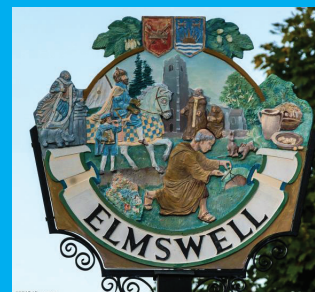


Elmswell Neighbourhood Plan

Appraisal of Important Views January 2023





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Introduction

As part of the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan, an assessment of important views was undertaken. The findings of this assessment are contained in this report, which forms a supporting document for the Elmswell Neighbourhood Plan. Policy ELM 2 of the Neighbourhood Plan refers to the information contained in this document, which should be taken account of in considering development proposals.

Identifying Important Views

The assessment of important views has been guided by The Landscape Institute's Technical Guidance Note "Reviewing Landscape and Visual Impact Assessments (LVIAs) and Landscape and Visual Appraisals (LVAs)" January 2020

Important viewpoints from publicly accessible locations were identified and these are identified on the map below. An assessment of the potential impact of any development on these views has been made. The outcomes of this assessment are tabulated on the following pages.



Map 1 – The identified Important Views



View 1

View east from near A1088

The parish church, which commands the surrounding landscape, is the key feature of this view. Further unscreened development on the edge of the village, especially along School Road, would have a significant detrimental impact on this view.



View 2

View from A1088 roundabout towards the village.

The church is a commanding gateway to the village from this main access road. Development in the foreground would have a significant detrimental impact on this view.





View 3

View north towards the village from the Warren Lane junction with the old A45.

The importance of trees on the edge and within the village is demonstrated and unscreened development in the foreground or tall development above the tree canopy would have a significant detrimental impact on this view.



View 4

View south from the village towards Woolpit and Haughley Park.

The view has recently been impacted by the industrial development adjoining the A14 but otherwise the long-distance views are significant and further development should be carefully designed to reduce further impact.





View 5

View north School Lane south-east towards Woolpit and beyond.

An outstandingly important view that demonstrates the prominence of the church looking out across the valley. Development in the foreground and in the distance could have a significant detrimental impact on this view.



View 6

View south west from public footpath.

The view demonstrates how new development in the village sits within its countryside setting. Any additional development must be sympathetic to its countryside setting.





View 7

View east from Ashfield Road through the remaining undeveloped gap towards the open countryside.

Development within this gap would result in the loss of this view to the open countryside setting of the village.



View 8

View south from Ashfield Road towards village.

The view into the village demonstrates the importance of trees and existing hedgerows in screening development from the countryside. New development that breaks the tree canopy could have a significant detrimental impact on the countryside setting of the village.





View 9

View south-from Grove Lane towards village.

An extensive view south with Haughley Park on the horizon. Existing hedgerows help top screen the village from the countryside but additional development in the foreground or that breached the tree canopy would have a significant detrimental impact on the view.

