

## MAKING PLACES BUILDING HEIGHTS

High streets often develop relative uniformity of building heights along their length. Berkhamsted has a diversity of building heights in its town centre, primarily ranging from one to four-storeys. The diversity of building heights does not have a negative impact on the building line.

The taller buildings on the High Street vary greatly in quality, from St Peter's Church (2) to a series of modern four-storey shops on the south side of the High Street by Cowper Road (1). Most of the one-storey structures are significant listed buildings, such as the Quaker Church and the Sayers Almshouses.

Buildings throughout Berkhamsted are generally two storeys with some three-storey residential buildings and a few examples of buildings greater than four storeys. Buildings should generally follow the contours of the land to prevent views being blocked.



### KEY ISSUES MP3: BUILDING HEIGHTS

**MP3A**  
There is a variety of buildings heights on the High Street, ranging from one to four-storeys.

**MP3B**  
The newer four-storey buildings on the High Street are of mixed quality, often employing such elements as flat rooftops which are out of character with the town's architectural legacy.

