



Key Views Document 2: Views within the Watlington Conservation Area

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Watlington Town Hall

Notes on Views Documents

There are two sets of photographs which support the Watlington Neighbourhood Development Plan (WNDP).

The first is '**Important Views**' which was produced in 2014 as part of the consultation on the Plan's vision, objectives and options for development. This set is of distance views of and from the town and illustrates the rural setting of the town and its location at the foot of the Chilterns escarpment. The views from the top of the escarpment, especially from Watlington Hill, are a significant feature of Watlington. Watlington Hill is owned by The National Trust and is a very popular destination for visitors to the area. There are panoramic views of the Oxfordshire plain with Watlington in the foreground. These views of the town are precious to local residents. The views from the town looking towards the escarpment are also important because they are an essential part of Watlington's character. The hills can be glimpsed between buildings with better views as the edge of the town is approached. One of the best views is from the lower part of Hill Road looking towards the White Mark, a chalk monument cut into the chalk in 1764. This iconic monument can be seen from other viewpoints, some at some distance from the town. These are the views which the WNDP aims to protect. This document is available on the website.

The second set of photographs illustrate views within the **Watlington Conservation Area**. The centre of the town was first designated as a Conservation Area in 1976 and still retains its characteristic mix of historic, vernacular buildings which establishes it as a Chilterns settlement. The photographs are intended to illustrate the architectural context of the town which is important in relation to any new development.



Watlington High Street with Watlington Club on right looking down towards the Cross.



View in the High Street with the old 'Royal Oak' in the background.



St. Leonards Church



View up Pyrton Lane with fork to St. Leonards Church



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View up Shirburn Street from Hill Road/High Street junction.



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View up Hill Road towards Car Park from High Street/Shirburn Street junction.



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The view across the Paddock with Davenport Place on the left and Old School Place on the right.



Chapel Street



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Prospect Place



Couching Street viewed from outside the Lilacs on Brook Street



View of the Goggs from across Site 'Wat 1' off Britwell Road



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Cuxham Road viewed from across the road from Pyrtan Lane looking towards Brook Street fork.



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Brook Street looking towards Watlington Hill



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Left: Brook Street viewed from junction of Brook Street with Couching Street, at entrance to Lilacs Place.

Below: Brook Street also from junction with Couching Street but from opposite Lilacs Place.



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Left: Cuxham Road – Sheldons Piece

Right: Cuxham Road cottages

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