

Bewcastle Parish Council Planning Policy

The Council wish to preserve the vernacular architecture of the area and also protect the unspoilt nature of the rural landscape.

The Council wish to retain the original character of local buildings especially where conversion of disused barns is concerned. Items such as existing rooflines should be maintained and the use of PVC for windows and doors should be discouraged as hardwood frames are more in keeping with the local style of construction.

Any development plans should include low cost housing for local residents. In this respect the Council will oppose any future attempt to change the original planning consent.

Many of our roads were originally built for the use of horses and carts but are now used by tractors and motor vehicles. This type of traffic on our narrow roads presents an obvious risk and their daily use by timber wagons, for which they are totally unsuitable, results in constant damage to the surfaces and the inevitable danger to vehicles of potholes and erosion. Consideration should be given to the construction of lay-bys where possible.

The conservation of our local flora and fauna are of vital importance to the Parish. Barn owl surveys in particular should consider evidence of daytime roost sites which are of great importance to the encouragement of nesting in the area. Disturbance of such sites would have a deleterious effect on other proven nesting sites in the area.

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