

Madeley Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan Supplementary Planning Document

Purpose of the Report

To inform the Planning Committee of the results of the consultation process on the draft Madeley Conservation Area and Management Plan Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and to consider the SPD prior to its adoption by Cabinet.

Recommendations

(a) That, subject to no representations being received on the SPD seeking significant changes, the Planning Committee commend the Madeley Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan Supplementary Planning Document to Cabinet for adoption with no changes, and

(b) That should any representations be received seeking minor changes, your officers be given delegated authority to make such minor changes, if appropriate, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman prior to the submission of the document to Cabinet for adoption.

1. Introduction

1.1 The Planning Committee, on 17 April this year, approved a draft Madeley Conservation Area and Management Plan Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for consultation purposes. The purpose of this report is to inform members of Working Party of the results of the consultation on the draft SPD, and to enable the Planning Committee to consider the final draft SPD prior to it being placed on deposit for representations and then considered for adoption by the Cabinet.

2. Background

2.1 The SPD seeks to provide additional information to ensure that the Borough's Conservation Areas are safeguarded for the future to supplement the objectives and policies contained in the Joint Core Spatial Strategy. The SPD redefines the special interest of the Madeley Conservation Area and identifies issues which threaten these special qualities. The Management Plan provides a framework for future actions.

3. Consultation Process and Results

3.1 The consultation on the draft SPD took place over a six week period from 1 May to 12 June 2012. This draft is available to view on the Council's website www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk.

3.2 The consultation exercise involved working with the Parish Council and Madeley Conservation Group and:

- Letters about the consultation were sent to target groups such as the Civic Society and local elected Members. Other groups such as the Madeley Community Association, Madeley Tidy Group, Madeley Residents' Association and the Madeley Locality Action Partnership were all consulted.
- The documents were on the Council's website and made available in Newcastle Library, the Guildhall and the Madeley Centre.
- A news release has gone to the local media and is on the Council's website, its Facebook page and Twitter feed.
- A well publicised consultation event with Officers was held at Madeley Community Centre on 29 May between 2 – 6pm.

3.3 In total, there were only two submitted responses to the consultation on the draft. As required by legislation a Consultation Statement has been prepared with each individual comment and the response to them, including any recommended changes. A copy of this Consultation Statement is appended to this report as Appendix A. Copies of these comments have been retained on file and can be viewed on request.

- 3.4 The response to the document was minimal, and that may be for a number of reasons. The document was written with the help and cooperation of Madeley Conservation Group, who are a local organisation acting on behalf of Madeley residents to protect and preserve the environment. It was also endorsed by the Parish Council who were in full support of the Conservation Group representing the interests of residents.
- 3.5 As a result of the consultation undertaken some very minor typographical amendments are proposed to the consultation draft Appraisal and Management Plan SPD. Because of the limited nature of these proposed amendments members of the Committee are asked to look at the copy of consultation draft that they were provided with as part of the agenda for the Planning Committee on 17 April (Appendices 1 and 2 of item 8). Any member wishing to obtain a new hard copy of the documents is asked to contact Planning Services
- 3.6 The Conservation Advisory Working Party at its meeting on 17 July resolved to commend to the Planning Committee the Madeley Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan Supplementary Planning Document as now amended.

4. **Next Steps**

- 4.1 Under the new Local Planning Regulations, before the SPD can be adopted, the Council has to make available for inspection both the SPD and the Consultation Statement and allow a further limited 4-week period for representations to be made. Any representations made would then have to be considered, and delegated authority is sought to deal with these unless they seek significant amendments. The decision on whether or not to adopt the SPD is for Cabinet to make. Once adopted, the SPD together with an Adoption Statement will be made available and a copy sent to anyone who has asked to be notified of the adoption of the SPD.

5. **Background Papers**

Consultation Draft SPD
Copies of representations made on the draft SPD
The SPD Consultation Statement