

# BRAMLEY PARISH

## Vista Views & Important Landscape Views

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### **Vista Views & View Points**

There are a number of Vista Views in the parish of Bramley which are important general views, especially of the wider landscape setting. They are mainly in the Conservation area and are highlighted on the illustration 6c. Besides these particular views which should be protected being in the conservation area, important general views and viewpoints toward important buildings or groups of buildings are highlighted on the map and in the Conservation area appraisal. (i)

The Conservation Appraisal states that there are 11 listed buildings in the Conservation area. Within the Parish of Bramley there are 52 buildings which are listed Grade I or II, and it is important to preserve views into these buildings, close views and the panoramic views displaying their settings. (ii)

Having the open views into and out of the Bramley settlement boundary, and the countryside footpaths throughout the parish maintains a rural aspect. The map in illustration 6c shows the views and the photographs illustrate the views which are of considerable importance to the residents of Bramley Parish in maintaining a rural aspect.

i Conservation Area Appraisal, Bramley and Bramley Green. (Basingstoke and Deane)

ii [List.english-heritage.org.uk/results.aspx.html](http://List.english-heritage.org.uk/results.aspx.html)

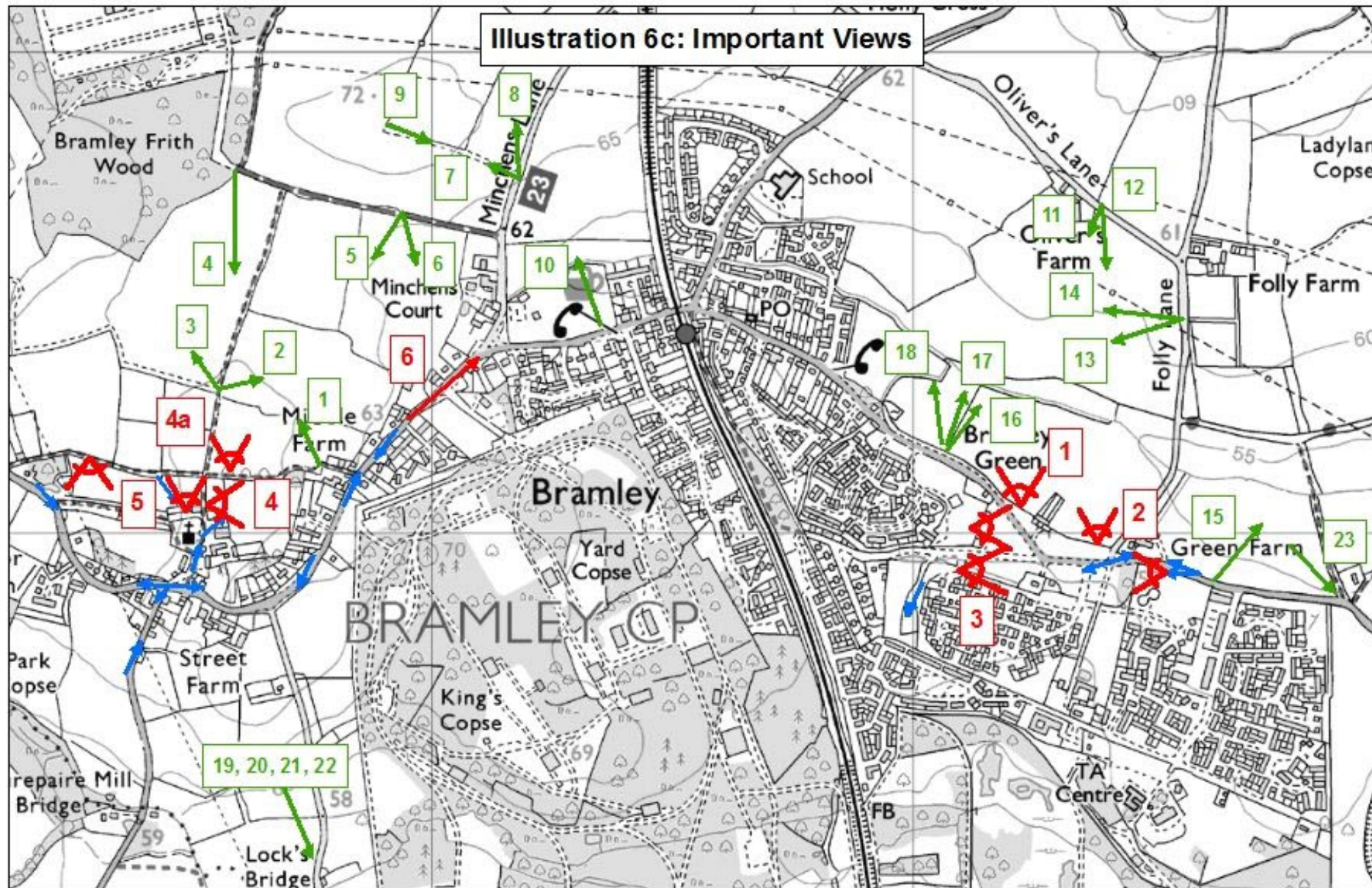





Illustration 6c: Important Views

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Scale: 1:12,000

Key

-  Vista
-  Viewpoint
-  Important rural landscape view

# Illustrations

*Views associated with Key Map*

Illustration 6c

Vista Views



view 1



view 2



view 3

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view 4



view 4a



view 5

## **Important Rural Landscape views around Bramley**

### **6 c**

Bramley being surrounded by open fields and the Parish as a whole having wide open fields, then it is obvious that there are important views across the parish. Bramley is one of the starting points of the Silchester Trail, one of three Basingstoke Heritage Trails. There are various walks around Bramley that take in important views. . The views in map 6c are prominent views within the areas named in the Basingstoke and Bramley Landscape Capacity Study, February 2008 commissioned by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.

#### **North West Bramley Farmland**

View 1 from Middle Farm towards the Frith

Views 2 and 3 are across the fields towards the Frith and Minchens Court.

View 4 goes toward St James' Church and the Historical centre of Bramley.

Views 5 and 6 are from the road from the Frith towards Minchens Court, towards the Village Hall and The Slates

These views can be appreciated on Walk B in the Bramley Guide (iii) which goes on through the Frith toward Latchmere Green Farm and back over footpaths/bridleways to the Slates, a distance of approximately 3 miles.

#### **Minchens Lane Slopes**

Views 7, 8 are taken from Minchens Lane toward the Frith and Withy Copse, with view 9 towards the village.

View 10, across Clift Meadow.

#### **North Bramley Open Slopes**

Walking down Olivers Lane and Folly Lane takes in views 11, 12, 13 and 14 across open fields towards Bramley Village, a walk of 2 miles, whilst Views 16, 17 and 18 are from Bramley Green over open fields towards Holly Cross Farm House.

View 15 is from Campbell Road towards Ladyland Copse, a view appreciated when exiting the housing developments down Campbell Road, a rural open view.

Views 19, 20, 21, and 22 are along Cufaude Lane. Besides being an area with Listed Buildings, it is the area where an ancient monument is found, The Moat at Cufaude Manor

View 23 is towards Bullsdawn Copse Iron Age Fort. This was a ten acre space surrounded by a series of defensive ditches and mounds, where the people would come with their animals to escape from attack. Even the Romans found it hard to capture such camps. • It is set in Open Countryside

**Summary: - Open Views in and around Bramley that are easily accessible to residents of Bramley are appreciated and require to remain maintained without the intrusion of over development of what is a rural village in the Parish of Bramley.**

## **SUPPORTING EVIDENCE FOR THE INCLUSION OF IMPORTANT RURAL VIEWS 6c**

The Extract below is from the Basingstoke, Tadley and Bramley Landscape Capacity Study February 2008 commissioned by Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council. The relevance of including the extract is to give weight to the inclusion of map 6c Important Views, which have not been given protected view status under the Conservation Area appraisal, but which are nevertheless considered as very important by the community of Bramley.

Visual sensitivity in the Landscape Capacity Study is initially defined under 3 headings of General Visibility, Population and Mitigation Potential and these criteria are applied to the different sites and scored according to their sensitivity from Low to High. The views in map 6c are prominent views which can be seen from areas BR01 (Minchens Lane Slopes), BR03 (North Bramley Open Slopes), and BR05 (North West Bramley farmland).

The status of these areas as having **higher visual sensitivity** (as illustrated below) is therefore not subjective; indeed it is possible that the weighting attached under the population criteria has been understated. The lanes around Bramley are used regularly by walkers and cyclists and the sites can therefore be viewed from many locations in addition to viewpoints from designated footpaths. They are long panoramic views across large open fields some with low gappy hedgerows, looking towards and from ridgelines. They are viewed by many people during recreational pursuits and there is limited mitigation potential without the mitigation measure itself having a negative impact. These areas are significant in relation to the visual setting of the village providing a rural back drop from different locations.

### **Extract**

#### ***Visual Sensitivity***

*The study will also take account of the visual sensitivity of the landscape and consideration as to the way people see the landscape. This depends on; -*

#### ***General Visibility***

- This considers the level of visibility (or intervisibility) in the area, based on the nature of the landform and vegetation cover. Landscapes with higher levels of intervisibility are more sensitive to change.*
- This will also consider any key views and the contribution the area makes to the visual setting of an area (including visual links to the wider landscape). Areas containing wider panoramas across areas of countryside will be more sensitive.*

#### ***Population***

- This element will consider the number (magnitude) of people likely to perceive change in the landscape. The higher the number of people then the greater the level of magnitude.*
- The purpose of viewers being within an area (sensitivity) is considered, as the nature of activity will have a bearing on how visually sensitive the landscape is (e.g. residential and recreational pursuits (e.g. walking) are considered to be more sensitive than transient views of people travelling through or where there are views from workplaces).*

#### ***Mitigation Potential***

- This aspect considers the likelihood of change being mitigated, without the mitigation measures themselves having an adverse effect (for example, planting trees to screen a development in a large-scale open landscape could have as great an impact as the development itself). The level of sensitivity relates to how appropriate mitigation may be in an area, for example, in an area where mitigation is more appropriate the sensitivity would be lower.*

## **Area: BRAMLEY**

### **Local Character Area: – Minchens Lane Slopes**

This character area is on prominent land to the north-west of Bramley. It has a number of large mixed sloping fields, and does not have an extensive vegetation structure. These aspects limit the appropriateness of mitigation planting and similarly the capacity to accommodate development without impact on the character. The presences of the pylons and railway both have an impact on the landscape character.

**Visual Sensitivity:** (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

General Visibility: L L/M M **M/H** H

Population: L **L/M** M M/H H

Mitigation Potential: L L/M M **M/H** H

**OVERALL Medium/High**

### **Summary of Characteristics**

- Views within this area are generally of a rural landscape; however, the pylons are notable in many views.
- The eastern boundary provides a harsh edge to Bramley, although the railway line is only prominent when trains are passing.
- The highpoint and sloping land increase the prominence of the area which is important in relation to the visual setting of the village. The local footpaths are well used; there is a recreational area along the southern boundary which has some views into the site, in addition to some residential properties overlooking the area.
- The large sized fields, the existing vegetation pattern and most notably the rising landform would limit the appropriateness of any mitigation measures.

### **Local Character Area: North Bramley Open Slopes**

This area is located to the north and east of Bramley on sloping open farmland. These slopes give the area a higher visual sensitivity, which along with the designations and the limited potential for mitigation within the area result in a low landscape capacity.

**Visual Sensitivity:** (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

General Visibility: L L/M M **M/H** H

Population: L **L/M** M M/H H

Mitigation Potential: L L/M M **M/H** H

**OVERALL Medium/high**

### **Summary of Characteristics**

- The slopes, which are close to a ridge, are prominent in a number of views and the character of vegetation within the area allows a number of longer distance views throughout the area.
- The large open sloping fields to the north of Bramley are important as they are a significant feature providing a rural backdrop from a number of locations in the village. The road along the southern boundary is the main road into the village and in addition, there are many properties that overlook the area. Bramley Green is an open space looking over the area and there are rights of way in the east.
- The general character of vegetation in this area is low hedgerow with trees, which along with the sloping landform would provide limited mitigation potential.

**Local Character Area: North West Bramley Farmland**

This area is located to the north of The Street to the west of Bramley and close to the historical centre of the village. Part of the Conservation Area extends into this character area, which along with the visual sensitivity and linear character of the settlement results in a landscape with a low capacity for change. The visual sensitivity and the value of the landscape in this area illustrate that it has a low capacity.

**Visual Sensitivity:** (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

General Visibility: L L/M M **M/H** H

Population: L L/M M **M/H** H

Mitigation Potential: L L/M M **M/H** H

**OVERALL Medium/high**

**Summary of Characteristics**

- There are a number of views through the area, although many views beyond the boundary are limited by surrounding vegetation, development and landform.
- Views of dwellings within the village are well contained by vegetation and there are notable views towards the Church.
- It is an important area in relation to the visual setting to Bramley.
- There are a number of well-used footpaths within and around the area; in addition to a number of residential properties.
- It is considered that extending the vegetation structure would provide only a limited amount of appropriate mitigation.

(iii) A Guide to walks around Bramley, Hampshire, Produced by Bramley Parish Council, 2010



1 Middle Farm towards Frith



2 Edge of conservation area towards village hall



3 Edge of conservation area towards Frith



4 Frith main gate towards Church



5 Frith access road towards Church



6 Frith access road towards New Stocks



7 Minchens Lane along farm track



8 Minchens Lane across field



9 Farm track towards Minchens Lane



10 Clift Meadow towards Minchens site



11 Oliver's Lane towards The Barracks



12 Oliver's Lane towards Green Farm



13 Folly lane towards Farriers Close



14 Folly Lane towards Pumping Station



15 Campbell Road towards Ladyland Copse



16 Farriers towards Folly Lane



17 Farriers towards Oliver's Farm



18 Farriers towards Strawberry Fields

Views from Cufaude Lane



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Bulldown Copse Iron Age Fort from sub-station on Sherfield Road **23**