

Centre of the Village - Key vistas

Definition

A 'Key Vista' is an open view from a prominent location of an attractive and valued landscape. No development will be allowed that obstructs or impinges on the experience of the view of this landscape.

The centre of the village extends along a saddle of high ground dropping down to Ropley Dean to the west and chalk valleys to the north and south. The surrounding countryside forms a vital part of the character, quality and setting of the village. The most significant, long distance views are identified as 'key vistas' linking the central village to the broad scale of farm landscape across the parish. For the photographic record of the main green spaces around the central village see evidence base

A number of views were assessed, against the definition above, from viewpoints identified around the centre of the village.

Those that were identified as fitting the criteria are listed below and have been defined as "key vistas" as marked on the village centre map ...

Key Vista A – OS grid ref. 636 319

Rural views of pastureland on the main approach to the village from Ropley Dean and the A31. The view is important to the rural and historic context of the village.

Key vista B - OS grid ref. 639 319

Views of historic parkland forming the setting of Ropley House.

Key vista C - OS grid ref. 641 320

Views opening out from the Recreation Ground on footpath (FP..) extending over arable fields on a high point of the saddle.

Key vista D - OS grid ref. 638 322

Wide open views to distant horizons up to and beyond the parish boundary. Leading the eye along the line of the footpath the scene extends over Ropley Dean to the railway – often with steam trains in view.

Key vista E - OS grid ref. 647319

Extensive views out on leaving core of the historic village and joining the St Swithun's Way.

Key vista F - OS grid ref. 646 318

Wide open views over extensive arable fields at the start of paths that fan out from the centre of village. Views extend to the wooded ridgeline of beech tree defining the watershed of the River Itchen.

Key vista G - OS grid ref. 644 310

Open views from School Lane and Ropley School looking southwards over sheep grazed pasture.