

# Audley Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan Supplementary Planning Document

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**Portfolio:** Economic Development, Regeneration and Town Centres

**Ward(s) affected:** Audley and Bignall End Ward

## **Purpose of the Report**

To give Cabinet the opportunity to resolve to adopt as a Supplementary Planning Document the Audley Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan.

## **Recommendations**

**That the Supplementary Planning Document relating to Audley Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan be adopted.**

## **Reasons**

Following a consultation on a draft Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan the Planning Committee has recommended to Cabinet that the Council adopt an Audley Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan

## 1. **Introduction**

Following a similar exercise with respect to the Madeley Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan, the Planning Committee has received reports on the preparation of the Audley Conservation Area and Management Plan Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).  
Consultation process and results

1.1 The Planning Committee at its meeting on the 19th February this year approved a draft Audley Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan Supplementary Planning Document for consultation purposes. The draft consultation document is available to view at [www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/planning/AudleyCAAMP](http://www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/planning/AudleyCAAMP) .The consultation on the draft SPD then took place over a six week period. A Consultation statement was then prepared providing details of the consultation, the response received to it, and the proposed action in relation to that response. A copy of this Consultation Statement is available to view as part of the agenda for the Planning Committee held on the 4th June 2013 via [www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/planningagendas](http://www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/planningagendas) . As required by the Local Planning Regulations 2012 the document together with the consultation statement were then made available for inspection for the appropriate period.

1.2 As a result of the consultation the only change made to the Management Plan forming part of the SPD was to propose a minor Conservation Area boundary change so as to include the pond at Leddys field to the east of the existing Conservation Area. A separate statutory procedure will require to be undertaken to achieve this. Otherwise, the document remains the same as the consultation draft.

1.3 The Conservation Area Advisory Working Party has resolved to support the adoption of the SPD. The Planning Committee have similarly resolved, at the meeting of the Committee on the 4th June.

2. **Proposal**

That the Supplementary Planning Document relating to Audley Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan be adopted

3. **Outcomes Linked to Sustainable Community Strategy and Corporate Priorities**

The adoption of the SPD assists the Council in achieving its corporate priority of creating a cleaner, safer and sustainable Borough. As an example of community engagement the drawing up of the draft Supplementary Planning Document reflects the Council's aspiration to be a co-operative Council.

7. **Legal and Statutory Implications**

As required by the Local Planning Regulations 2012 the document together with the consultation statement were made available for inspection for the appropriate period.

8. **Equality Impact Assessment**

There are not considered to be any differential impacts arising from the adoption of this appraisal and Management Plan

9. **Financial and Resource Implications**

The drawing up of the Appraisal and Management Plan did involve some officer time but here was also a significant community contribution. With respect to the future the Appraisal will assist Development Management by providing an easy to use and up to date assessment of the character and appearance of the Conservation Area, whilst the Management Plan forms a focus for Conservation area activity both by the Borough Council and other Agencies. There are potential financial implications from some of the proposals within the Management Plan and these will need to be considered before steps are taken. Some of the steps indicated within the Management Plan would involve expenditure, normally the application of staff resources or could lead in the long term to compensation liabilities – for example if permitted development rights are withdrawn by means of an Article 4 Direction and planning permission is subsequently refused for development that would otherwise be able to be undertake, then there is a possibility that a claim for financial compensation could be made

10. **Major Risks**

There are not considered to be any Major Risks arising from the adoption of this document

11. **Sustainability and Climate Change Implications**

No such significant implications have been identified

12. **Earlier Cabinet/Committee Resolutions**

None

13. **Background Papers**

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