

THE ENVIRONMENT

1. Landscape

THE PRESENT SITUATION

The landscape of the Parish is very important both to residents and visitors. Most people want little change. The District Council's Draft Local Plan includes the aim: to safeguard and enhance the District's landscape character and landmarks. Pound Green Common is a unique and valued area of landscape with flora and fauna of special interest. Work of restoration and management is being undertaken by the Pound Green Commoners.

That part of the Parish lying east of the River Severn is within the Green Belt, and this imposes a restriction on most kinds of development within this part of the Parish. Pound Green, west of the River, is not within Green Belt. Most of the area of the Parish is an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and an Area of Great Landscape Value.

The Parish has some areas that are of special interest for their geology, the Severn Railway cutting being one of these. Whilst this is a relatively minor resource in terms of attracting visitors, it is of interest to an increasing number of people.

Issues

- Preservation of trees
- Preservation and replanting of farm hedges
- Tidy hedges or let them grow naturally?
- Old and new orchards

Actions

Monitor changes to hedges, or that might affect trees, in the Parish.

Stakeholders

PC, WFDC

Timescale

Ongoing

Encourage preservation of orchards and planting of new ones.

PC. Countryside Stewardship Scheme

Ongoing

Policy Statement

The Parish Council would not support any proposals for development or other action that would detract from the unique character of the landscape in the