

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
16 APRIL 2015

Report of the Head of Regulatory Services

DRAFT CHARACTER APPRAISAL FOR KIRK IRETON CONSERVATION AREA

SUMMARY

The report advises on the public consultation undertaken in respect of the Draft Kirk Ireton Conservation Area Character Appraisal and recommends its approval with minor modifications to the proposed text.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Kirk Ireton Conservation Area Character Appraisal be approved with minor modifications to the proposed text.

WARDS AFFECTED

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Conservation Area Character Appraisals are undertaken for designated and proposed Conservation Areas. These will be of considerable assistance in delivering the Council's corporate aim of protecting and enhancing the environment.

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 At the meeting of this Committee held on 18th December 2014 it was resolved that the Kirk Ireton Conservation Area Appraisal be approved for a six-week period of public consultation. It was further resolved that the results of the public consultation exercise would be reported to this Committee, outlining the responses received during that period (Minute 214/14 refers).
- 1.2 The Draft Appraisal was subject to public consultation between 15th January 2015 and 26th February 2015. Copies of the draft document were distributed to key stakeholders including Kirk Ireton Parish Council, the local Ward Member, the County Councillor and Derbyshire County Council (Environmental Services and Highways Departments).
- 1.3 Posters advertising the consultation period and the public advisory meeting were distributed around Kirk Ireton and a formal public notice was published in the local press. The Appraisal document was available to view at Matlock Town Hall and on the District Council's website, as well as via Kirk Ireton Parish Council.

1.4 A public advisory session was held in Kirk Ireton Village Hall on 27th January 2015 (between 4.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m.) and was attended by the District Council's Conservation Officers. Over 30 members of the public attended, mainly local residents.

2.0 REPORT

2.1 The Draft Conservation Area Appraisal was generally well received and the advisory meeting was well attended. However, no correspondence (letters or emails) have been received during the six week consultation period. Verbal comments were made at the advisory meeting relating to (a) the village pump not being original (only ornamental); (b) the 'stable' door on Main Street being formed to serve a former village shop; and (c) the cottage opposite the Old Rectory, whilst externally appearing as a 19th and 20th century build, incorporates an earlier cruck frame. It is considered that these are minor amendments to the text which can be incorporated into the existing document.

2.2 As a result of verbal comments received, it is therefore recommended that the Kirk Ireton Conservation Area Character Appraisal be modified to incorporate those comments and the final document be formally approved.

3.0 RISK ASSESSMENT

3.1 Legal

The proposals are in accordance within the statutory framework. The legal risk is, therefore, low.

3.2 Financial

There are no financial risks arising from this report. The cost of the Conservation Area Character Appraisal Programme can be contained within existing budgets.

4.0 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

In preparing this report, the relevance of the following factors has also been considered: prevention of crime and disorder, equalities, environmental, climate change, health, human rights, personnel and property.

5.0 CONTACT INFORMATION

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6.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

...Reports to Partnership and Regeneration Committee : 18th December 2014; 4th September 2008; 16th September 2004; 14th April 2003
...National Planning Policy Framework : March 2012
...The Historic Environment Planning Practice Guide - English Heritage / Department of Culture, Media & Sport, Communities and Local Government - March 2010
...Guidance on Conservation Area Character Appraisals – English Heritage - 2006