

Audley Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan Supplementary Planning Document

Purpose of the Report

To inform members of the Conservation Advisory Working Party of the results of the consultation process on the draft Audley Conservation Area and Management Plan Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and to consider the SPD prior to its consideration by the Planning Committee.

Recommendation

That the Working Party commend to the Planning Committee the Audley Conservation Area and Management Plan Supplementary Planning Document.

Reasons

The consultation period is now over and it is proposed the document be adopted.

1.0 Introduction

1.1 The Planning Committee, on 19th February this year, approved a draft Audley 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 Working Party to consider the final draft SPD prior to it being considered by the Planning Committee.

2.0 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 Audley Conservation Area and identifies issues which threaten these special qualities. The Management Plan provides a framework for future actions.

3.0 Consultation process and results

3.1 The consultation on the draft SPD took place over a six week period from 28 February to 11th April 2012. This draft was submitted to the Conservation Advisory Working Party for comment at its meeting on the 19th February 2013, and is also available to view on the Council's website www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk. At its meeting on the 19th February the Working Party commended the Draft Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan Supplementary Planning Document to the Planning Committee to approve for consultation purposes.

- 3.2 The consultation exercise involved working with the Parish Council, Audley Millennium Trust and the Locality Action Partnership:
- The documents were on the Council's website and made available in Newcastle Library, the Guildhall and Audley Library. All of these details are also available on the Parish Council website.
 - A news release was sent and published by the Sentinel.
 - 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.
- 3.3 In total, there was only one submitted response to the consultation on the draft. A consultation statement has been prepared with the individual comment and the response, including any recommended changes. A copy of this Statement is appended to this report as Appendix A. Any representations 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 the Parish Council and community.
- 3.5 Any member of the Working Party wishing to obtain a paper copy of the draft SPD is invited to contact the Planning Service.
- 3.6 Under the new 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. This consultation period ends on 24th May and so far no responses have been received. Any responses will be tabled in a supplementary report.

4.0 Next Steps

- 4.1 Once adopted, the SPD together with an adoption statement will be posted on the Council's Planning website and will be made available at a charge in hard copy if requested. Electronic copies of the SPD will be emailed to all those who participated in the consultation process.

5.0 Background Papers

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