

Wellow Neighbourhood Plan - list of Important Views with reference numbers and descriptions.

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<i>Reference number</i>	<i>Name of view</i>	<i>Description</i>
V1	From Frenches Lane (Lower Shootash Farm) looking north-west towards Frenchwood Farm	View 1 is across the valley around which the Frenches is developed showing farmland and the farms and houses characteristic of the area. It is a proposed special character area which is quite distinctive within the Parish. It would be impacted by any further development along Frenches Lane as its special character would be lost through modern buildings. The view benefits walkers, horse riders, cyclists and other users of Frenches Lane.
V2	From Frenches Lane (Kitt Merries Farm) looking south-south-west towards Woodington	View 2 is again from Frenches Lane and looks across farmland towards Woodington. The view reflects the character of this part of the northern Parish, it is a wide vista showing fields and woodland (Smidmore Copse). The view benefits walkers on the footpath from Kit Merries Farm to Woodington (unfortunately this is now being impacted by the solar farm!)
V3	From Hackleys Lane near St Margaret's church looking east-north-east towards Woodington	View 3 is across farmland towards mature trees growing along boundaries. The view is enjoyed by walkers using the footpath through the centre of the view. Any development would deprive walkers of the view and would impact the surroundings of the Grade 1 listed Parish Church.

V4	From Foxes Lane above ford at footpath looking east-south-east along Blackwater	View 4 is narrow and relatively short in distance. The view from the footpath is across a newly planted meadow and towards the River Blackwater and the trees growing along the course of the River and in Pinns Copse. Walkers along the footpath that leads to the Parish Church benefit from the view, as do walkers, cyclists and horse riders using Foxes Lane. Any development here would lead not only to a loss of view but also a loss of biodiversity.
V5	From Groves Down at footpath looking north-north-east towards Blackwater	View 5 is from the start of a footpath near the junction of Romsey Road and Groves Down. The land slopes down to the north and northeast towards the River Blackwater providing a wide and long vista across the fields and towards the trees along the River Blackwater. The view is typical of the character area, Wellow Wood. The view is appreciated by those driving down Romsey Road and walkers along the footpath. Development in this area would result in a loss to the rural setting of the village of West Wellow and would impact on the character of the Wellow Wood area.
V6	From corner of Maurys Lane (Luke's Farm) looking north-west	View 6 is from within the special character area of 'West of Maurys Lane'. The view is across small fields which have mature oak and ash trees and hedge rows and is close to Lukes Farm which includes three listed buildings. The view is valued by walkers, cyclists, horse riders, and drivers alike as it enhances the rural setting for West Wellow. Any development here would degrade the setting for Lukes Farm and this part of West Wellow.
V7	From corner Maurys Lane looking south towards Maurys Mount	View 7 is known locally as the 'Wellow Lung'. The area forms a strategic break between housing. The view is across meadows which are used for grazing and surrounded by mature trees. The view is appreciated by all those using Maurys Lane.

V8	From School Road looking north-west across to Buttons Lane	View 8 is of fields sloping down to the tributary of the River Blackwater which has woodland growing along it. Beyond the stream the view is of meadows sloping up to Buttons Lane. Feltham Cottages, which are listed buildings, can be seen. This view is seen every day by children going to Wellow Primary School and gives the school a rural setting which would be lost if this area was developed.
V9	From Whinwhistle Road (Hamdown Farm) looking north over Romsey Road	View 9 has a long and wide vista, looking across meadows, over the houses along Romsey Road and towards the trees growing along the River Blackwater. This view is valued by pedestrians, cyclists and drivers going down Whinwhistle Road. The view is typical of the "Romsey Road" character area with its multitude of mature trees and green meadows.
V10	From junction Romsey and Whinwhistle Roads (Carlos) looking east-south-east along Blackwater	View 10 is a wide vista which includes Wellow Mill, a listed building, the trees along the River Blackwater, Coopers Cottage and Cooper's Clump (woodland). The concrete track is also a public footpath so the view is appreciated by road users and walkers alike. The view provides a sample of the landscape which is typical of the Blackwater character area. Any development here would destroy the fringes of the settlement area of East Wellow.
V11	From School Road opposite V8 looking south-east towards Ham Down woods	View 11 is also seen every day by children going to Wellow Primary school. The view is across a large meadow to the mature trees of Ham Down woods. As with view 8, this provides the rural setting for the Primary school and that setting would be lost if the meadow was developed.

V12	From edge of Cooper's Clump looking east-south-east along Blackwater	View 12 is along the River Blackwater, characteristic of the mix of farmland and riparian woodland along the River Blackwater valley. The view is long, stretching to Embley woods, ancient woodland; in the distance. The view benefits walkers along the footpath skirting the edge of Cooper's Clump. Development here would be to the detriment of the River Blackwater environment.
V13	Multiple view points in all directions across the Common	V13 is a composite of views from many directions across the Common including, for example, from the seat on the hill next to Corner Cottage above Monkey Jump and the car park at the end of Plantation Road. These are wide and long views over the Common extending out of the Parish to Plaitford Common and Deazle and Bramshaw Woods to south-west and Dean Hill and other chalk downland far away to the north-west. The viewpoints all lie within the National Park and the Common is protected by a number of additional national designations (e.g. SSSIs, SACs and SPAs) so there should be no question of these views being degraded by development. They are however included given their significance and importance to the community.