

RE: Land South And East Of Walterbush Road, Walterbush Road, Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire. 14/01884. January 2015.

The Board wishes to be fully satisfied that everything possible has been undertaken to reduce the impact of this development on the AONB and requests further amendments to the scheme.

Although the public open space is wide in this location the actual boundary landscaping needs to be strengthened further. Specifically the scheme should:

- Remove or relocate plots 1, 214, 215 and 216 to increase the depth between the housing edge and edge of the development.
- Increase the planting depth to a depth of between 5m to 10m of suitable native tree/hedge planting. The depth could widen to up to 10m where the public open space widens out to create small copses. The small copses could then follow the public open space into the development to again create more meaningful planting belts within the site rather than solitary small groups of trees.
- Remove the formal avenue of trees from the boundary of the site and retain a more naturalistic shelter belt to the edge of the site.

It would appear that the housing styles follow a standard house design and do not incorporate designs that are in keeping with the local building style. The above matters are covered within Policy DTP1 of the adopted Cotswolds AONB Management Plan 2013-2018.

Amendments to the scheme are therefore requested before the Board offers its final comments on this scheme.