

Opportunities and Constraints for Barsby

Melton Borough Council has previously produced a Barsby "Pride of Place" leaflet identifying opportunities to enhance the village Conservation Area which should be read in conjunction with this Conservation Area Character Statement.

The following list details some of the major opportunities and constraints previously identified within the village

Proposed Measure	Issue Addressed	Action Required
Screening of farm buildings at Dairy Farm	The buildings are in a poor state of repair and an incongruous feature within the village	To liaise with the owner of the buildings to encourage a planting scheme to effectively screen them
Barsby Farm buildings restoration	The timber framed building fronting Main Street is in a state of disrepair. Other traditional farm yard buildings would also benefit from refurbishment	To liaise with owner to implement a refurbishment scheme. The Borough Council may be prepared to offer an Historic Building Grant towards a sensitive repair scheme
Walnut Tree Farm – entrance gates and farm buildings	The farmyard gates are made of plastic coated corrugated steel which is inappropriate to its Conservation Area setting. Traditional buildings within the farmyard would also benefit from refurbishment	Liaise with owner to encourage the installation of more traditional gates and the implementation of a refurbishment scheme for the buildings. The Borough Council may be prepared to offer an Historic Building Grant towards a sensitive repair scheme
Any new development, including extensions should be constructed in natural materials appropriate to its location and should have regard to the scale, siting and detailing of existing surrounding development	Development within a designated Conservation Area should be of a high standard of design and should preserve or enhance the traditional character of the area. The negative effect on the character of the Conservation Area through the use of inappropriate materials	The Council will strive to ensure that new development makes a positive contribution to the character of a Conservation Area through the development control process, and enforcement powers, in accordance with its statutory obligations
Ensure that any highway works respect the Conservation Area	The use of inappropriate construction materials, design and location of street signage and design of street lighting can have a detrimental effect on the character and appearance of the Conservation Area	The Council will liaise with the Highway Authority to ensure that any highway works within a Conservation Area will not have an adverse effect on its character
Existing highway boundary features (walls, fences, hedgerows and railings) should be retained	Protection of traditional features considered important to the character of Conservation Areas	The Council will encourage the retention of such features when considering proposals for development within Conservation Areas
Important individual trees, groups of trees and open areas should be retained	Special protection is afforded to trees within Conservation Areas which are not the subject of a Tree Preservation Order	Consideration will be given to the contribution that trees, open spaces and other soft landscaping make to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area when dealing with development proposals
Removal of overhead wires within or adjacent to Conservation Areas	Overhead wires, supporting poles and associated equipment have a detrimental effect on the character and appearance of Conservation Areas	The Council will encourage the appropriate agencies to undertake schemes to ensure that overhead cables and associated equipment are replaced by undergrounding schemes