
REPORT TO:	Environmental and Development Services Committee	AGENDA ITEM: 7
DATE OF MEETING:	2 nd October 2014	CATEGORY: OPEN
REPORT FROM:	Director of Community and Planning	
MEMBERS' CONTACT POINT:	Nicola Sworowski, Planning Policy Manager, ext. 5983	DOC:
SUBJECT:	Conservation Area Character Statements	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	Aston, Repton, Melbourne, Swadlincote, Stenson, Willington & Findern, Etwall, Seales	TERMS OF REFERENCE: EDS 04

1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 That the committee approves the extension of the conservation area boundaries for Trent and Mersey canal, Stanton by Bridge and Trusley.
- 1.2 That the committee approves the adoption of the draft conservation area characters statements for Shardlow, Smisby, Stanton by Bridge, Swadlincote, Swarkestone, Trent & Mersey Canal, Trusley, Twyford, Walton on Trent and Woodhouses.
- 1.3 That the approval of the Ticknall conservation area character statements be deferred pending further more detailed consideration of the historical facts that have been proposed through the consultation.

3.0 Purpose of Report

- 3.1 To consider the outcome of the public consultation exercise on the eleven draft conservation area character statements that took place between February and March 2013.

4.0 Detail

- 4.1 This round of consultation was on the second eleven conservation area character statements (letters S – W) as the first eleven (letters A – R) were consulted upon and brought before committee for adoption in June 2011 with Milton and Repton adopted in 2013.
- 4.2 For this second set of conservation area character statements the consultation ran from 1st February 2013 to 19th April 2013. There were four drop in events that were held in Melbourne, Swadlincote, Walton on Trent and Shardlow. The documents were also made available on the Council's website.

- 4.3 Comments were received on the following statements: Stanton by Bridge, Swarkestone, Trent & Mersey Canal, Trusley and also Ticknall (to be deferred). A summary of the comments received can be seen at Appendix 1 and the action proposed for each comment.
- 4.4 In regards to the Ticknall conservation area character statement, Janet Spavold and Sue Brown made detailed comments on the historical context included in the document. This needs to be considered in more detail as to whether changes are appropriate and sources of information may need to be checked hence the reason for deferring the recommendation to adopt this statement. However, the comments received and also those of Ticknall Parish Council can be seen at Appendix 1.
- 4.5 The second table of the Appendix 1 also lists some minor changes that have been identified by officers. The changes relate mainly to an update of details where buildings have been built or changed and the need to update the OS base map for each area as well.
- 4.6 These conservation area character statements have already succeeded in making people aware of the special qualities within each of the eleven areas (22 in total). They will also be a useful tool for the development management process and also in aiding the Local Plan Part 2 policies.

5.0 Financial Implications

- 5.1 There are no financial implications

6.0 Corporate Implications

- 6.1 The District's conservation areas are a key component of its vibrant communities which offer opportunities for the future, such as tourism and job creation.
- 6.2 If recommended then the status of these documents will change from draft to adopted on the Council's website. Those people that made comments on the documents will be informed if the documents are adopted.

7.0 Community Implications

- 7.1 Conservation Character Area appraisals help to sustain the District's built heritage, a valuable and non-renewable resource. Investment in built heritage promotes tourism and improves environmental quality for all.

8.0 Background Papers

- 8.1 Draft Conservation Area Character Statements can be viewed at: http://www.south-derbys.gov.uk/planning_and_building_control/conservation_and_heritage/character_statements/default.asp