where appropriate in the same material as the adjacent dwelling.
- ✓ Plant and/or replace native deciduous trees and arrange preservation orders on the oldest and most beautiful trees.
- ✓ Replace lost black poplars on Long Green and other sites.
- ✓ Use grazing of the commons as an effective and economical way of controlling scrub and encouraging wild flower growth.
- ✓ Maintain footpaths and stiles.
- ✓ Incorporate existing trees and hedges into the design of a new development site.

Light pollution and new technology

- ✓ External lights should have intermittent sensors and should be angled downwards.
- ✓ Illuminated street signs on the A143 are supported where they are essential for safety.
- ✓ Minimise the visual impact of new technology.
- ✓ Satellite dishes should be sympathetically placed and where possible be hidden from view.
- ✓ Mobile phone masts should be screened by trees.

- ✗ Use concrete posts, chain-link fencing or decorative concrete screen blocks.
- ✗ Use leylandii and laurel.
- ✗ Create additional access roads and tracks over the commons — it is forbidden.
- ✗ Destroy existing mature trees to make way for development.
- ✗ Allow permanent advertising except for appropriate signs for local businesses.
- ✗ Park vehicles on common land — it is forbidden.
- ✗ Use shortcuts for vehicles across common land.
- ✗ Use external lights exceeding 150 watts in output or sodium lights.
- ✗ Install street lighting.

Seven steps to managing Wortham's heritage

A summary of our design principles

- 1 Retain Wortham's sense of space**

Low density housing is preferred. New development should not be allowed to dominate the views in, out and through the village. Boundaries should complement the feeling of spaciousness in the village and, whenever possible, be of traditional, native, deciduous hedging.
 - 2 Ensure design is sensitive to its surroundings and in with character traditional Suffolk style**

Good design is a critical part of the development process. Buildings should be of appropriate design and consistent, in size, scale and materials, with surrounding buildings. They should not dominate Wortham's natural landscape and open spaces. New build and extensions and alterations to existing buildings should be of simple design and well proportioned, in character with traditional Suffolk style and design.
 - 3 Use traditional design and materials**
 - 4 Consider climate change, but protect village character**

Steps to mitigate climate change are necessary but we should deal with them in a sensitive way and avoid negative visual impact.
 - 5 Manage our commons and countryside effectively**

Open spaces must be well managed, preserved and protected and lost trees replaced.
 - 6 Avoid light pollution**

Proposals and developments which minimise light pollution will be supported.
 - 7 Minimise the impact of new technology**

Satellite dishes, mobile telephone masts and any similar construction must be situated without detriment to their visual surroundings.
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