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Date of meeting Tuesday, 28th May, 2013
Time 7.00 pm
Venue Committee Room 1, Civic Offices, Merrial Street,
Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, ST5 2AG
Contact Geoff Durham

Conservation Advisory Working Party

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

PART 1 – OPEN AGENDA

- a Audley Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan (Pages 1 - 4)

Members: Councillors Allport, Mrs Burnett (Chair), Miss Cooper (Vice-Chair), Robinson and Wilkes

Members of the Council: If you identify any personal training/development requirements from any of the items included in this agenda or through issues raised during the meeting, please bring them to the attention of the Democratic Services Officer at the close of the meeting.

Meeting Quorum

16+= 5 Members; 10-15=4 Members; 5-9=3 Members; 5 or less = 2 Members.

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Audley Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan Supplementary Planning Document

Purpose of the Report

To inform members of the Conservation Advisory Working Party of the results of the consultation process on the draft Audley Conservation Area and Management Plan Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and to consider the SPD prior to its consideration by the Planning Committee.

Recommendation

That the Working Party commend to the Planning Committee the Audley Conservation Area and Management Plan Supplementary Planning Document.

Reasons

The consultation period is now over and it is proposed the document be adopted.

1.0 Introduction

1.1 The Planning Committee, on 19th February this year, approved a draft Audley Conservation Area and Management Plan Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for consultation purposes. The purpose of this report is to inform members of Working Party of the results of the consultation on the draft SPD, and to enable the Working Party to consider the final draft SPD prior to it being considered by the Planning Committee.

2.0 Background

2.1 The SPD seeks to provide additional information to ensure that the Borough's Conservation Areas are safeguarded for the future to supplement the objectives and policies contained in the Joint Core Spatial Strategy. The SPD redefines the special interest of the Audley Conservation Area and identifies issues which threaten these special qualities. The Management Plan provides a framework for future actions.

3.0 Consultation process and results

3.1 The consultation on the draft SPD took place over a six week period from 28 February to 11th April 2012. This draft was submitted to the Conservation Advisory Working Party for comment at its meeting on the 19th February 2013, and is also available to view on the Council's website www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk. At its meeting on the 19th February the Working Party commended the Draft Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan Supplementary Planning Document to the Planning Committee to approve for consultation purposes.

- 3.2 The consultation exercise involved working with the Parish Council, Audley Millennium Trust and the Locality Action Partnership:
- The documents were on the Council's website and made available in Newcastle Library, the Guildhall and Audley Library. All of these details are also available on the Parish Council website.
 - A news release was sent and published by the Sentinel.
 - An exhibition and consultation event held at the library in Audley on 28th March for 3 hours and in the Church Hall on 9th April 2013 in the evening. Posters about this event were sent to all groups and put up on notice boards, library and around the village.
- 3.3 In total, there was only one submitted response to the consultation on the draft. A consultation statement has been prepared with the individual comment and the response, including any recommended changes. A copy of this Statement is appended to this report as Appendix A. Any representations have been retained on file and can be viewed on request.
- 3.4 The response to the document was minimal, and that may be for a number of reasons. The document was written with the help and cooperation of the Parish Council and community.
- 3.5 Any member of the Working Party wishing to obtain a paper copy of the draft SPD is invited to contact the Planning Service.
- 3.6 Under the new Regulations, before the SPD can be adopted the Council has to make available both the SPD and the Consultation Statement and allow a further limited period for representations to be made. This consultation period ends on 24th May and so far no responses have been received. Any responses will be tabled in a supplementary report.

4.0 Next Steps

- 4.1 Once adopted, the SPD together with an adoption statement will be posted on the Council's Planning website and will be made available at a charge in hard copy if requested. Electronic copies of the SPD will be emailed to all those who participated in the consultation process.

5.0 Background Papers

Consultation Draft SPD
Copies of representation made on the draft SPD
The SPD Consultation Statement

Consultation Statement

Audley Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

Background

The SPD redefines the special interest of the Audley Conservation Area and identifies issues which threaten these special qualities. The Management Plan provides a framework for future actions.

Once adopted, the SPD will supplement the objectives and policies contained in the Joint Core Spatial Strategy.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Regulation 12 of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 which came into force on the 6th April 2012 state that before a Local Planning Authority adopt a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) they must prepare a statement setting out: the names of any persons the authority consulted in connection with the preparation of the SPD (these are filed within the Planning and Development Service); a summary of the main issues raised in these consultations and how these have been addressed in the SPD. In addition before the SPD can be adopted the Statement has to be made available, with the Supplementary Planning Document, together with details of the date by which representations on it must be made and the address to which they must be sent.
- 1.2 This Consultation Statement explains the consultation process followed for the SPD, and aims to demonstrate that the Council undertook sufficient public consultations, using its best endeavours to consult and involve the community in the most effective way possible.

2. The Consultation Process

- 2.1 The Council contacted Audley Parish Council to see if they were interested in being involved in the process of carrying out a review of the Audley Conservation Area. Two members of the Parish Council expressed an interest and became involved. They also provided names of local groups operating in the locality who were also interested in participating. These were Audley Millennium Trust and the Locality Action Partnership. The Trust also became actively involved in the process helping to write part of the document and both the Parish Council and the Trust were involved in the preparation of the documents and fieldwork.
- 2.2 A six week consultation programme was carried out on the draft consultation Audley Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan Supplementary Planning Document from 28 February to 11 April 2013.

The consultation involved:

- The draft SPD and supporting documents being made available to download from the Council's website both during and after the consultation period. All of these details also available on the Parish Council website.

- An exhibition and consultation event held at the library in Audley on 28th March for 3 hours and in the Church Hall on 9th April 2013 in the evening. Posters about this event were sent to all groups and put up on notice boards, library and around the village.
- New release sent to and published by the Sentinel.
- Inspection copies of the SPD being made available in the Guildhall, the Borough Council offices and the Audley library.

2.3 Following the consultation process and the production of this summary statement, representations can be made to the Council for consideration before final approval by the Council and adoption of the documents.

3.0 Summary of the main issues raised and how these have been addressed

3.1 The draft SPD has been well received informally by a number of parties, including English Heritage and the Council's Conservation Advisory Working Party, as well as by the Parish Council and the Millennium Green Trust.

3.2 There was one formal representation made in support of the documents. Attendance at the consultation events was low; this can be interpreted as an indication that the involvement of the local community in drafting the SPD has been effective in engaging with the purpose of the SPD and its proposals and is generally supportive.

3.3 Section 4 sets out in summary the main issues raised by the comments. Proposed minor amendments to the draft SPD are set out.

4.0 Consultation Schedule - Comments Received, Council's Response and Actions

Rep ID	Name	Summary of main issue raised	Response	Changes proposed to draft SPD
1	Mrs V Pearson	1. Agree with the boundary change to include roundabout at Alsager Road/Nantwich Road to help protect stone walls. 2. Whole of pond area in Leddys Field Wildlife Area should be included in the Conservation Area.	Noted Noted and agreed.	Amend boundary to include the entire pond.