

RELEVANT POLICIES OF THE
KENNET DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN 1997

POLICY BE2

DEVELOPMENT IN CONSERVATION AREAS WILL ONLY BE PERMITTED WHERE IT WOULD PRESERVE OR ENHANCE THEIR CHARACTER OR APPEARANCE. THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY WILL HAVE REGARD TO THE PHYSICAL AND FUNCTIONAL ASPECTS OF PROPOSALS TO ASSESS WHETHER THEY CONSERVE THE SPECIAL ARCHITECTURAL OR HISTORIC INTEREST OF THE AREA. IN PARTICULAR, NEW DEVELOPMENT WILL BE EXPECTED TO ACHIEVE THE FOLLOWING:-

- (a) THE MASS, SCALE AND MATERIALS SHOULD BE HARMONIOUS WITH SURROUNDING BUILT FORMS;
- (b) THE DENSITY AND LAYOUT SHOULD ALIGN WITH ANY HISTORIC STREET OR BOUNDARY PATTERN;
- (c) THE DETAILED DESIGN SHOULD RESPECT THE ARCHITECTURAL STYLES OF SURROUNDING BUILDINGS, ESPECIALLY WHERE THERE IS A STRONG VERNACULAR IDENTITY, AND COMPLEMENT THEM RATHER THAN DETRACT FROM THEIR FORM;
- (d) THE CONSERVATION OF THE AREA'S MIXTURE OF LAND USES SHOULD BE PRESERVED OR WHERE CHANGED SHOULD BE TO THE BENEFIT OF THE CHARACTER OF THE AREA; AND
- (e) VISTAS AND VIEWS INTO OR OUT OF THE DESIGNATED AREA SHOULD BE RETAINED.

POLICY BE5

PLANNING PERMISSION WILL NOT BE GRANTED FOR ANY PROPOSALS WHICH WOULD NOT PRESERVE THE HISTORIC OR ARCHITECTURAL QUALITIES OF A LISTED BUILDING, ITS SETTING OR ANY FEATURES OF SPECIAL ARCHITECTURAL OR HISTORIC INTEREST IT POSSESSES, OR WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT ITS CURTILAGE. THE COUNCIL WILL EXPECT THAT ANY APPLICATION AFFECTING A LISTED BUILDING SHOULD INCLUDE SUFFICIENT DETAIL TO ENABLE THE IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT TO BE ACCURATELY ASSESSED.