

PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No.
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THE AILSWORTH CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S	
FROM : Jim Daley - Planning Services	Deadline date :
That Committee:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. notes the outcome of the public consultation on the Ailsworth Conservation Area Appraisal 2. recommends that the Cabinet Member for Environment considers and approves the proposed boundary changes (Appendix 1) 3. supports the adoption of the Ailsworth Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan as the Council's planning guidance and strategy for the Ailsworth Conservation Area 	

1 ORIGIN OF REPORT

- 1.1 A review of the Ailsworth Conservation Area was carried out in 2008 as part of the Council's on-going review of all 29 of Peterborough's designated Conservation Areas. A detailed Appraisal has been prepared for the Area and, following public consultation and subsequent amendment, it is now proposed that the Ailsworth Conservation Area Appraisal is formally adopted as the Council's planning guidance and strategy for the Area.

2 PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

- 2.1 This report is submitted to the Committee for approval of the Ailsworth Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan, as appended. The report provides an update on the outcome of the public consultation on the Draft Ailsworth Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan and proposes amendments to the Conservation Area boundary.
- 2.2 This report is for the Committee to consider under its Terms of Reference No. 2.6.1.5 to be consulted by and comment on the Executive's draft plans which will form part of the Development Plan proposals at each formal stage in preparation.

3 TIMESCALE

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If Yes, date for relevant Cabinet Meeting	N/A
Date for relevant Council meeting	N/A	Date for submission to Government Dept <i>(please specify which Government Dept)</i>	N/A

4 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The draft Appraisal commenced public consultation on 28th November 2008 and the consultation period concluded on 19th January 2009. A copy of the document was published on the Council's website, and copies were provided to Ward members, English Heritage and Go-East. A letter and summary leaflet was sent to nearly all properties in the village and other interested parties, including planning agents and Peterborough Civic Society.
- 4.2 5 representations were received and these are summarised together with the Conservation Officer's response in Appendix 2. Replies have been sent to all who made representations. The Appraisal has been revised to take account of various representations received and the approved version will be available on the Council's web site.

5 ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES

The Ailsworth Conservation Area Appraisal fulfils the Local Planning Authorities obligations under the Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 to 'draw up and publish proposals for the preservation and enhancement of conservation areas. The Appraisal identifies the special character of the Ailsworth Conservation Area and confirms that it merits designation as a conservation area. It also includes a Management Plan (as required by regulations) which identifies works and actions to secure the preservation and enhancement of the conservation area.

The adoption of Conservation Area Appraisals and Management Plans for all Conservation Areas are Best Value Performance Indicators (BVPI 219b & 219c). Adoption of the Ailsworth Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan will ensure that the Council meets its target for these BVPI's

6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

Adoption of the Ailsworth Conservation Area Appraisal as the Council's planning guidance and strategy for the Area will:

- fulfil the Local Planning Authorities obligations under the Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 to prepare and publish proposals for the preservation and enhancement of Conservation Areas.
- provide specific Conservation Area advice which will be used as local design guidance and therefore assist in achieving the Council's aim of improved design standards and the delivery of a high quality planning service.
- have a significant impact on the enhancement of the Conservation Area by ensuring that new development in the historic environment is both appropriate to its context and of demonstrable quality.

7 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- Do nothing – this would be contrary to Government guidance (Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990) and the requirements of BVPI 219b & 219c would not be met.

8 IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There are no specific financial implications for the City Council identified in this report.
- 8.2 The Appraisal and Management Plan identify works to conserve and enhance the Conservation Area. The implementation of some of these works will however require the involvement of the City Council, specifically in relation to future works to the public realm.

This may have cost implications but these cannot be quantified at this time. Works will also involve co-ordination across Service Departments of the Council

- 8.3 Potential public sector funding partners may emerge for some works, depending on the grant regimes and other opportunities that may exist in the future. Other works, such as the replacement of non-original features, may be carried out entirely by private owners without public funding.
- 8.4 The City Council will seek to attract additional resources in partnership with other interested parties and funding bodies to help implement works identified in the Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan.

9 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

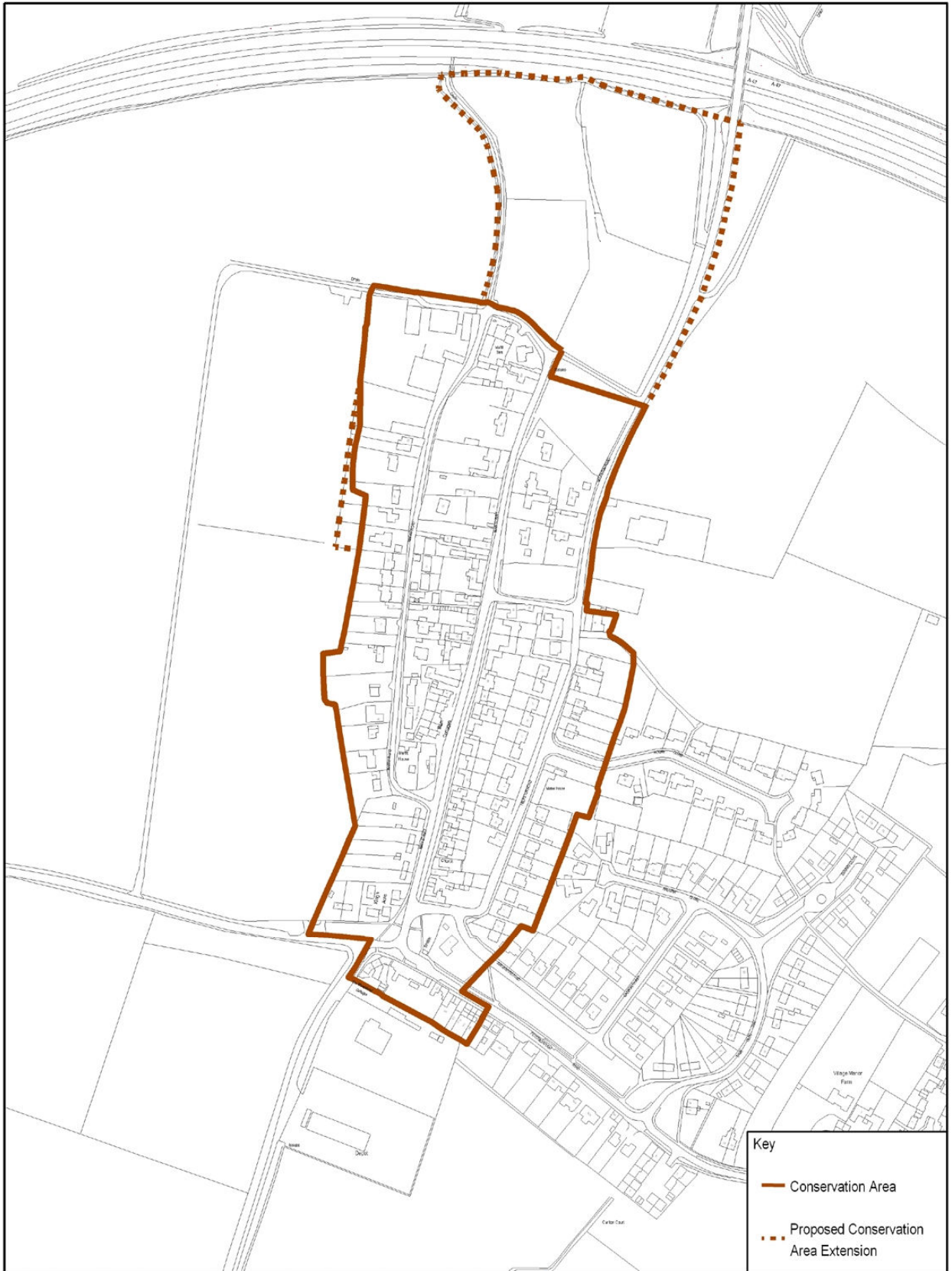
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Ailsworth Built Environment Audit 2002/2004

Castor and Ailsworth Village Design Statement 2004

Guidance on Conservation Area Appraisals, English Heritage 2005

Guidance on the Management of Conservation Areas, English Heritage 2005



Title Appendix 1 Conservation Area Boundary and Proposals Map

Department Planning Services

Drg. No. N/A

PCC GIS

Scale 1:4000

Date 3rd November 2008

Name LRM



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APPENDIX 2

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS ON AILSWORTH CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL AND MANAGEMENT PLAN

- Ailsworth Parish Council

1. Support the Appraisal and Management Plan.
2. Agree with extension of Conservation area
3. Corrections and amendments to text advised

Response

1. Comments noted
2. Comments noted
3. Noted and text amended.

- English Heritage

- 1 Support presentation of Appraisal information
- 2 General comments on additions to text and content.
- 3 No objection to extension of the conservation area. Suggest case for extension is more fully made. Suggest possible extension to include properties to 105 Peterborough Road.

Response

- 1 Comments noted
- 2 The appraisal has been amended to incorporate this advice
- 3 Noted. Extension of the conservation area between 105 and 107 Peterborough Road (including 107a and 107b) has been considered further but is not proposed as nos. 107, 107a and 107b are mid 20th c age and of little architectural or historic value.

- Peterborough Civic Society

- 1 Welcome the Appraisal. Putting into practice proposed policies will be the test of the success of the work. Conservation area boundary extensions supported.
- 2 A case could be made for extension to the east of Helpston Road.

Response

- 1 Comments noted. and text amended / clarified accordingly.
- 2 The extent of any such area is difficult to define – little and limited historic landscape value.

- Richard Hillier Peterborough Library

Suggested detail and commentary to text.

Response

The appraisal has been amended to incorporate this information.

- Resident

1. Support proposed extension north towards A47 by-pass
2. Reservations over practical issues of re-creation of former village pond to The Green. Would support restoration of existing pond located to proposed conservation area extension.

Response

- 1 Noted
- 2 Noted

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