

HERITAGE,

Bridport and the surrounding villages participating in the Neighbourhood Plan, are economically much reliant on retaining both the economic resilience of its past association with the rope industry, as well as the AONB that surrounds the Town and villages. This also includes the Jurassic Coast, all of which, draw in many thousands of tourists.

The villages within the Plan, not only contain many listed building, but they all retain a sense of peace and quiet that draws many visitors to the area, and that tranquillity must be retained.

This is countered by the busy and bustling Market Town of Bridport, also a conservation area, with its twice weekly market. The town centre retains its character through careful planning which has ensured that West Street, South Street and East Street retain their character, along with their independent traders.

POLICY AREAS.

Bridport Town Centre-----As within a conservation area, a policy is required that protects both existing shop design and signage. This is particularly important to ensure that 'no internal illumination of shop front signs in the high street that are not in keeping with the conservation area are allowed, or impact on the town centre's heritage and listed buildings.

A policy to ensure that no building into the AONB for the surrounding villages within the NP be allowed.

West Cliff---Jurassic Coast-----no increase of height of housing.-----Many of the houses in West Bay have covenants protecting the view of houses, and a policy would be required to ensure that the height of houses in West Bay are contained within the requirements of the existing covenants.

Eype is also a conservation area and should be given the highest protection.

A policy is required to ensure that the green gaps between the villages as well as Bridport Town Centre within the NP are retained.