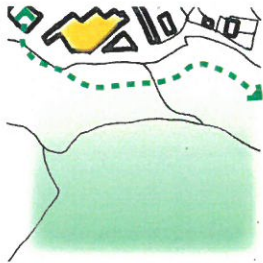
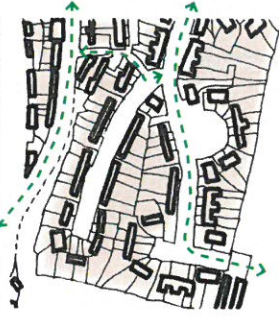


**19th Century Industrial**  
 Density: N/A DPH  
 Footprint to plot ration: 62%  
 Typical depth, front garden: 14 metres  
 Typical depth, rear garden: 24 metres



The western employment area contains Rose Mills and the former station, both good examples of 19th-Century industrial layouts. The layouts are informal, organic, set around large courtyards similar to farm and rural buildings. Today there is a clear divide between the built environment and green rural landscapes. Some high densities can be achieved on layouts such as these as they lend themselves to larger buildings set within larger areas of public realm/open space, which can be used for parking and gardens.

**Late Twentieth Century - Blackdown**  
 Density: 212 DPH  
 Footprint to plot ratio: 18%-31%  
 Typical depth, front garden: 9 metres  
 Typical depth, rear garden: 17 metres



Blackdown view has large plots in relation to building footprint and is very land hungry but appropriate to this area which has a steep topography. Dwellings are modest in size and set in groups of 2 to 5 homes. Fairly consistent open street frontage with generous front gardens, providing for bin and bike storage. There is a mixture of on and off street parking and garages, with wide roads and landscaped verges. Large back gardens and frequent side gardens, create a desirable layout and density appropriate to smaller sites on the edge of the built up area, visible from wider views. No communal open space.

**Late Twentieth century - Summerlands**  
 Density: 272 DPH  
 Footprint to plot ratio: 23%-27%  
 Typical depth, front garden: 4-7 metres  
 Typical depth, rear garden: 8 metres



The Summerlands Park residential area which lies just west of the centre, is considered by the community as a good example of suitable family home sizes and layouts. This has a suburban character with open front gardens, with a low density, perhaps more appropriate to sites on the edge of the town. Whilst the street scene is bland in places, this has a reasonably light urban grain but the layout creates a good sense of community and 'ticks all the boxes' in terms of parking and garden space, whilst providing for views out of Ilminster.

## Density and layout in Ilminster

