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Consultation Statement

Watlands Park, Proposed Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

Background

The SPD redefines the special interest of the proposed Conservation Area at Watlands Park 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 states 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 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 Information regarding the consultation on the SPD was sent to Historic England, the County Council, the Council's Conservation Advisory Working Party and local ward members.
- 2.2 A six week consultation programme was carried out on the Supplementary Planning Document from 10th June to 22nd July 2016. This draft is still available to view on the Council's website www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/conservation

The consultation involved:

- The draft SPD and supporting documents was made available to download from the Council's website both during and after the consultation period.
- A consultation event held at Bradwell Lodge, Porthill, on 21st June. Posters about this event were sent to groups and put up around the proposed Conservation Area in public areas.
- News release was published by the Sentinel.
- Inspection copies of the SPD made available in the Guildhall.
- A consultation response sheet was provided to encourage representations to be made

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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 Document.

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

3.1 The draft SPD has been well received. No comments have been received from Historic England or the County Council.

3.2 There have been 5 formal representations made. Attendance at the consultation event was good, with residents and local ward councillors coming to view and discuss the proposals. This is probably due to the involvement of the Residents Association in the process and their supportive and active promotion of it. There much was informal discussion regarding the area's special character and the wish for it to be designated as a Conservation Area.

3.3 Section 4 sets out in summary the main issues raised by the comments. No amendments are proposed to the Document.

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	Resident Albert Terrace	Very supportive of proposed Conservation Area, suggests adding properties at 2-24 Dimsdale Parade East.	Consideration has been given to these properties. 2-12 are not particularly significant, 14/16 were interesting but have suffered alterations and extensions, 18/20 are well proportioned villas and 22/24 are bungalows. Overall it is not felt that it makes sense to include this mixture of properties the CA boundary due to their disparate character and unsympathetic changes.	None proposed.
2	Resident Albert Terrace	Supportive of the proposed Conservation Area and protection of the character and quality of buildings	Noted	No change proposed
3	Resident Woodland Ave	Fully supports the proposals.	Noted	No change proposed
4	Resident Woodland Ave	Supports the proposed Conservation Area to ensure residential character not harmed by future planning applications.	Noted	No change proposed
5	Residents Woodland Avenue	Supportive of the proposal to designate a Conservation Area, but not of any further enlargement of it. Would wish to see individual planning applications that might be	Noted – the Council at present does have some funds available within its Historic Buildings Grant fund to assist homeowners	No change proposed

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		required as a result of an Article 4 direction judged on their merits, and consideration given to use of sash type UPVC windows, insulation requirements and financial assistance where required		
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