

PARTNERSHIP & REGENERATION COMMITTEE
23 FEBRUARY 2012

Report of Director of Planning and Housing Services

CONSERVATION AREA CHARACTER APPRAISAL – OLD MATLOCK

SUMMARY

The report summarises the representations received in respect of the Draft Old Matlock Conservation Area Character Appraisal and seeks approval to proceed with its adoption.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Old Matlock Conservation Area Character Appraisal be adopted in accordance with the recommendations as set out in Appendix 1.

WARDS AFFECTED

Matlock St. Giles.

STRATEGIC LINK

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 22nd September 2011 it was resolved that the Old Matlock 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 161/11 refers).
- 1.2 The Draft Appraisal was subject to public consultation between 20th October 2011 and 1st December 2011. Copies of the draft document were distributed to key stakeholders including Matlock Town Council, Matlock Civic Association, local Ward Members, the County Councillor and Derbyshire County Council (Environmental Services and Highways Departments). Notification of the Appraisal was also provided to the Parochial Church Council.
- 1.3 As no alterations were proposed to the boundary of the Conservation Area there was no requirement to notify individual residents and/or owners of land. Posters advertising the consultation period and the public advisory meeting were distributed around Old Matlock and a formal public notice was published in the local press. The Appraisal document was available at Matlock Town Hall and on the District Council's website.

1.4 A public advisory session was held at Matlock Town Hall on 2nd November (between 4.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.) and was attended by the District Council's Conservation Officers. Five local residents attended.

2.0 REPORT

2.1 As a result of the public consultation process, Matlock Town Council have forwarded comments to the District Council. Appendix 1 summarises the representations received and provides Officer Comments and Recommendations.

2.2 No amendments are proposed to the Conservation Area boundary

2.3 As a result of comments received, changes are now proposed to the text contained within the Draft Appraisal. It is, therefore, recommended that the Old Matlock Conservation Area Character Appraisal be modified in accordance with the recommendations set out in Appendix 1.

3.0 RISK ASSESSMENT

3.1 Legal

The report proposes actions which fall within the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and PPS5. 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, equality of opportunity, environmental, health, legal and human rights, financial, personnel and property considerations.

5.0 CONTACT INFORMATION

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6.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

Description

Date

Reports to Partnership and Regeneration Committee

14th April 2003

16th Sept 2004

4th Sept 2008

22nd Sept 2011

Planning Policy Statement 5 : Planning for the Historic Environment & Historic Environment Planning Practice Guide

March 2010

Guidance on Conservation Area Character Appraisals – English Heritage

1997 and 2006

Letter received from :-
Matlock Town Council

26th November 2011

7.0 ATTACHMENTS

Appendix 1 - Representations received and Officer comments / recommendations.