

SETTLEMENT PROFILE

CARLOPS

HOUSING MARKET AREA
Northern



LOCALITY
Tweeddale



POPULATION
156



PLACEMAKING CONSIDERATIONS

Carlops lies to the east of the Pentland Hills on the North Esk. The settlement Carlops was founded in 1784, when Robert Brown the Laird of Newhall established a cotton weaving industry laying out rows of weavers' cottages on either side of the main Edinburgh-Biggar Road. A significant feature of the Village is the remains of the former quarry, in other locations it would be seen as unsightly but here it is attractive in an unusual way.

Carlops is a linear village that possesses a distinct identity and virtually the entire village sits within the Conservation Area. The openness of the field to the front of Carlops Mains contrasts with the height of the former quarry and gives a sense of enclosure. The most important part of the Conservation Area is the rows of original cottages that have been little altered and are single storey with porches. Elsewhere in the settlement some properties rise to two storeys such as the Allan Ramsey Hotel and Carlops Mains. While the majority of properties front onto the A702, most of the cottages have some form of garden ground to the front. Beige sandstone, slate and harling are frequently used throughout. The majority of the cottages have simple vertical boarded doors. Details such as dry stone boundary walls, skews, stepped quoins, rybats and margins are features that are notable within Carlops and should be preserved.

The Plan does not propose any development proposals. The Village is subject to a high degree of protection, due to the high concentration of Listed properties and the extensive Conservation Area.

The greenspace to the front of Ramsay Cottages provides an attractive amenity space for the village and will therefore be protected.

DEVELOPMENT AND SAFEGUARDING PROPOSALS

KEY GREENSPACE

| SITE REFERENCE | SITE NAME | SITE SIZE (HA) |
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| GSCARL001 | Carlops Verge | 0.03 |

