

PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 5
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THE THORNHAUGH CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S	
FROM : Daniel Worley - Planning Services	Deadline date : N.A.
That Committee:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notes the outcome of the public consultation on the Thornhaugh Conservation Area Appraisal 2. Supports the adoption of the Thornhaugh Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan as the Council's planning guidance and strategy for the Thornhaugh Conservation Area 	

1 ORIGIN OF REPORT

- 1.1 A review of the Thornhaugh Conservation Area was carried out in 2018 as part of the Council's on-going review of all 29 of Peterborough's designated Conservation Areas. A detailed written appraisal has been prepared for the area and, following public consultation it is now proposed that the Thornhaugh 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 Thornhaugh Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan, as appended. The report provides an update on the outcome of the public consultation on the Draft Thornhaugh Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan.
- 2.2 The purpose of this Report is so that the Committee can be consulted and give its views before its submission to Cabinet.

3 TIMESCALE

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If Yes, date for relevant Cabinet Meeting	N/A
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4 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The draft Appraisal was subject to public consultation from 29th November 2018 to 17th February 2019. A copy of the document was published on the Council's website, and a letter was sent to all properties in the village and other interested parties, including the Peterborough Civic Society, Historic England, the Parish Council and the ward councillor.
- 4.2 Representations have been received from Historic England and local residents in support the Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan. Comments from Thornhaugh Parish Council and other residents were also broadly supportive of the Appraisal and Plan,

albeit with specific comments. No comments were received with any substantial objections to the Draft Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan.

- 4.3 During the consultation period, Historic England updated its Conservation Area Appraisal Technical Guidance. The Appraisal has been revised to include two elements which are now recommended that Appraisals include, Impact of the area's history on its existing character and an Archaeological sensitivity analysis.
- 4.4 A limited number of minor amendments, correcting factual and spelling errors have been incorporated resulting from consultation comments. The approved version will be available on the Council's web site.

5 ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES

- 5.1 The Thornhaugh Conservation Area Appraisal fulfils the Local Planning Authorities obligations under Section 71 the Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 to 'formulate and publish proposals for the preservation and enhancement of ...their conservation areas'. The Appraisal identifies the special character of the Thornhaugh Conservation Area and confirms that it merits designation as a conservation area. It also includes a Management Plan which identifies works and actions to secure the preservation and enhancement of the conservation area.

6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

Adoption of the *Thornhaugh* 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 positive 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

1. Do nothing – this would be contrary to Government guidance (Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990) and Guidance on Conservation Area Appraisals, English Heritage 2019.

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 Thornhaugh 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

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985)

Conservation Area Designation, Appraisal and Management, Historic England (2019)

Appendix 1 Thornhaugh Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan

Appendix 2 Thornhaugh Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan consultation comments and responses

Appendix 3 Thornhaugh Historical Evolution Map

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