

Character Area Appraisal: Area C – Petworth Road

Summary

Petworth Road is the section of the A272 that enters Wisborough Green from the west, with the same consistent traffic and peak time increases as Billingshurst Road. There are scenic views on both sides at Greenbridge before climbing the hill into the village. Two exits from The Luth form a triangular shape of intermittent housing in a range of styles to the north. To the south, a driveway runs between two rows of trees towards two houses set back from the road. A pavement borders the road on the south side running from below Tanyards up the hill linking the row of mixed housing and The Zoar Chapel with the village centre. Residential housing on the northern side sits predominantly on ground higher than the road and includes individual houses, a short Victorian terrace, a cul-de-sac of larger modern houses, a Victorian pair and a Georgian house. Two newer detached properties occupy the previous garage forecourt site and nearest the village centre, a small cottage partly screened by hedging.

Landscape Character

There are intermittent open views of mixed arable farmland to one side and of meadows and woodland to the other as the land falls away to the River Kird, and across the flood plains immediately after exiting the village along the Petworth Road. Mature trees, some with tree preservation orders, border the pavement along the lower section of the road. A view across fields to the south is obstructed by a high hedgerow but there is a vista across the flood plain and water meadows to the north and a good panoramic view looking west from high land at this end of The Luth. There are no views back into the village.

Main Characteristics

- Petworth Road is a main trunk road carrying consistent traffic, speeding along this section is an issue.
- Residential housing is predominantly detached and two storey in a range of styles; there are some single storey and three storey.
- Housing runs along both sides of the road. The row to the south is shorter and the row on the northern side is broken by a cul-de-sac and exits from The Luth.

- Most properties along both sides have large hard standing areas for parking. Most garages are detached on older properties and attached on newer properties.
- The cul-de-sac of houses and some farmhouses are partly screened by high hedging but are visible through the entrances
- Some agricultural buildings and large industrial sheds are also hidden behind hedging to the west of the river.
- There is a Southern Water Pump station adjacent to the lay-by at the bridge.
- Roofs are mainly gabled, some hipped, and tiled with steep pitches and overhanging eaves.
- Properties have mainly single brick chimneys with some metal flue chimneys evident.

- Windows are a mix of sash and casement but some original windows have been replaced with double glazing.
- Materials used on properties throughout tend to reflect the mellow reds of local brick and tile, there are some rendered and painted houses.
- Important building groups include Old Farm, Bowyers Court, Amblehurst and Little Tanyards.
- There are a number of Listed Buildings within the Character Area:
 - Old Farm Farmhouse and Barn
 - Amblehurst
 - Old Tanyard Farmhouse
 - Green Bridge Cottage