

Report to the Conservation Advisory Working Party on Maer Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan Supplementary Planning Document

Purpose of the Report

To inform the Conservation Advisory Working Party of the results of the consultation process on the draft Maer Conservation Area and Management Plan Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and to give the Working Party the opportunity to pass comments onto the Planning Committee.

Recommendations

That the Working Party commends the draft Maer Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan Supplementary Planning Document to the Planning Committee.

Reason

The consultation period is now over and Planning Committee will consider the final draft and recommend Cabinet to formally adopt the documents as a SPD

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Planning Committee, on 17th July 2018, approved the draft Maer Conservation Area and Management Plan Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for consultation purposes. The purpose of this report is to inform the Working Party of the results of the consultation on the draft SPD, before it is considered for adoption by Planning Committee and Cabinet.
- 1.2 At its meeting on 3rd July 2018 the Conservation Advisory Working Party proposed no amendments or raised any issues with the document at consultation stage.

2.0 Consultation process and results

- 2.1 The consultation on the draft SPD took place over a six week period from 31st August to 12th October and further details are set out in the Consultation Statement attached to this report in Appendix A.
- 2.2 There have been 3 written responses submitted on the draft documents. The representations support the document and amendment to the Conservation Area boundary, suggesting further minor extensions which have been considered and agreed and to the making of an Article 4 Direction to restrict permitted development rights for boundary walls within the Area as a way of helping the protect the area's special character.

3.0 Next Steps

- 3.1 Under the Local Planning 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.
- 3.2 If accepted the Conservation Area's boundary will be formally amended and the relevant notifications done. The Article 4 Direction will be progressed as set out in the Management Proposals.

4.0 Background Papers

Consultation Draft SPD

Copies of representations made on the draft SPD

The SPD Consultation Statement

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