

NDP Environment Group Report

IOWA, TPO / TPA and Infilling Review within the Settlement Boundary

A review has been conducted of the areas already designated as Important Open and Wooded Areas (IOWAs) and of Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) and Tree Preservation Areas (TPAs) in place within the settlement boundary of Iwerne Minster.

These are defined on the attached maps, map 1 shows the IOWAs and map 2 shows the TPOs and TPAs.

IOWA Review

The existing IOWAs all appear to be valid. Consideration should be given to designating additional IOWAs at the following locations:

1. The Chalk (including the grass area and tree) and the graveyard adjacent to the Abingdon Hall.
2. The War Memorial.
3. The grass areas within Oakwood Drive.
4. The grass area in the centre of The Glebe.

PO / TPA Review

The existing TPOs / TPAs all appear valid. It should be noted that the beech tree in the garden of Yew Tree Cottage was felled in 2012 after an appeal to the Secretary of State, who upheld the application to fell on the basis that it was diseased and dangerous. Consideration should be given to designating the following trees of particular significance:

1. The copper beech tree in The Chalk.
2. The (newly planted) hornbeam at the junction of Church Road and Old School Lane.

It should be noted that the majority of the settlement area is also a conservation area, which provides a level of protection to all trees larger than 7.5cm in diameter (measured at 1.5m above the ground).

Infilling Review

Excluding areas already designated as IOWAs, the following have been identified as areas where infilling may cause concern:

1. Longacre, Dunns Lane
2. 1 – 4 Church Path
3. Deanland (south of The Chalk)
4. Brookside Farm

Numbers 3 and 4 are particularly significant given their location in what is described as the “soft green edges” of the village.

IOWA and Green Spaces and TPO's o/s the village but within the Parish.

Attached is a map covering the key part of the parish which is visible from within the village and also looking back into it.

The view of the Environment group is that these areas of woodland and green spaces should be retained as they are wherever possible, as they provide visual amenity and uphold the integrity of the West Wilts and Cranborne Chase AONB.

Any development should be undertaken to be in sympathy with the environment and on a scale so as not to be visually detrimental to the area.

Additional Green Spaces

There is one recommendation for extra green space protection.

This is the current cricket field which lies to the south of the settlement boundary within Brookman's Valley and is bounded on two sides by footpath N65/1.

This is an important amenity which helps provide a sense of space to the area and helps define and softens the settlement boundary and enhances the green edge.

Other recommendations.

The following buildings/features should be considered for protection.

All the current listed heritage sites (46) see VDS.

1. The bus shelters on the A350
2. The Taphouse in the Chalk
3. The Cedar Tree planted by Czar Nicholas 2nd on the Iwerne Estate N.W. of Clayesmore School between the West Hill Plantation and the Nursery close to footpath N65/9.

The local character guidelines already incorporated into the 2011 VDS should be retained for the whole parish.