

# GREAT STAUGHTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

## Draft Views and Vistas

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## **Views and Vistas**

### **Introduction**

The report forms part of the evidence base for Policy GSNP 7 of the Great Staughton Neighbourhood Development Plan, and is to be read in conjunction with that Policy. The report defines those views and vistas and finds that are offered protection under Policy GSNP 7 – Settlement Patterns and Identity.

Paragraph 6.20 of the Great Staughton Neighbourhood plan discusses the significance of important views in the Parish and sets out in policy GSNP 7 the planning policy related to views.

This document describes each view in more detail, with a photo alongside and a map which shows the location and direction of the viewpoint.

These are by no means all the important views and when proposals for development in the village are being prepared, it will be necessary to take account of the impact on views and demonstrate how the buildings can be satisfactorily accommodated within the landscape.

The maps showing the Parish location of the key views in the Neighbourhood Plan are shown.

There are some distinct areas of views in the Parish of Great Staughton

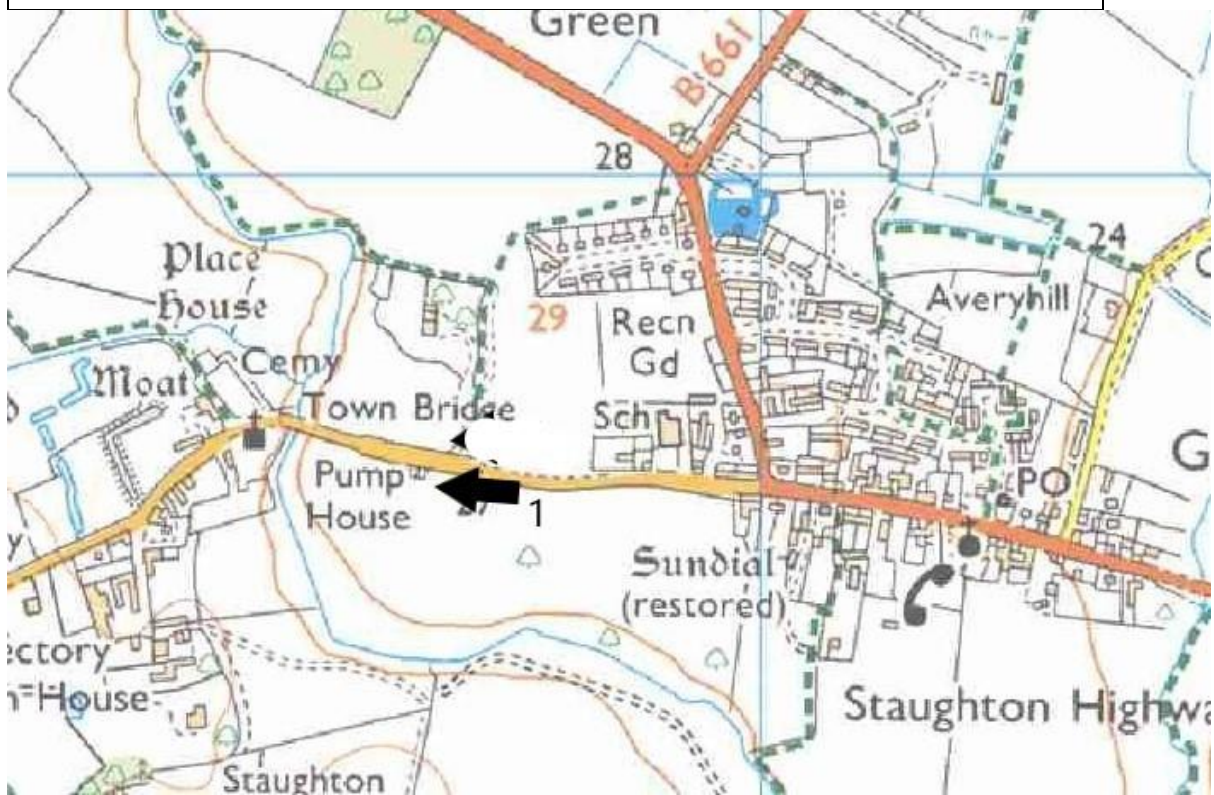
1. The Causeway and Town Bridge
2. The Moor area
3. Dillington and ancient woods
4. Kym Valley

#### **1. The Causeway and Town Bridge**

The Causeway shown on the map below provides a number of important views in Great Staughton. It provides a gap between the village environment on The Highway and the older settlements around the Church but as the properties become more spacious the views across the Meadows to the River Kym and towards the church provide a most iconic view of Staughton.



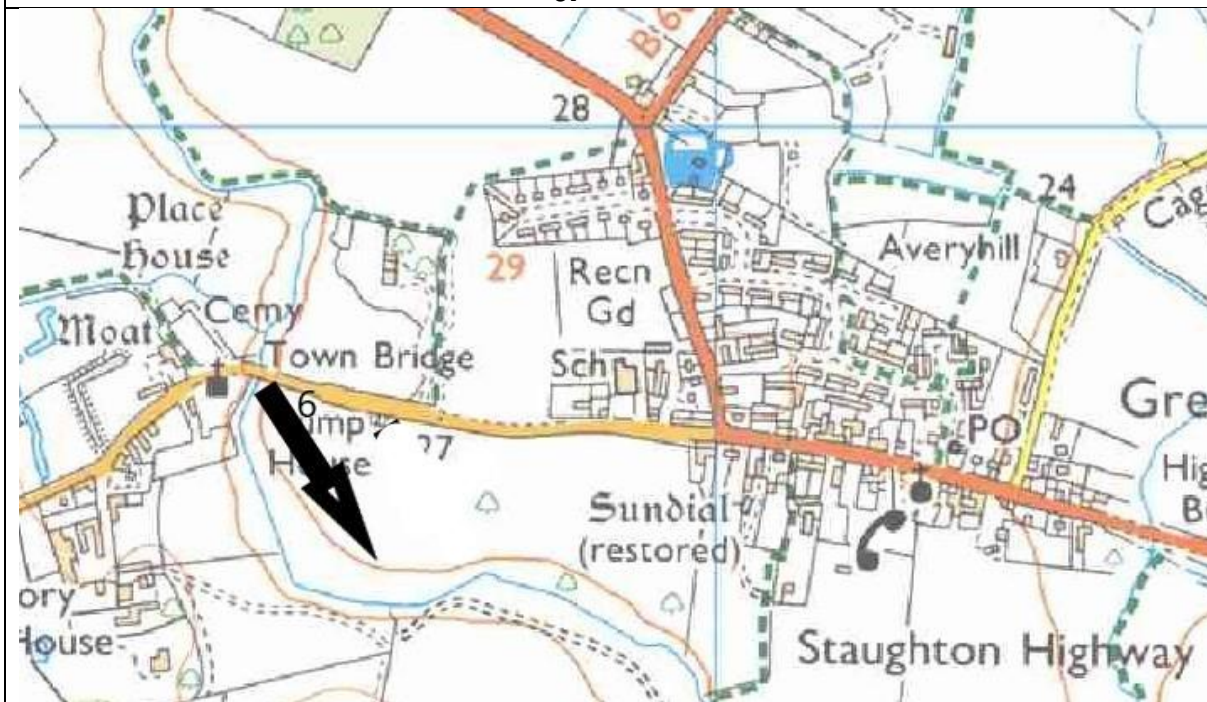
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Views across Birds Meadow (6) from The Causeway towards the River Kym. The Town bridge across the Kym is bordered with a white post and rail fence. From the bridge and close-by there are views towards the church and also across the Meadows. This is usually used as animal grazing land which adds to the quintessentially village environment. Some of this area floods when the river is in full flood.

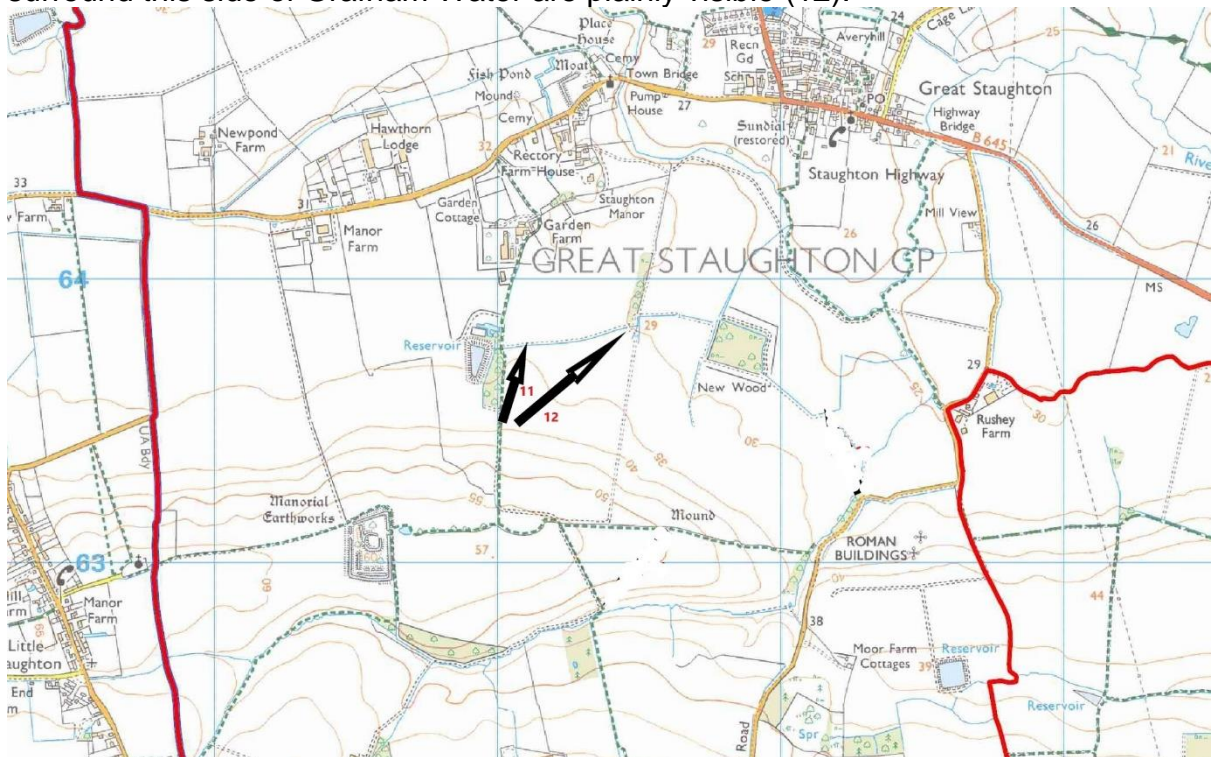


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## 2. Moor Area

The ridge along the Moor provides stunning views of the village all along the footpath which follows the ridge. The historic buildings the Church, the Manor and also the village environs are all plainly visible (11). In the background the Woods which surround this side of Grafham Water are plainly visible (12).



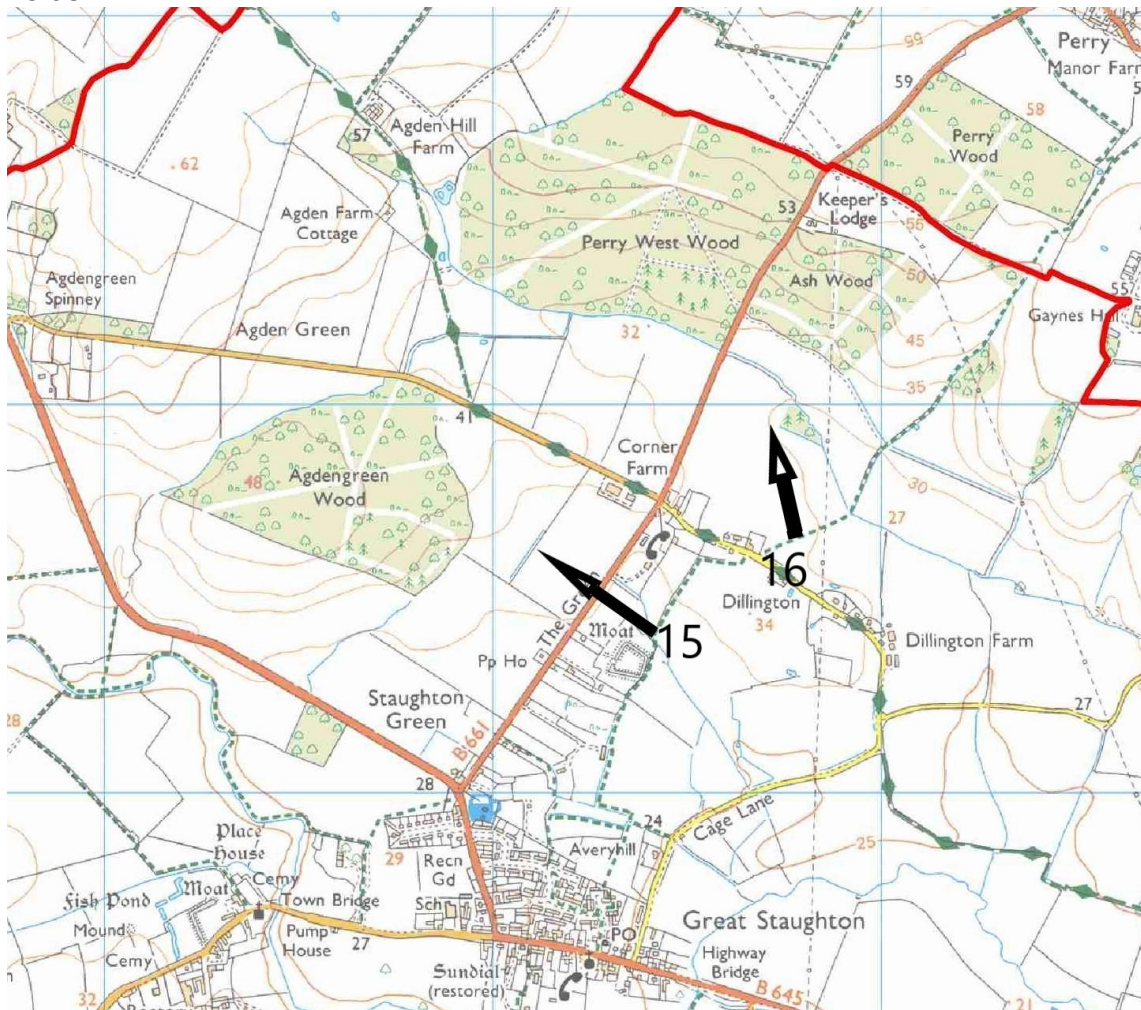
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### 3. Dillington and Ancient Woods

The views from Dillington are significant as the buildings are spread and as a result good views are enabled of the ancient Perry and Agden Woods. There are also good views looking towards the main village across the mainly hedge lined agricultural fields.



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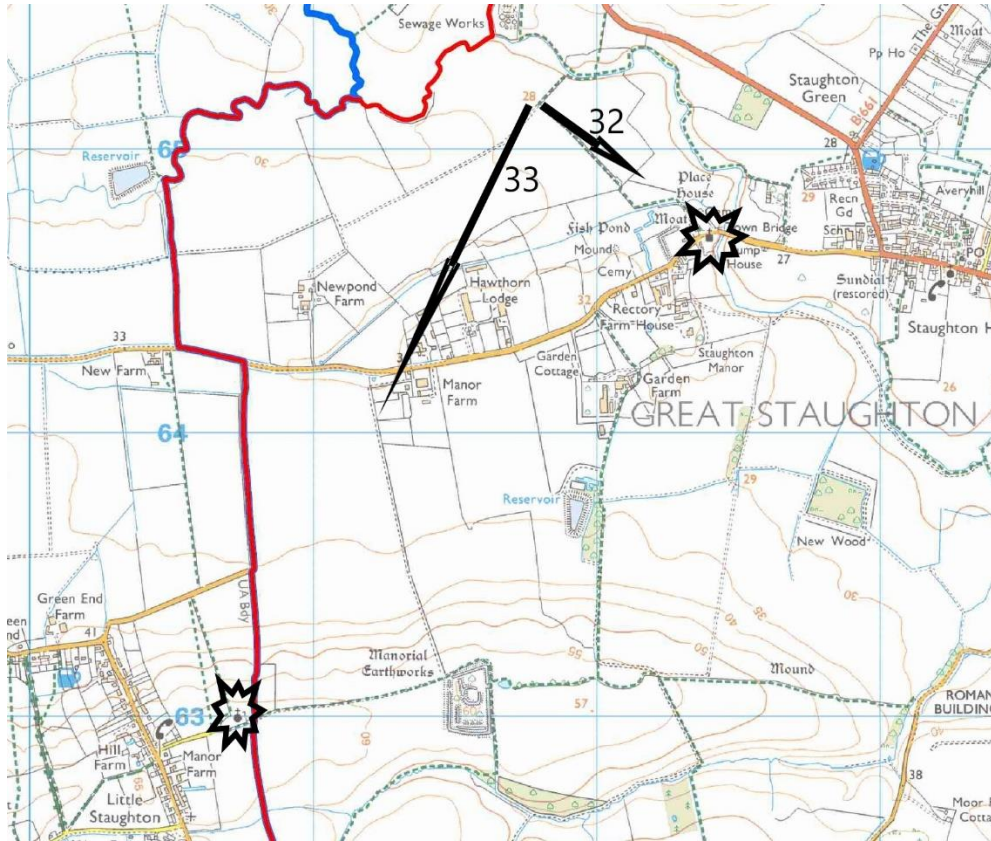


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#### 4. Kym Valley

The Kym provides scenic views from its entry to the Parish from Kimbolton. It is surrounded by agricultural land and some wooded areas. As it approaches the Town bridge there are some stunning views of both the churches of Little and Great Staughton.



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The flow of the river around the village is followed by a footpath which allows views of the village, the Moor and also the rich vegetation along the river. It is rich in wildlife.



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