

Would you support planning policies to require new development in or around Iver Village, Iver Heath and Richings Park to reflect the existing character of those built-up areas? Please provide comments on the elements of character you consider important (eg. building design, layout, open spaces) and specify the areas.

Responses 335

No or implied 75

Yes or implied 216

Didn't answer question 44 Often negative comment about any development at all

Number of References to areas.

Richings park 48

Iver 40

Iver Heath 18

Design 33

Layout 10

Open spaces 21

Parking reference in about 10% of comments

Parking would be important and landscaping/planting essential

Yes. Developers cram in houses with no thought about car parking or garden spaces

Great emphasis on parking for new builds is essential. Parking is already a major issue

Yes, if development could involve the often promised by pass to free up Iver Village; and better parking for the 'Co-op' parade of shops in Iver Heath. Green belt areas must be protected.

The character of The Ivers has already been lost due to relaxation of planning laws and ridiculous extensions to what were normal 3 bed houses.

Supportive of character of Iver High St. Love the old cottage style circ 18th century. Maybe tie in with this? But not at the detriment of leaving things derelict - like The Bull. This needs planning permission.

Both Iver & Iver Heath lost their opportunity to have village greens long ago Iver ahs some features worth reflecting. Iver Heath as none.

RICHINGS PARK TOO MUCH CHARACTER LOST, BUILDING DESIGN IS OSTENTATIOUS + OUT OF PLACE

Yes - ban/restrict "gated " properties.

I would definitely support such policies. Too many areas in the Parish have been affected by extensions to properties which change the feel of residential areas. The Pinewood and Parkway estates in Iver Heath and the Richings Park Estate are examples of areas which have been adversely affected by such developments.

Where a small development, or a section of development, is clearly separated from existing then there may be scope for innovative design of homes and retail/business premises

Any development should provide for traffic calming in notorious hot spots, of important heritage and architectural history

Richings Park is a prime example of over-development where modest detached homes have been replaced with huge multi-storey dwellings

...rebuilding of existing homes is becoming more and more out of character with the existing dwellings in Richings Park. I am continually amazed at the monstrous designs that the Council are approving

Richings Park is clearly residential but some of the new houses being built on the sites of older properties do not seem to blend in well with the older houses - are the new ones therefore out of character? And what about an existing character for Iver - especially the High Street. Apart from the exteriors of some public buildings (in some cases the interiors have been totally changed) and private homes in the so called 'conservation area' a number of the buildings are of ill-considered design in terms of reflecting any idea of a heritage related character - some are just eyesores

Richings Park has been allowed to develop, it is clearly not governed very well with huge houses being allowed to dominate the road and a lot of inappropriate designs. I strongly object to allowing people to build additional properties in their garden so planning policies should defend against this

I could not support planning issues that are solely based on a commercial gain for some developer. You are totally missing the quality of life component

Architecture should be consistent, reflective of or in counterbalance to the recognisable heritage. The last offers the opening to modern design; it needs to be of adequate quality to stand alongside some finer older buildings.

Iver Village includes a conservation area. This is a valuable tool that should be used to ensure that any future development along the High Street is sympathetic to the surroundings. Iver Heath has a very limited sense of a village centre, not helped by the grossly overloaded road network.