

Question for the NF

1. Policy E2.1 includes support for the retention of a comprehensive list of landscape and other features. However, it is not clear to the reader exactly where these features are. Policies should be clear and unambiguous and there should be sufficient precision to provide confidence to the decision-maker when determining planning applications. Therefore, could the NF provide a clear plan showing the location of these features which (if I so conclude) could be included in the NP?

A draft of the requested plan is provided as maps for suggested amendment by the Examiner (see below). It is difficult for a non-specialist to provide details in one map. Additional features are provided therefore on several maps to enhance clarity for initial inspection by the Examiner. They may later be combined by cartographers probably as a two page Figure.

The LPA has agreed to re-draw all Figures to ensure required standards post-examination if the NP progresses towards being “made”. The content will be adjusted as required by the examiner from the draft below before WDDC cartographers provide a professional version of the required maps.

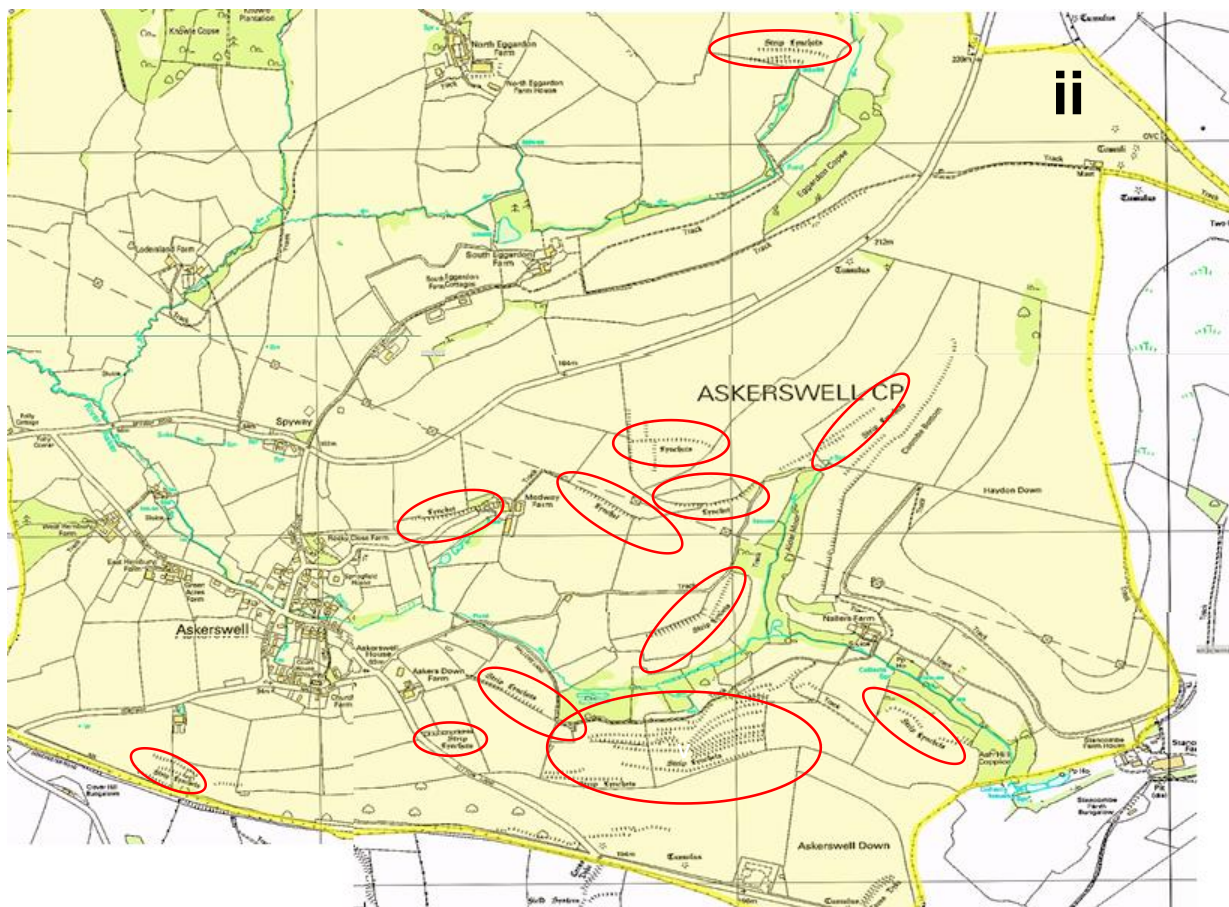
There are currently no TPOs in the Neighbourhood Area and it is likely that some owners would not support listing of trees on their land. The mature trees in the neighbourhood close to the Defined Development Boundary have been mapped (Fig iii). This mapping could be extended to the whole Neighbourhood Area if requested. A mapping approach does not accommodate the effects of growth of sub-mature trees over the life of the Plan. This difficulty can be overcome if the Examiner is prepared to accept the use of the Table below based on published guidelines for defining mature trees. Any developer then would have a clear basis on which to determine if there are nearby mature trees when a new development is proposed.

Table 1: Height of mature trees likely to occur in Askerswell Neighbourhood area based on NHBC guidance (see below for details of source).

Species	Height (metres)
Cherry	8
Maple	8
Hazel	8
Hawthorne	10
Apple	10
Plum	10
Elder	10
Pear	12
Holly	12
Birch	14
Poplar	15
Oak	16
Willow	16
Elm	18
Beech	20
Chestnut	20
Sycamore	22
Ash	23

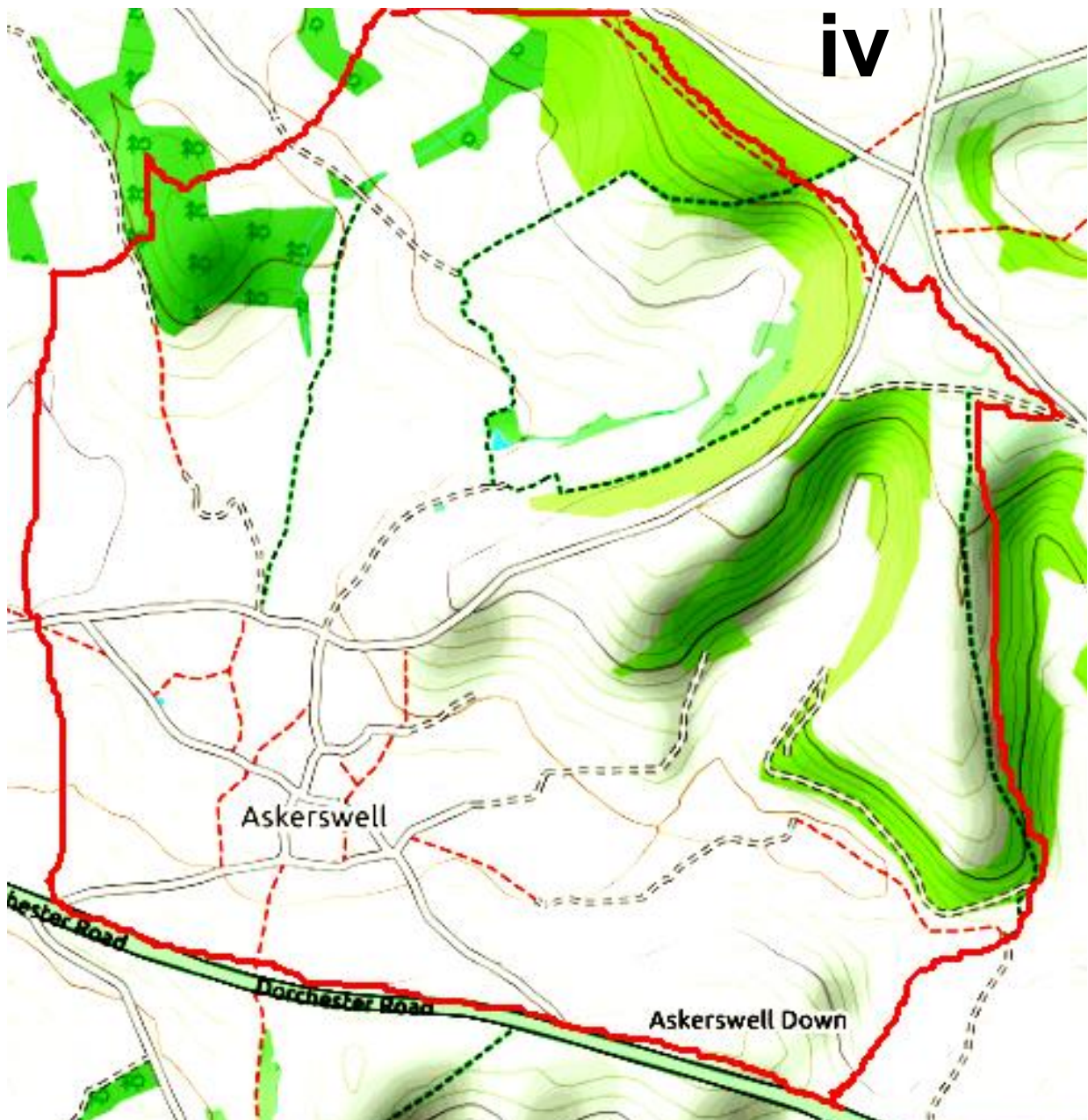
Source:

<http://nhbccampaigns.co.uk/LandingPages/HomeownersGuidance/pdfs/Guidance%20notes%20-%20Planting%20trees%20near%20your%20home%20Final.pdf>





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Draft proposed additional Figure showing the location of features listed in Policy E2.1.

*The figures relate to items in Policy E2.1 as follows **Fig i.**, a); **Fig ii.**, c); **Fig iii**, e) & h) and **Fig iv**. f).*

- a) The attractive river course (light blue) through Askerswell Village with its mill leats (dark blue, Fig i).
- b) The distinctive landscape formed by Eggardon Hill and its southern slopes, and the downs within the Neighbourhood Area (see Fig. 5 b, c and d).
- c) The ancient field systems and medieval strip lynchets (Fig ii, indicated by red ovals)
- d) The Bronze and Iron Age earthworks, sites with remnants of Roman occupation and all scheduled monuments in the area (see Fig S2 in *Details of the Askerswell NA*)
- e) The historic dry stone walls, including their vegetation where present (Fig iii shown as red lines), the age of some walls has not been

determined, green lines adjacent to red lines in the figure indicates hedging associated with the stone walls

- f) Fig iv shows the network of rural paths within the Parish boundary (a solid red line) that are part of the public rights of way network. The dashed lines are footpaths (red) bridleways (green) and tracks (double dashed lines). The rural character of the lanes is evident from their distinctive banks and hedges, traditional wooden fingerposts (Fig iii, orange arrow, a second is at the junction of Hembury Rd and The Spyway), and the grassed triangles and verges at road junctions (Fig iii, shown coloured brown)
- g) The Pound (Fig iii, coloured purple)
- h) The dense native hedgerows within the village are shown as a green line, small damp meadows and irregular pastures, unimproved grasslands, orchards, wet woodlands and mature broad-leaved trees (Fig iii, X shows those close to the Defined Development Boundary).

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