

Prompt	Eastcombe	Bisley	Oakridge	Theme to be Developed
<p><u>DO YOU VALUE THIS PLACE: ITS HEART, LANDSCAPE, TREES?</u></p> <p>1)How sensitive is our Conservation Area to change?</p>	<p>Would not like houses built in conservation areas (ie) in private gardens.</p> <p>Possibility to build in gardens, to create new spaces.</p> <p>Very much appreciated but downsizing possibilities should be there.</p> <p>Highly valued. Would be happy for sensitive 'in-filling'-houses in keeping with the village. Build bungalows-more suitable for older people. Skyline is beautiful- would <u>not</u> want taller buildings to spoil the view. Much appreciated by visitors eg Gnome Hunt.</p> <p>I greatly value Conservation Area-some things may change but basic layout, skyline, vistas etc. should not.</p> <p>Sensitive development but not petty regulations. Be prepared to pay for recreational resources.</p>	<p>The balance between conservation, sustainability and a dynamic village is not easy to obtain. Arguably the dynamism of the village is held back by conservation.</p> <p>Good it is protected but it is also 'frozen' and does not allow it to change in a natural way. No street lighting we like it dark.</p> <p>Keep Bisley Conservation area dark at night. Sensitivity to the present skyline(any development).</p> <p>Please protect the Conservation area.particular by skyline above Bisley,extensive planting with very large old trees within the area and open valleys in all directions.</p> <p>Very- because the character of the village would change and no infrastructure to support more houses.</p> <p>Greatly value Conservation</p>	<p>Note: Adapted for Oakridge as the village is not in a Conservation Area</p> <p>Oakridge village-keep the character of the buildings,Cotswold atmosphere,no higher rise buildings.</p> <p>Oakridge should be considered as a Conservation Area.</p> <p>Value traditional cottages.Why are they not listed? -value landscape and views. -value footpaths.</p> <p>Light pollution. No lights. Protection of character,space and countryside. Provision to cope on impact of drought,storm or disease on trees.</p> <p>Many Oakridge residents may not want change. This may not work on the plan. Need to work with the Woodland Trust to help secure the woods + ? understanding.</p> <p>What to maintain? Lack of traffic.</p>	<p>PROTECT:Keep character as it is. IDEAS: How to progress-various VALUED:- Local materials importance Skyline,views importance Landscape importance Dark skies importance. Windbreak Protection imp. Lanes /access importance Allotments Management/maintenance importance community and health-space importance orchard importance habitat importance water importance financial incentives?</p>

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	<p data-bbox="456 309 786 373">Skyline-be able to view the valley.</p> <p data-bbox="456 418 757 481">Conservation area-views buildings etc..</p> <p data-bbox="456 526 792 590">Local materials for sensitive areas.</p> <p data-bbox="456 635 786 667">Progress in a sensitive way.</p> <p data-bbox="456 711 792 807">Extremely sensitive to change/development. Semi urban.</p> <p data-bbox="456 852 819 948">Highly sensitive-already semi rural and could easily become semi-urban.</p> <p data-bbox="456 992 831 1129">Conservation area is sensitive to change, views into and from the area are important. Keep the woodland walks.</p> <p data-bbox="456 1174 819 1238">Eastcombe is very sensitive to development.</p> <p data-bbox="456 1283 842 1378">Very sensitive. It is important to keep the loved Conservation areas that people and animals</p>	<p data-bbox="864 274 1234 370">areas, which should be strictly protected-character and appearance v. important.</p> <p data-bbox="864 414 1245 663">Conservation area is vital(?)- I don't like the trend for building very modern houses amongst traditional buildings. Any new building needs to be in the style of surrounding houses using local materials.</p> <p data-bbox="864 708 1245 842">Conservation of stone buildings & stone (if possible) tiles. No red brick New buildings in old style.</p> <p data-bbox="864 887 1189 1024">Buildings should be 'sympathetic' in use of materials. No extension to Conservation Area.</p> <p data-bbox="864 1069 1227 1238">Use of traditional materials, Cotswold stone and tiles etc. Viewing of individual planning applications on their own merits.</p> <p data-bbox="864 1283 1223 1378">Not allowing planning permission outside the settlement area or boundary.</p>	<p data-bbox="1272 274 1402 370">Quiet Dark skies <u>Rural</u></p> <p data-bbox="1272 414 1671 628">Value the <u>allotments</u> in Oakridge -Value the <u>low amount of traffic</u> -Value <u>Strawberry Banks</u> And the <u>wildflower meadows</u> between Oakridge and Far Oakridge.</p> <p data-bbox="1272 673 1599 705">Landscape Character Area.</p> <p data-bbox="1272 743 1675 912">Feel of landscape-highly sensitive -Trees -Lanes -Hedges -to maintained.</p> <p data-bbox="1272 957 1688 1059">Rights of Way should be open to all-kept maintained and access for dogs/reduced mobility.</p> <p data-bbox="1272 1104 1693 1238">The Conservation Area is valued as view(point) from houses within the village. Trees are a key feature.</p> <p data-bbox="1272 1283 1682 1378"><u>Valley area</u> ok to revive the canal in this area while conserving wildlife habitats and creating new</p>	

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	<p>enjoy.</p> <p>Perhaps downsizing or building in already built up areas.</p>	<p>Keeping buildings in keeping. More park and recreational spaces-walkways.</p> <p>No change in Conservation area. I hope our Conservation area is sensitive as the village needs spaces around it, not everything built on.</p> <p>Well just imagine if it wasn't there. No streams, no footpaths no wildflowers.No birdsong. No wildlife. Children would suffer beyond words.</p> <p>The old tracks that are part of our heritage.</p> <p>Non destructive building ie small/tiny homes for affordable living for the young who can't get on the ladder, but in places that would benefit the landscape ie a chance to grow more there.</p> <p>We need to find a balance between development to keep younger people in Bisley and protection of our beautiful</p>	<p>ones.</p> <p>Too close not to consider SSSI-ie Strawberry banks.</p> <p>Maintenance of 'ladders'?</p> <p>CAP reform</p> <p>-opportunities for new landscapes</p> <p>Woods</p> <p>Meadows etc.</p>	

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		<p>village.</p> <p>wind protection for the village.</p> <p>Any new builds- Aesthetically fitting the village Zero carbon buildings. Community spaces.</p> <p>Solar-I am not averse to these being installed on listed buildings.</p> <p>I would agree to changing existing buildings in the centre of the village if this were done sensitively. (also to add to buildings and build new ones.) *We cannot live in the past, but can preserve some elements and modernise.</p> <p>It should be possible to add solar panels, double glazing, more insulation even in listed buildings- heat loss from houses adds to climate change.</p> <p>Conversion of redundant farm building.- avoid ploughing on</p>		

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		<p>steep slopes.</p> <p>Barn conversions if done sensitively should be allowed- not overall dismiss conversions.</p>		
<p>2. What does the village green, the Rec., allotments and sports fields mean to YOU?</p>	<p>Local green spaces important for children and relaxation. Village Green used for events.</p> <p>Spaces between buildings are as important as the buildings. Village Green is terribly important.</p> <p>Village Green –can this be protected officially? Allotments- very important in terms of producing local produce. Sportsfield should be preserved. Where else will young people exercise & play sports?</p> <p>Local Green Space needs preserving. If church closes</p>	<p>2. What does the Rec./showground, allotments and sports fields mean to you?</p> <p>Very important to keep local Green Spaces.</p> <p>Showground! Gathering place for the community. -allotments provide food for... Climate change brings imports difficult.</p> <p>Evans field should be protected for the fete and flower show.</p> <p>Would it be a great loss to the village if sustainable and attractive housing were built on the field behind the W.I. hall?</p>	<p>2. What do our local Green Spaces mean to us?</p> <p>Green Space is part of the character of the village and a main reason for choosing to live in Oakridge.</p> <p>Lose green, lose tourists, appreciate the national value of the area. Allotments- valuable & there should be more of them if required. Village green is used.</p> <p>Value of green village spaces have fete village hall 7 Sept. School green area has childrens fete.</p> <p>Green spaces are important for the feel of the village and</p>	

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	<p>maybe consider develop. Allow judicious infill in private properties. Never develop the Village Green Plant more trees perimeter of green spaces.</p> <p>Green Spaces will become more and more valued and are essential to maintain.</p> <p>All Green Spaces (local) are very important to well being and peoples mental happiness.</p> <p>Local Green Spaces are key to giving the area its character.</p> <p>Keep all Green Spaces. Do not plant lots of trees-no views etc.</p> <p>Recreation grounds must be protected. Sensory areas would be of value to the older members. Removal of overhead cables would be an advantage. Allotments valuable asset. More trees planted around</p>	<p>King George playing fields good but difficult to access from Windyridge side of the village (where most young people are_ -crossing on main road.</p> <p>The village rec/sports field is essential for adults and children to meet and play.</p> <p>It is amazing value. You can walk to it. You don't have to drive everywhere.</p> <p>Allotments essential for food production locally=reduced carbon footprint. Playing fields essential for kids' health. Also not many other facilities for kids in Bisley.</p> <p>No light pollution. Keep all green spaces, play areas for children.</p> <p>The allotments and community orchard need to be protected against development.</p>	<p>recreational activities.</p> <p><u>Green spaces</u>-Rec. and play areas for children are important-very valuable. Allotments will be even more essential after Brexit and with climate change.</p> <p>Play field- much part of the community. Allotments the same Local walkers important.</p> <p>Prefer Green Spaces-parks/cricket pitch and allotments.</p> <p>Many Green Spaces and facilities are maintained through the goodwill of a few villagers.</p> <p>Oakridge needs a surrounding Conservation Area especially between Oakridge Lynch and Far Oakridge.</p> <p>Strawberry Banks and 3 Groves wood should be in a Conservation Area.</p> <p>Our landscape is essential to the</p>	

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<p>3) Do we value our woods? How do they benefit us?</p>	<p>'second football field'.</p> <p>Allotments are fantastic, given that many people in future might live in apartments.</p> <p>Can allotments be moved outside village boundaries to release development land?</p> <p>Allotments + play areas very important for village life.</p> <p>I do value our woods for our well being.</p> <p>Value it greatly.</p> <p>Woods are valued for recreation and fitness and welcome shade in the hot weather.</p> <p>Woodland is important but needs to be managed properly. Yes- drought resistant species</p>	<p>Allotment space- self sufficiency. Community growing programs.</p> <p>We would die without them literally.</p> <p>Woods are essential for CO2 absorption.</p> <p>Trees are the lungs of the place very important!!</p> <p>Lungs of the planet and the village! Healthy for wildlife and positive effects on mental health.</p>	<p>health of the area.</p> <p>Our school relies totally on our natural environment.</p> <p>Green Space is an essential part of community.</p> <p>% of Green Space used developed maintained.</p> <p>Continued voluntary contribution to maintenance of sidewalks & trees.</p> <p>Woods are a key part of the beauty and contribute to our climate change & mental health.</p> <p>It is great to be able to walk through the woods.</p> <p><u>Climate change.</u> Woods help the feeling of well being as well as absorbing carbon. Do all we can to keep them intact.</p> <p>Woods need to be saved. Help.</p>	

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	<p>should be introduced to replace which have died. Grants may be available from DEFRA.</p> <p>Trees definitely as many as possible but need (perhaps to be lopped and managed to maintain.</p>	<p>Very important for wildlife. Woods and trees in village one of the great benefit and much appreciated for their? Shade when walking on hot day and their ability to counteract pollution.</p> <p>Value the trees around Back Lane for a shaded walk in the summer.</p>	<p>Water and management. Diversity of trees need to be looked at eg ash may not be the best.</p> <p>Trees and woods are valued for walking & recreation. Also for water retention.</p> <p>Value our trees but must be right trees in the right place and well maintained.</p> <p>We value our trees but they need to be in the right place and maintained. If not in the right place plant elsewhere.</p> <p>Tree maintenance minimal-ivy choking many beautiful trees.</p> <p>Butterflies important.</p> <p>Woods are capable of natural regeneration if they are permitted to do so. Let nature be...</p> <p>Woods should be accessible to all-easier access for families & dogs-no padlocks in gates.</p>	

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<p>4)Loss of trees: should we put back what we will lose and how?</p>	<p>Yes put back trees but native trees. Raised in the UK. Community orchard.</p> <p>Native trees.</p> <p>Yes we should replace.</p> <p>Definitely put back trees lost. People should be encouraged to grow them.</p> <p>Trees for wildlife.eg crabapples for birds.</p>	<p>Enjoy established trees.</p> <p>Planting native species+ resistant to increasing temperatures. Undisturbed/ rewilded areas. Soil regeneration.</p> <p>Also needs to look into rapidly growing trees= timber/fuel-plastics replacements etc..</p> <p>Clarity +educate+ ?slow.</p> <p>Native trees and hedgerow re-instate.</p> <p>Habitat positive trees.</p>	<p>Allotments are vital to encouraging local food production going forward.</p> <p>Allotments are a vital part of the village as is the village green/playing field. Encourage villagers to use the allotment space.</p> <p>Should we replace our lost trees? How?</p> <p>Standard should be to replace trees. Type of replacement should consider climate.</p> <p>Trees lost through disease. Important to have knowledgeable people managing ?work. Woodland Trust- Manager of Groves woodland.</p> <p>We should replace trees that are lost through age with English hardwoods.</p>	

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	<p>And hedgerows.</p> <p>Replace trees with suitable species for the situation.</p> <p>Replant trees that have died. Maintain and prune trees. Good shade areas under trees. Introduce new trees to gardens with space.</p> <p>Local newsletter- make available free trees for planting in gardens (drought and disease resistant?) esp Bracelands for example.</p> <p>Ash die back. Yes substitute with fruit trees.</p> <p>No orchards- need to be cared for and fruit needs to be used.</p> <p>Orchard survey?</p> <p>Important to manage trees as much as replacements.</p>	<p>We need to plant trees if trees are cut down.</p> <p>Encourage landowners to plant more trees</p> <p>Replace ash with native oaks.</p> <p>Replace ash trees with other native varieties.</p> <p>Where we lose trees- replanted with deciduous ones.</p> <p>Deciduous trees are important and should be encouraged and protected -tree planting should be encouraged.</p> <p>Replace ash trees as they die and are drought resistant.</p> <p>Investigate some fast growing trees to replace ash die back but also looking for large trees that take time to grow but give better shade.</p> <p>Yes we should try to replace the trees that are lost in the</p>	<p>Replace trees that are lost with same species or other hardwood trees.</p> <p>Lost trees- maybe need to replace with different species- more resilient.</p> <p>See how local children can be involved in planting trees.</p> <p>Encourage more landowners to clear fallen trees in fields more quickly and request they are replaced. Creation of more wildflower meadows.</p> <p>Orchards need to be encouraged. -invite people to collect -local resource.</p> <p>Encourage more fruit trees. The population will need feeding more locally on healthy food.</p> <p>Encourage planting of fruit trees in</p>	

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		<p>village. If able to identify 'healthy' ash trees to preserve their saplings to grow on and replace sick trees.</p> <p>More hedgerows with variety of plants to withstand disease and function as windbreaks.</p> <p>Use green lanes as corridors to plant trees, wildflower seeds etc..</p> <p>Access is important- maintain footpaths and ensure that they are not lost.</p> <p>Trees are of great value and benefit-beauty eg Back Lane: ?Coptgrove but must be cut if unsafe.</p> <p>Replace trees if lost-sustainable.</p> <p>Use trees that grow in people's gardens to replant in community areas.</p> <p>Fruit trees struggle here. Heritage of orchards seems questionable.</p>	<p>gardens, on verges and in the allotments.</p> <p>Community orchard of rare English trees.</p>	

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		Plant hardy species eg Rowan. Every village should have a community orchard. Vintage orchard- Medlar & Mulberry? Replace dead trees-give grants to plant.		

METHODOLOGY.

The subject of this table is LANDSCAPE CHARACTER, WHICH INCLUDES HOW MUCH PEOPLE VALUE THE PLACE THEY LIVE IN- BOTH THE BUILT AREAS (WITHIN OR OUTSIDE A CONSERVATION AREA) AND THE LANDSCAPE. HOW SENSITIVE TO CHANGE IS IT AND HOW FAR WOULD THEY ALLOW CHANGE?

All responses were written up and different colour coding applied to different elements that are valued. This identifies the majority wishes at the workshops.

'Brown' represents responses that show specific aspects that could be considered for change.

'Red' -all comments that represented community working and recreation.

The word 'Conservation Area' actually defined different types of environment: Eastcombe straddles urban and rural: Bisley ditto: whilst Oakridge had only a rural area covered by this term. This made it difficult to compare resident responses.

BASELINE-OBSERVATIONS.

Those attending Eastcombe, Bisley and Oakridge workshops commented on:-

The Conservation Area: the Built Environment:-

Themes common to all villages:-Traditional buildings are greatly valued in all villages.

All attendees passionately value the place they live in.

The majority fought to protect the highly valued traditional housing.

The use of local stone and local vernacular was seen as important.

Retaining the skyline and views was key.

Specific to each village:-

1) Eastcombe:-

Eastcombe tended to have residents who were more able to comprehend change to the 'urban' Conservation Area than Bisley.

Some Eastcombe residents suggested using infill in gardens within the Conservation Area to provide for downsizing and bungalows to be built for older residents.

Dark skies was not mentioned by residents as valued in Eastcombe.

Seen as semi rural with development changing it to become semi urban. Another attendee sees it as already semi urban.

2) Bisley:-

Some Bisley residents suggested upgrading of accommodation in listed buildings eg solar panels double glazing and extending.

Others are strongly opposing change to the inner urban Conservation Area.

Some were offering many constructive ideas for future developments, albeit development mainly on the outskirts.

A split community with regards to retention of the old versus those in favour of growth to allow village to retain young people and additionally those promoting sustainable living and life styles.

3) Oakridge:-

Oakridge does not have any built environment within the Conservation Area which is in fact rural.

Residents hotly wanted to retain the old style housing, and offered the idea that Oakridge village should become a Conservation Area and buildings should be listed.

New buildings?:- then traditional styles, local stone and tiles should be continued.

Most comments related to the landscape rather than buildings, due to terminology of 'Conservation Area' and did not include the village.

'Reviving' canal in harmony with wildlife habitats was a suggestion.

Local Green and open spaces

Themes common to all villages:

The number of responses embracing community in all villages is exceptionally high, indicating that there is a strong bond between residents and a desire to retain community events on community spaces; teamworking.

Green spaces are part of the character.

Allotments, play areas and playing fields are highly valued.

1) Eastcombe

Village green should never be built upon.

2) Bisley

Playing fields are difficult to walk to from the north part of the village.

There are not many facilities for 'kids.'

Positivite responses for self sufficiency and the compost unit.

3) Oakridge.

Landscape character was the reason for moving there.

'School relies totally on our natural environment.'

Focussed comments on SSSI's and protection.

RURAL NATURE OF THE OAKRIDGE RESIDENTS IS FAR MORE APPARENT IN OAKRIDGE.

Woodland Trees valued

Themes common to all villages:-

Passionate about trees and the benefits for health.

Benefits planet with co2 absorbtion and oxygen output. Terrific for protecting against climate change.

Enjoyment and well being, recreation, fitness and shade.

Consideration of tree management

1) Eastcombe.

No comments on wildlife in this table –see wildlife corridors table comments.

2) Bisley

Residents keen on wildlife.

They value mature trees around Back Lane.

3) Oakridge

Some warned that with the loss of 'green' we would lose tourists. The area was of national importance.

One resident mentioned the importance of butterflies.

accessibility
water retention and management by trees.

Trees –loss and Replacements

Themes common to all village

Majority of resident responses are passionate about replacing any lost through disease, or old age.

Many suggestions for replanting have been made and collated below.

Fruit trees should be planted for sustainable food production.

Habitats and food supply for wildlife should be included.

1) Eastcombe

Native

Raised in the UK

Create Community orchard

Encourage people to grow them.

Introduce to gardens with space.

Suitable species for the situation.

Orchard survey? (*pre and existing*)

Management.

2) Bisley:-

Offered a wide variety of suggestions.

More education needed on trees.

Use trees that grow in people's gardens to replant in community areas.

High interest in orchards, although one considered winds as making fruit trees impossible replacements.

More hedgerows with variety of plants to withstand disease and function as windbreaks.

3) Oakridge:-

Management by knowledgeable people.

Planting by children.

Focus on hardwoods as replacements.

Natural regeneration within woods.

Planting trees with the ability to withstand drought.

Consider possible change in CAP after Brexit and effect on the landscape character.

High interest in planting fruit trees and orchards.

Encourage landowners to clear fallen trees in fields and replant.

Maintenance.

Actions wanted by the residents:

THEMES TO DEVELOP.

Dark skies was not mentioned by residents as valued in Eastcombe.-ACTION: *follow up to see if this is actually a true representation of Eastcombe residents.*

The majority of residents wanted to plant trees.

A lack of education about trees, protection, diseases was cited.

SET UP A TIMELINE TO ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING:-

ACTION: SET UP TALKS ABOUT TREE PLANTING, AND WHAT TYPES ARE APPROPRIATE WITHIN THE AONB. (attend SDC's discussion on this on 12 November)

Invite those who had signed up to work on projects to a meeting:- A list of residents willing to help in various ways- research, plant up, was drawn up from the workshops.

ACTION: SET UP GROUPS FOR EACH ASPECT.

1)GROUP TO WORK ON FRUIT TREES AND ORCHARDS- RESEARCH OLD ORCHARDS- mapping; walk about to identify which gardens had fruit trees and their condition.

2)GROUP TO WORK WITH NATIVE TREE REPLACEMENTS.

Identify new locations on council owned land and map.Kick start with planting group or avenues of large trees as a major landmark and which will be eventually providing shade, habitats and add to the landscape character.

A walk about to see which private gardens and open land had sufficient space to take a tree and follow up with owner.

Draw up a list of trees that would be suitable to replace ash.

Source availability from nurseries, sizes and costs.

Source saplings growing in gardens which can be transplanted.

3)GROUP RESPONSIBLE FOR TREE PLANTING. Put a group together to plant up trees and include children join in.

4)GROUP TO WORK WITH THE FARMING COMMUNITY- likely to be the 'wildlife and corridor' table but should include copses of large trees for shade in fields.

5)GROUP TO SOURCE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES.

PLANNING

Much of this workshop subject includes planning issues and basic facts about what people value.

Committee members who deal with planning applications to be aware of specific wishes of the parishioners eg in Conservation Area.

Oakridge village:- should this become a Conservation Area?

Should more protection be given to areas between Oakridge Lynch and Far Oakridge from development?/ local nature reserve?

Oakridge- should some buildings be listed which aren't already?

Issued by Jenny Exley 3 November 2019- for discussion.