

Consultation Statement

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

Background

The SPD redefines the special interest of the Audley 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 Joint Core Spatial Strategy.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Regulation 12 of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 which came into force on the 6th April 2012 state 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 (these are filed within the Planning and Development Service); 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 followed 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 The Council contacted Audley Parish Council to see if they were interested in being involved in the process of carrying out a review of the Audley Conservation Area. Two members of the Parish Council expressed an interest and became involved. They also provided names of local groups operating in the locality who were also interested in participating. These were Audley Millennium Trust and the Locality Action Partnership. The Trust also became actively involved in the process helping to write part of the document and both the Parish Council and the Trust were involved in the preparation of the documents and fieldwork.
- 2.2 A six week consultation programme was carried out on the draft consultation Audley Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan Supplementary Planning Document from 28 February to 11 April 2013.

The consultation involved:

- The draft SPD and supporting documents being made available to download from the Council's website both during and after the consultation period. All of these details also available on the Parish Council website.

- An exhibition and consultation event held at the library in Audley on 28th March for 3 hours and in the Church Hall on 9th April 2013 in the evening. Posters about this event were sent to all groups and put up on notice boards, library and around the village.
- New release sent to and published by the Sentinel.
- Inspection copies of the SPD being made available in the Guildhall, the Borough Council offices and the Audley library.

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.

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

3.1 The draft SPD has been well received informally by a number of parties, including English Heritage and the Council's Conservation Advisory Working Party, as well as by the Parish Council and the Millennium Green Trust.

3.2 There was one formal representation made in support of the documents. Attendance at the consultation events was low; this can be interpreted as an indication that the involvement of the local community in drafting the SPD has been effective in engaging with the purpose of the SPD and its proposals and is generally supportive.

3.3 Section 4 sets out in summary the main issues raised by the comments. Proposed minor amendments to the draft SPD are set out.

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	Mrs V Pearson	1. Agree with the boundary change to include roundabout at Alsager Road/Nantwich Road to help protect stone walls. 2. Whole of pond area in Leddys Field Wildlife Area should be included in the Conservation Area.	Noted Noted and agreed.	Amend boundary to include the entire pond.