

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): Year Two (2009-2010):

Brigstock

Raunds

Twywell

Irthlingborough

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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:

- Aldwincle (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, Aldwincle 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											
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Other:	Other:										
Decision(s) would be outside the budget or policy framework and require full Council approval											
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		There will be financial implications – see paragraph									
Financ	ial	There is provision within existing budget									
		Decisions may give rise to additional expenditure at a later date									
		Decisions may have potential for income generation									
		An assessment has been carried out and there are no material risks									
Risk	="	Material risks exist and these are recorded at Risk Register Reference - 105									
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Human Rights		There will be an impact on equality (see categories above) or human rights implications – see paragraph									
Long		Power: Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990									
Legal		Other considerations: PPG15: Planning and the Historic Environment									
Background Papers: Conservation Area Review Programme, Policy & Resources Committee, 10 Dec 2007											
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