



East Northamptonshire Council

Policy and Resources Committee - 9 November 2009

2010 - 2011 Conservation Area Review

Summary

This report seeks the Committee's approval for the settlements for conservation area review in the 2010 - 2011 financial year.

Attachment(s)

Appendix A - Priority areas table

1.0 Background

1.1 In December 2007 the Committee approved a prioritised programme of conservation area review for settlements across the District (minute 253 refers). The Committee approved funding for the outsourcing of three years work, with four areas to be assessed each year (outsourcing was the recommended approach due to the lack of in-house capacity). In addition, the Committee specified the areas which should be assessed in the first two years, based on the attached priority table. These areas are as follows:

Year One (2008-2009):

- Brigstock
- Raunds
- Twywell
- Irthlingborough

Year Two (2009-2010):

- Oundle
- Thrapston
- Titchmarsh
- Woodford

1.2 The attached table, which has been updated to take account of recent work, highlights the priority level that officers consider should be given to each settlement in the District. Each settlement falls into one of five categories:

Priority 1. Key historic settlement without designation; an area where the boundary may be too tightly drawn or area where significant development pressure is expected.

Priority 2. Existing Article 4 conservation areas (areas where permitted development rights have been removed in order to ensure greater control over development).

Priority 3. Existing conservation areas.

Priority 4. Historic settlement without conservation area designation.

Priority 5. Other settlements and existing conservation areas which have been designated or reviewed within the last five years

2.0 Progress to Date

2.1 The first two years work is well underway, and has been the subject of previous committee reports. The work has proved to be successful and consequently many conservation areas are now up to date and are supported by character appraisals and management plans which, fundamentally, provide all interested parties with an informed base on which to work.

3.0 Next Steps

3.1 Time is now approaching to consider the next phase of work (2010 – 2011). Having regard to the table in Appendix A, the following areas/settlements are suggested for

review in this period:

- Aldwinle (no conservation area at present)
- Easton on the Hill (existing article 4 conservation area)
- Collyweston (existing article 4 conservation area)
- Kings Cliffe (existing article 4 conservation area)

3.2 As will be apparent from the table in Appendix A, Aldwinle is the final of the priority one settlements to be reviewed, the others are priority two. Whilst Duddington has also been graded a priority two area, development pressure is considered greater in the other three priority two settlements.

4.0 Recommendation

4.1 Subject to the Committee's views on the areas/settlements suggested, it is recommended that the Committee approves the 2010 - 2011 conservation area review work.

Implications:	
Corporate Outcomes or Other Policy/Priority/Strategy	
Good Quality of Life	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Reputation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Good Value for Money	<input type="checkbox"/> High Quality Service Delivery <input type="checkbox"/>
Effective Partnership Working	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strong Community Leadership <input type="checkbox"/>
Effective Management	<input type="checkbox"/> Knowledge of our Customers and Communities <input type="checkbox"/>
Employees and Members with the Right Knowledge, Skills and Behaviours	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Decision(s) would be outside the budget or policy framework and require full Council approval	<input type="checkbox"/>
Financial	There are no financial implications at this stage <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	There will be financial implications – see paragraph <input type="checkbox"/>
	There is provision within existing budget <input type="checkbox"/>
	Decisions may give rise to additional expenditure at a later date <input type="checkbox"/>
	Decisions may have potential for income generation <input type="checkbox"/>
Risk Management	An assessment has been carried out and there are no material risks <input type="checkbox"/>
	Material risks exist and these are recorded at Risk Register Reference - 105 inherent risk score - residual risk score - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Staff	There are no additional staffing implications <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Additional staff will be required – see paragraph <input type="checkbox"/>
Equalities and Human Rights	There will be no impact on equality (race, age, gender, disability, religion/belief, sexual orientation) or human rights implications <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	There will be an impact on equality (see categories above) or human rights implications – see paragraph <input type="checkbox"/>
Legal	Power: Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990
	Other considerations: PPG15: Planning and the Historic Environment
Background Papers: Conservation Area Review Programme, Policy & Resources Committee, 10 Dec 2007	
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Location	Cons. Area	First Designated	Reviewed	Priority (1 - high)	Notes
Addington Great	No			5	
Addington Little	No			5	
Aldwinckle	No			1	Key historic settlement
Apethorpe	Yes	23/10/1970		3	Existing conservation area
Ashton Green	Yes	23/10/1970	03/06/1996	3	Existing conservation area
Barnwell	Yes	20/03/1970		3	Existing conservation area
Benefield Lower	Yes	07/10/1977		3	Existing conservation area
Benefield Upper	Yes	27/03/1995		3	Existing conservation area
Blatherwycke	No			4	
Brigstock	Yes	22/01/1971	16/03/2009		Recently reviewed
Bulwick	Yes	22/01/1971		3	Existing conservation area
Chelveston	No			5	
Clopton	No			5	
Collyweston	Yes	26/06/1970		2	Existing article 4 conservation area
Cotterstock	Yes	20/03/1970		3	Existing conservation area
Deene	Yes	22/01/1971		3	Existing conservation area
Denford	No			4	
Duddington	Yes	22/01/1971		2	Existing article 4 conservation area
Easton on the Hill	Yes	20/03/1970	12/12/1980	2	Existing article 4 conservation area
Fineshade	No			4	
Fotheringhay	Yes	24/01/1973		3	Existing conservation area
Glaphorn	No			4	
Hargrave	No			5	
Harringworth	Yes	07/10/1977	21/11/2005	5	Recently reviewed
Hemington	No			5	
Higham Ferrers	Yes	23/10/1970	18/12/1978 and 2008		Recently reviewed
Irthlingborough	No			1	Currently under review
Islip	No				Currently under review
Kings Cliffe	Yes	23/10/1970	10/05/1985	2	Article 4 conservation area
Laxton	Yes	18/10/2006		5	Recently designated
Lilford	No			5	
Lowick	Yes	23/10/1970		3	Existing conservation area
Luddington	No			5	
Lutton	No			4	
Nassington	Yes	06/06/1994		3	Existing conservation area
Newton Bromswold	No			5	
Oundle	Yes	26/06/1970		1	Currently under review
Pilton	Yes	29/01/2001		3	Existing conservation area
Polebrook	Yes	20/03/1970		3	Existing conservation area
Raunds	No		16/03/2009		Recently reviewed
Ringstead	No			4	
Rushden	Yes	17/03/2008			Recently reviewed
Slipton	No			4	
Southwick	No			4	
Stanwick	No			5	
Stoke Doyle	No			4	
Sudborough	Yes	20/03/1970		3	Existing conservation area
Tansor	No			4	
Thorpe Achurch	No			4	
Thorpe Waterville	No			4	
Thrapston	Yes	03/06/1996		1	Currently under review
Thurning	No			4	
Titchmarsh	No			1	Currently under review
Twywell	No		18/10/2006	1	Currently under review
Wadenhoe	Yes	22/01/1971		3	
Wakerley	Yes	24/01/1994		3	
Warmington	No			4	
Woodford	No			1	Currently under review
Woodnewton	Yes	28/03/1994		3	
Yarwell	No			4	
Total no. designated	28				
Total no. not designated	31				