SETTLEMENT PROFILE MINTO

This profile should be read in conjunction with the relevant settlement map.

DESCRIPTION

Minto is situated on the north bank of the River Teviot, off the A698 which runs east to west connecting the towns of Hawick and Jedburgh, about 1 mile north of Denholm. The population is 58 (2001 Census) and the village lies within the Central Borders Strategic Development Area as defined in the SESplan.

PLACE MAKING CONSIDERATIONS

The village occupies an elevated ridge overlooking the River Teviot and commands good views along the river corridor and along the Dean Burn. To the south is Ruberslaw hill which, at 424m, is the most dominant feature in the landscape. The village lies just to the south of the Minto Hills and is surrounded by the Teviot Valleys Special Landscape Area.

Minto Conservation Area covers the entire historic part of the village, which was laid out by the Earl of Minto. The village developed in a linear form with rows of cottages, a church and a school along the west side of the street. Land to the east is occupied by Minto golf course giving the village a formal landscaped setting with large numbers of mature trees lining the roadside.

Traditional building materials prevail (slate, sandstone and harling) together with a range of architectural details, which contribute to the character of the Conservation Area. There are two Listed Buildings within the Conservation Area.

The absence of local services, the topography of the settlement and its high conservation value mean that Minto does not lend itself to significant levels of new development. Any development will be limited to small scale infill which must maintain the character and setting of the Conservation Area.

INFRASTRUCTURE CONSIDERATIONS

Affordable Housing will require to be provided under the provision of Policy HD1 and the Supplementary Guidance/ Supplementary Planning Guidance on Affordable Housing.

There is no requirement for contribution towards education provision.

With regards to Waste Water Treatment Works, Minto has limited capacity. Contributions may be required where upgrades are necessary. In respect of the local water network, developers may be required to contribute towards upgrading to enable development.

Further information is available from Supplementary Guidance/Supplementary Planning Guidance on Developer Contributions and Planning/Development Briefs where applicable.



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