

Appendix A

Consultation Statement

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

Background

The SPD redefines the special interest of Maer 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, Maer and Aston Parish Council, owner of Maer Hall and Parkland, 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 31st August to 12th October. 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 Maer parish hall, on 20th September. Posters were sent to the Parish Council for their notice boards. A public notice was published in the local newspaper about the Review and the consultation event.
 - Inspection copies of the SPD were made available.
 - 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 have been 3 formal representations made by Historic England the Parish Council and a resident. Two of these are suggesting some other amendments to the boundary. Attendance at the consultation event was average, but was well supported by the Parish Council. There was informal discussion regarding all of the boundary issues and officers agreed to re-consider the boundary to the North east and south west. All attendees supported the proposed Article 4 Direction for the stone boundary walls in the village. Concerns were raised over the size and quantity and speed of farm vehicles travelling through the village which are damaging property and in particular the Grade II* Listed walls at Maer Hall, but this is not a matter that can be addressed within this Appraisal and Management Plan.
- 3.3 Section 4 sets out in summary the main issues raised by the comments. Following the consultation, it is proposed to amend the boundary in two additional places which are set out below. A plan showing the additional changes to the boundary are included at Appendix B. No other changes are proposed.

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)	HE welcomes the review of the Conservation Area and feels that the document and discussions have been productive and are useful for a comprehensive approach to all of the issues surrounding Maer, including Heritage at Risk and Park stewardship issues.	Noted.	None required
2	Maer and Aston Parish Council	The PC would like to extend the Conservation Area (CA) to include the field boundary (excluding Primrose Cottage) to the NE of the current boundary as it runs through the middle of the field and that this would be a more defensible boundary. Also wish to extend the boundary to include Plum Park triangle of green space.	Noted, agreed to and consider these suggestions.	Agreed to include a small area of green space known as Plum Park for clarity as currently the boundary cuts across the middle of this area. In addition agreed to include the field to the NE of the current boundary which includes Primrose Cottage because of the dramatic topography which sets an impressive backdrop to the CA in this location and creates a better defensible boundary and includes the stone walls along Haddon Lane.
3	Resident, Maer	Suggests including Plum Park triangle of land to the south to create a more defensible boundary.	Noted, see above.	Agreed, see above.