

environment, to create a distinctive sense of place. Achieving good design will involve creating new buildings and spaces that look good, that are fit for purpose and accessible, and that are adaptable to the changing needs of residents and visitors. Policy NBE10 will enable us to ensure that a good standard of design is achieved, and that the distinctive qualities of our towns and villages will be reflected in new development.

### **Policy NBE10 Design**

**All developments should seek to achieve a high quality design and positively contribute to the overall appearance of the local area.**

**Development will be supported where it would meet the following relevant criteria:**

- a) it promotes, reflects and incorporates the distinctive qualities of its surroundings in terms of the proposed scale, density, mass and height of development and choice of building materials. Innovative building designs will be supported provided that they are sensitive to their surroundings and help to improve the quality of the townscape or landscape;**
- b) it provides or positively contributes to public spaces and routes that are attractive, safe and inclusive for all users, including families, disabled people and the elderly;**
- c) the layout of new buildings reinforces any locally distinctive street patterns, responds to climate change, and enhances permeability by facilitating access by walking or cycling modes;**
- d) it respects local landscape character and sympathetically incorporates any on-site or adjoining landscape features such as trees and hedgerows, and respects or enhances views into and out of the site;**
- e) it protects or enhances surrounding heritage assets, including their settings;**
- f) it includes sufficient well-designed facilities/areas for parking (including bicycle storage) taking account of the need for good access for all users;**
- g) the design of external spaces (such as highways, parking areas, gardens and areas of open space) facilitates the safe use of these areas by future residents, service providers or visitors, according to their intended function;**
- h) the future maintenance and servicing requirements of buildings and public spaces have been considered, including the storage and collection of waste and recycling;**