

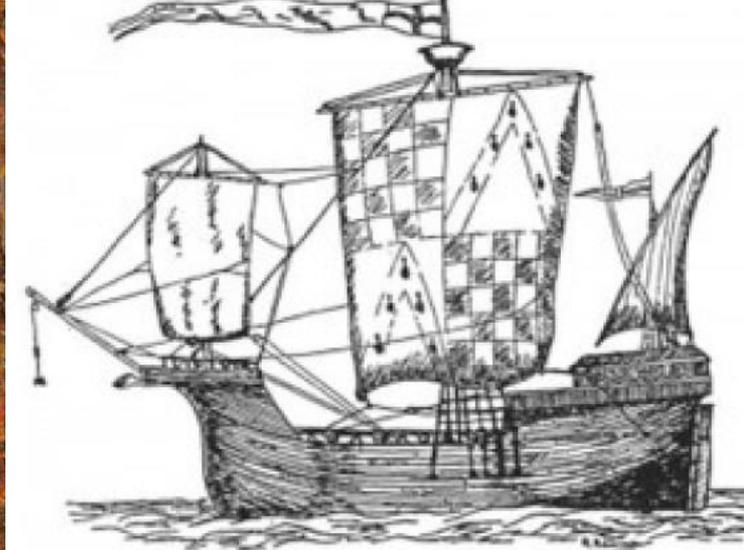
Alternative housing delivery models: Inspiration from landscape

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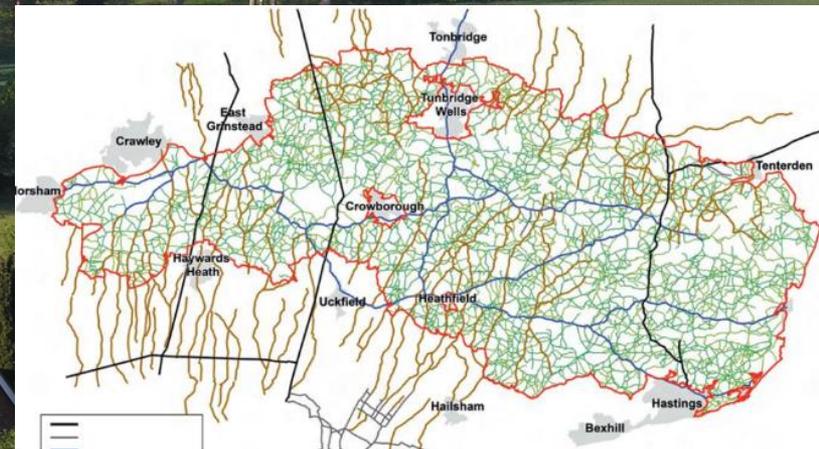
Our ancestors were ingenious



A medieval landscape

The largest remaining woodland in Britain at the end of the Roman period

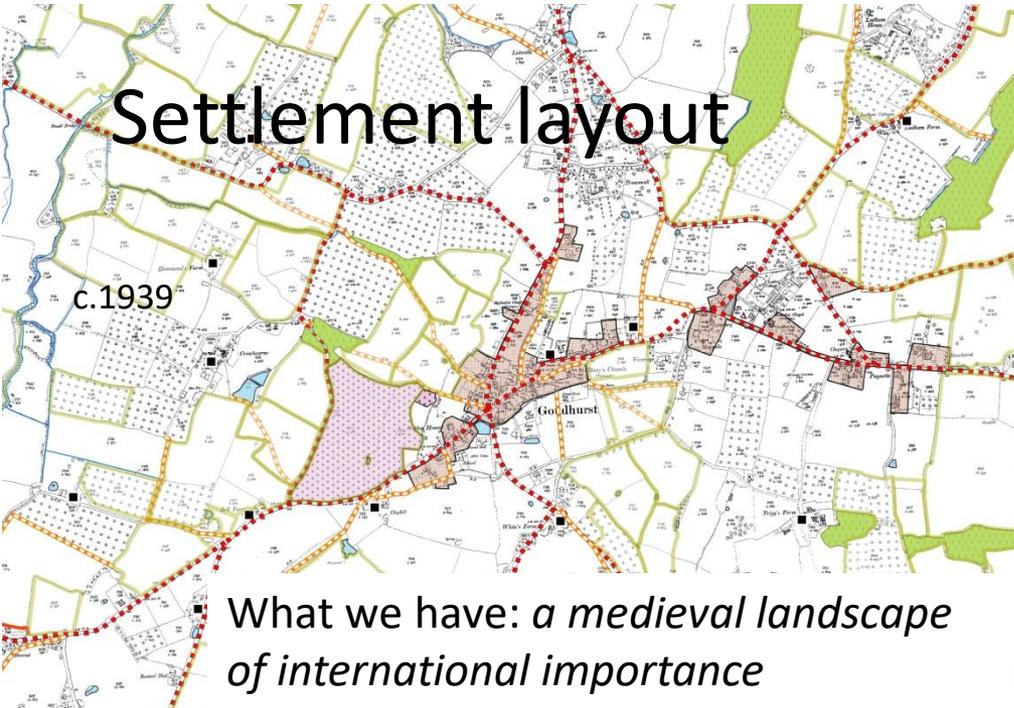
Dispersed historic settlement :
farmsteads and hamlets with villages at
meeting points often along ridge top
roads



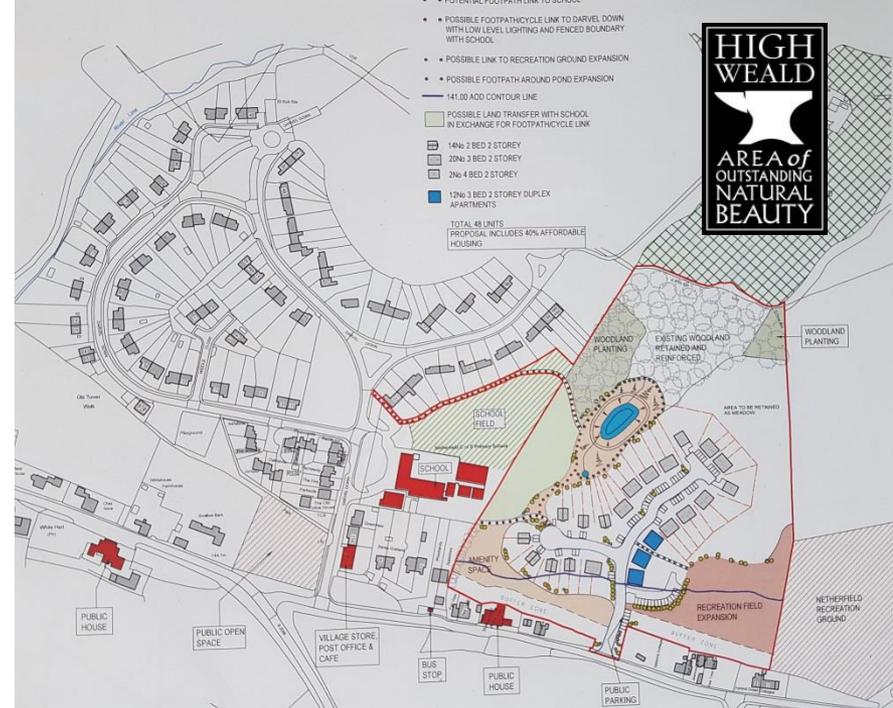
Historic communication routes link
settlements in the Weald with the
Downs

Settlement layout

c.1939



What we have: a medieval landscape of international importance



What is being offered: *cul-de-sacs* which were not seen in Britain until early 1900's



Village residential – scale and form



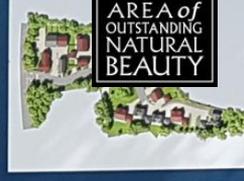
The Alder



The Ash



The Beech



The Birch



The Chestnut



The Oak



The Redwood

What is being offered

What we have – *cottages designed to support trade and craft*

What is possible



Conservation is not just about the look of a place but about its functional relationship with its surroundings

Materials and detail

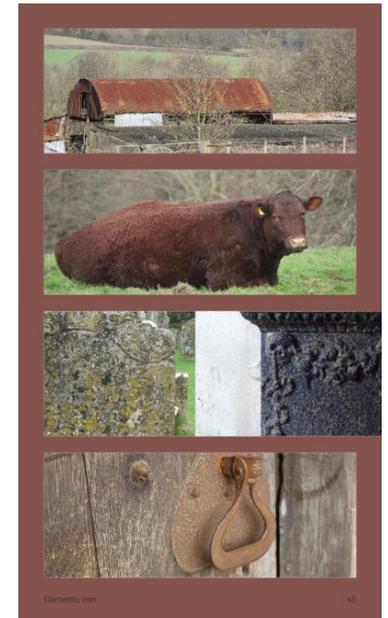
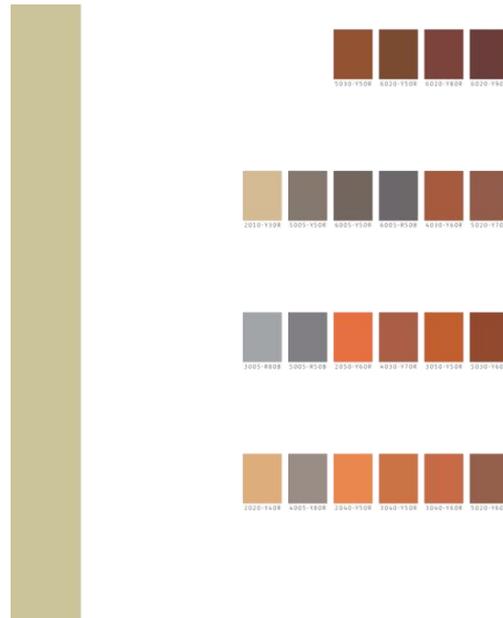


What is being offered



What we have: *colour and material palettes*

Clay, Iron and wood



Boundary treatments



What is being offered
– *a dead zone for wildlife*



What is possible



Surfaces, shared spaces and function



What is being offered



What is possible



62 market value homes
(Prices between £450k for 3-bed and £750k for 5-bed)



Place making - Our ancestors were ingenious: What legacy will we leave for future generations?

- Small sites, maximum natural surfaces
- Local need – residential and economic
- Future proof – low energy buildings, shared spaces, well-connected
- Roads and paths that link rather than isolate
- Local materials, locally produced
- Space for nature

Be bold. Be imaginative. Good luck.
Thank you

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Farmsteads – scale and form



What we have – *3500 historic farmsteads*



What is being offered

