



Policy HE2

Design of New Development

Within Christchurch and East Dorset the design of development must be of a high quality, reflecting and enhancing areas of recognised local distinctiveness. To achieve this, development will be permitted if it is compatible with or improves its surroundings in:

- Layout
- Site coverage
- Architectural style
- Scale
- Bulk
- Height
- Materials
- Landscaping
- Visual impact
- Relationship to nearby properties including minimising general disturbance to amenity
- Relationship to mature trees.

This is within the context of the Christchurch Borough Wide Character Assessment. In the East Dorset rural area, design should accord with the Countryside Design Summary. An East Dorset Urban Design Guide will set out the key characteristics expected to be incorporated into schemes. In Special Character Areas development must respect the identified features and characteristics. Careful design to reduce the risk of crime will be required.