

## CONSIDERATION OF A CONSERVATION AREA AT ASHLEY HEATH, LOGGERHEADS

### Purpose of the Report

That the Working Party considers the report going to the Planning Committee on 21<sup>st</sup> May and the appended document which addresses a request from Loggerheads Parish Council to designate Ashley Heath as a Conservation Area.

### Recommendation

- 1. That the Working Party considers the information and gives a view to the Planning Committee on whether it supports the Council's recommendation not to designate or whether to initiate a consultation exercise with the local community on the matter.**

- 1.1 The Council has a statutory obligation to review its Conservation Areas from time to time and to consider new areas. In July 2018, Loggerheads Parish Council asked that consideration be given to 'Ashley Heath' being designated as a Conservation Area due to its character and appearance and evolution during the first part of the 20th Century.
- 1.2 Officers visited the 'Ashley Heath' area and felt that whilst attractive in its appearance it was not of sufficient architectural or historic interest to warrant designation as a Conservation Area given the limited information provided for the case. The Parish Council was given further time to develop their case and they have written a review of the area with additional information that sets out the character of the area and how the request for designation has been considered. A suggested boundary is shown on a map.
- 1.3 The Conservation Officer does not support the designation of Ashley Heath as a Conservation Area. It is suggested that if the Parish Council consider that the area warrants further protection above and beyond those provided by existing policies they should consider bringing forward an early review of their Neighbourhood Plan to address this issue and that they should also consider making a submission with respect to the emerging Joint Local Plan that it both includes a development management policy that seek to protect the character of this area, in a similar manner it that currently achieved for other areas by saved policy H7.