

Parish Landscape, Character and Design

- National planning policy emphasises the importance of Neighbourhood Plans identifying the '*special qualities of each area and explaining how this should be reflected in development*'.
- To identify the special qualities of Seend Parish, members of the Steering Group are drafting a 'Design Statement', which will cover:
 - A brief history of the parish and its main settlements;
 - Landscape setting;
 - The different Character Areas of the parish and their important and locally distinctive characteristics;
 - Any negative features and enhancement opportunities;
 - Guidance for future planning permission applicants.
- A separate Landscape Analysis has been produced by a local Landscape Architect.

The maps on the table in middle of the room illustrate different character areas and key characteristics. Please let us know your thoughts.

A printed version of the emerging draft Design Statement is available to read and comment on – please take a look and let us know your thoughts. It will also be available on the Neighbourhood Plan website shortly, together with other background evidence.

Valued Views

- There are many places both within and outside of the Neighbourhood Plan area where beautiful views can be enjoyed.
- Through the Neighbourhood Plan, 'Valued Views' within the Neighbourhood Plan area can be given significance and protection via a planning policy.
- The Steering Group have started work on identifying Valued Views around the parish.
- Are there any views that you can appreciate from a publicly accessible area that you think should be recorded?

Use the map in the middle of the room to let us know the views that are important to you, and add a note about you think what makes them special.