

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
29TH NOVEMBER 2012

Report of Director of Planning and Housing Services

SHIRLEY CONSERVATION AREA CHARACTER APPRAISAL

SUMMARY

This report advises Members about the public consultation undertaken in respect of the Draft Shirley Conservation Area Character Appraisal and seeks approval to proceed with its adoption.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Shirley Conservation Area Character Appraisal be adopted and that authority be delegated to the Director of Planning and Housing Services to implement the statutory procedures necessary to amend the boundary of the existing Conservation Area as set out in Appendix 1.

WARDS AFFECTED

Clifton and Bradley

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 the Environment Committee held on 23rd August 2012, it was resolved that the Draft Shirley 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 a further meeting of the Environment Committee, outlining any responses received during that period (Minute 129/12 refers).
- 1.2 The Draft Appraisal was subject to public consultation between 6th September and 18th October 2012. Copies of the Draft Appraisal were distributed to key stakeholders including Shirley Parish Council, local Ward Member Councillor Shirley, Derbyshire County Councillor Lewer, and Derbyshire County Council (Environmental Services and Highways Departments). Notification of the Appraisal was also provided to the Parochial Church Council via the local vicar.

- 1.3 The Draft Appraisal proposed a modification to the boundary of the Conservation Area to include a parcel of land associated with the burial ground (see Appendix 1 to this report), and as such written notifications were sent to properties immediately affected i.e. the Church and the neighbouring dwelling - 'The Old School House'. The notifications included extracts from the Conservation Area Appraisal (Boundary Review) and map (Figure 12).
- 1.4 Posters advertising the consultation period and the public advisory meeting were distributed around Shirley and a formal public notice was published in the local press. The Draft Appraisal document was available to view at Ashbourne Leisure Centre, Matlock Town Hall, and on the District Council's website.
- 1.5 A public advisory session was held at on Thursday 11th October 2012 (between 4.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m.) and was attended by the District Council's Conservation Officers. Four local residents, including members of the Parish and Parochial Church Council, attended.

2.0 REPORT

- 2.1 Despite a number of local residents attending the public advisory session, no formal written comments were received in respect of the contents of the Conservation Area Appraisal.
- 2.2 On the basis that there were no objections to the proposed modification it is therefore recommended that the Shirley Conservation Area Character Appraisal is approved and the boundary amended as shown in Appendix 1.
- 2.3 In order to modify the Shirley Conservation Area boundary, it is recommended that the Director of Planning and Housing Services be given delegated authority to implement the necessary statutory procedures.

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, 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	23 rd February 2012 14 th April 2003 16 th September 2004 4 th September 2008
Report to Environment Committee	23 rd August 2012
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

ATTACHMENTS

Appendix 1 – Map of Conservation Area boundary including proposed extension.