
Meeting: Conservation Area Reviews 2009 - 2010 Meeting

Date: 26 March 2010

Subject: Conservation Area Reviews 2009 – 2010

Report of: Rob Uff

Summary: The purpose of the report is to approve the eight draft conservation area appraisals following consultations with Ward Councillors and the public.

Contact Officer: Rob Uff,

Public/Exempt: Public

Wards Affected: Eggington, Linslade, Streatley, Millbrook, Toddington, Heath & Reach, Barton-le-Clay and Shefford

Function of: Council

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Council Priorities: To enhance the unique character of our communities and our environment.

Financial: None as a result of this report

Legal: None as a result of this report

Risk Management: None as a result of this report

Staffing (including Trades Unions): None as a result of this report

Equalities/Human Rights: None as a result of this report

Community Safety: None as a result of this report

Sustainability: Each Appraisal promotes key values, opportunities and objectives for the continued preservation and enhancement of Central Bedfordshire's unique historic environment

RECOMMENDATION(S):

that the Portfolio Holder for Sustainable Development approves the eight conservation area appraisals produced in the conservation area reviews undertaken in 2009 – 2010.

Background and Information

1. The recent consultations on these eight conservation area reviews and draft appraisals have now been completed. Each review and draft appraisal was launched at a public exhibition. These were advertised generally through the Parish or Town Councils with posters, local information publications and in the local newspapers. Some Parish Councils also requested a presentation to follow up the exhibition half day event.
2. Most representations and responses are entirely supportive of the draft appraisals, and of the proposed minor boundary amendments and identified opportunities for enhancement.
3. A summary of the draft appraisals and the consultation responses for each of the eight conservation areas reviewed during 2009-2010 is attached as an appendix to this report.
4. With one of the appraisals, Barton-le-Clay, as a result of the consultation, there was a proposal for a significant amendment – 4 additional relatively small extensions to the proposed conservation area boundary. Following an assessment and evaluation of the points made in support of the proposed extensions, it was concluded that two of the proposed extensions were fully justified and could be achieved without in any way devaluing the special character of the designated conservation area. The other two areas proposed for inclusion were considered not to accord with usual conservation area designation good practice, in that they would involve isolated outliers to the historic core defined in the proposed conservation area.
5. Some minor amendments to the originally proposed boundaries are included – as set out in the summary for each respective conservation area.

Appendices:

Appendix A – Eggington draft conservation area consultation

Appendix B – Linslade draft conservation area consultation

Appendix C – Streatley draft conservation area consultation

Appendix D – Millbrook draft conservation area consultation

Appendix E – Toddington draft conservation area consultation

Appendix F – Heath & Reach draft conservation area consultation

Appendix G – Barton-le-Clay draft conservation area consultation

Appendix H – Shefford draft conservation area consultation

Background Papers:

'Guidance on Conservation Area Appraisals' English Heritage and Planning Advisory Service, February 2006

Location of papers: Priory House, Chicksands