

Appendix A

Consultation Statement

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

Background

The SPD redefines the special interest of Keele 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 Local Plan.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Regulation 12 of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, as amended, 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; 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 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, Newcastle-under-Lyme Civic Society, Keele Parish Council, Keele University and Seddon Homes, the Council's Conservation Advisory Working Party and local ward members
- 2.2 A five week consultation programme was carried out on the Supplementary Planning Document from 25th January to 2nd March. 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 were made available to download from the Council's website both during and after the consultation period.
 - A consultation event held at in Keele parish hall, on 30th January. Posters were sent to groups and individuals.
 - Inspection copies of the SPD made available in the Guildhall.
 - A consultation response sheet was provided to encourage representations
- 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.

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

- 3.1 The draft SPD has generally been well received.
- 3.2 There has been 2 formal representations made by Historic England and a Borough Councillor in support of the SPD. Attendance at the consultation event was low, 7 individuals, principally residents from Keele village or the campus coming to view and discuss the proposals. There was informal discussion regarding the trees on the Hawthorns site, the extension of the Conservation Area, the Article 4 Direction and parking issues.
- 3.3 Section 4 sets out in summary the main issues raised by the comments. No amendments are proposed to the documents.

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	Historic England	HE comments that the Appraisal is logical and in line with national guidance. The document clearly articulates the special interest of the Conservation Area and how this contributes to its special character. There are also clear prescriptions for management and some helpful advice on design and likely changes. They suggest the boundary change has been fully considered.	Noted.	None
2	Councillor Naylor	<p>Agrees the extension to the CA boundary is correct.</p> <p>Feels that changes to the Historic Park and Garden on the Campus have been dramatic and encroached on the area</p> <p>Considers that enforcement is not effective but recognises that their experience may be limited. Some good solutions if Conservation Officer involved.</p> <p>Agrees Article 4 Direction is a useful tool to control fenestration and surface materials</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>This comment relates to the campus and not Keele CA</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>MP didn't propose to remove the PD right for hard surfacing.</p>	<p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None; but consider removing this PD right when assessing Keele Article 4 Dir.</p>