

robust justification.

C) Proposals will be required to support the implementation of improvement actions set out in relevant Conservation Area Appraisals and Management Plans.

Areas of Special Local Character

5.17 Areas of Special Local Character (ASLC) are non-designated local heritage assets, that have a character and identity which local residents value and the Council wishes to preserve or enhance. They are chosen on the basis of their local architectural, townscape or historic merit, which helps mark and celebrate the area's special quality. The criteria for ASLCs differ from Conservation Area selection criteria in that they recognise particularly good examples of more familiar types of development as opposed to the more outstanding quality required for Conservation Area designation. ASLCs are shown on the Policies Map and are listed on the Council website, with detailed maps of each area provided.

5.18 Within Areas of Special Local Character new development should complement existing materials, design features, architectural style and building heights predominant in the area. Extensions to dwellings should respect the symmetry of the original buildings and be subordinate in nature. Additional development in the form of backland development is unlikely to be acceptable.

Policy DMHB 5: Areas of Special Local Character

A) Within Areas of Special Local Character, new development should reflect the character of the area and its original layout. Alterations should respect the established scale, building lines, height, design and materials of the area.

B) Extensions to dwellings should be subservient to, and respect the architectural style of the original buildings and allow sufficient space for appropriate landscaping, particularly between, and in front of, buildings.

C) The replacement of buildings which positively contribute to the character and local importance of Areas of Special Local Character will normally be resisted.

5.19 There are special policies applying to the Gatehill Farm Estate and Copse Wood Estate in Northwood. In these areas new development will be