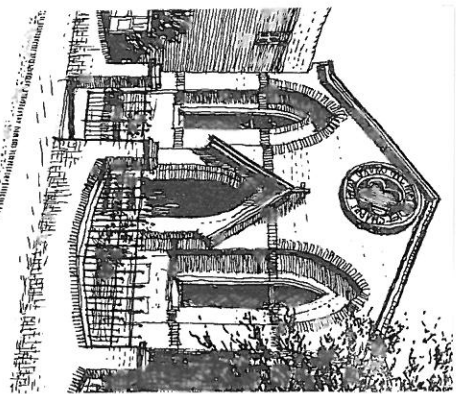


The hamlet of Astcote lies in a shallow fold of gently undulating countryside approximately 3 miles north of Towcester. It is a linear settlement approached by a narrow lane half-a-mile from the busy A5 trunk road (Watling Street). A small green halfway along the High Street provides the only focal point in the hamlet, surrounded by red brick cottages, with the village shop and the Victorian Methodist Chapel close by. Astcote has two listed

buildings, both limestone houses dating from the 17th century. The remaining older parts of the settlement are mainly red brick or rendered Victorian buildings with slate roofing, but there is a larger proportion of modern housing in detached or terrace form in a variety of facing brickwork and concrete tile roofing. The older housing is often sited close to the pavement edge, whereas the majority of modern houses and bungalows are set back, many with open plan front gardens.



Planning Background

Astcote is a Restricted Infill Village in accordance with the Local Plan. Residential policies make provision for appropriate small scale development within the village confines. There are two listed buildings in Astcote

Future Development

- Infill development facing the High Street should be in an appropriate red brick or limestone with wales blue-grey slate roofing to complement the existing older buildings.
- Developments off the High Street should have external materials matching their immediate neighbours.
- Astcote has few mature trees within the village confines, and the planting of suitable species will be encouraged, particularly in the area of the village green.
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