

protection, the Historic Landscape Characterisation and Historic Environmental Records will inform whether the feature should be safeguarded.

**Policy NE3: Landscape Protection and Enhancement**

New development which positively contributes to landscape character will be permitted.

Development proposals will be required to demonstrate that they:

- Integrate landscape planning into the design of development at an early stage;
- Consider its landscape context, including the local distinctiveness of the different natural and historic landscapes and character, including tranquillity;
- Relate well to local topography and built form and enhance key landscape features, ensuring their long term management and maintenance;
- Identify likely visual impacts on the local landscape and townscape and its immediate setting and undertakes appropriate landscaping to reduce these impacts;
- Aim to either conserve, enhance or restore important landscape features in accordance with the latest local and national guidance;
- Address the importance of habitat biodiversity features, including aged and veteran trees, woodland and hedges and their contribution to landscape character, where possible enhancing and expanding these features through means such as buffering and reconnecting fragmented areas; and
- Are sensitive to an area's capacity to change, acknowledge cumulative effects and guard against the potential for coalescence between existing settlements.

9.15. The purpose of Policy NE3 is to ensure that significant landscape features are protected and enhanced and that landscape design is a key component in the design of new development. Planning applications will be required to submit a landscape analysis and management plan in appropriate cases. This should take into account evidence on landscape including the Warwickshire Landscape Guidelines and Assessment of Rugby (2006), Landscape Sensitivity Study – Main Rural Settlements (2016), Rainsbrook Valley Landscape Sensitivity Study (2017), Warwickshire Historic Landscape Characterisation Study, the Warwickshire, Coventry and Solihull Green Infrastructure Strategy and data obtained from the Warwickshire Historic Environment Record.

9.16. When considering historic landscapes Policy NE3 must be cross referenced with Policy SDC3 'Protecting and enhancing the Historic Environment' .