

Essential Reference Paper B

These representations relate to the second ‘mini consultation’ of a three week period May/June 2016.

Issue.	Representations made.	Officer comment.
<p>Proposed exclusion of residential properties to the west of St Mary’s Lane and south of Cole Green Way.</p>	<p>Two representations have been received within the consultation period.</p> <p>On representation is <i>‘broadly supportive’</i>.</p> <p>The other representation is concerned that the removal of the need to notify the Council in relation to tree work is <i>‘a worrying development’</i> and concludes <i>‘We would not like to see a reduction in planning controls on tree work’</i>.</p> <p>For information another representation advising <i>‘we would be pleased if our house is taken out of the conservation area as we need to increase the living space and this will give us more scope’</i> ...was received before the consultation period began.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>There is a duty to review conservation areas and in this case the view has been formed that these areas of 20th century detached housing of varying design are not of special architectural or historic interest.</p> <p>Conservation area designation provides limited protection for trees and requires an owner to notify the Council of any works to them. On receiving such notification and should the Council object to the proposed works, it can make a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) within a six week period. Removing the areas from the conservation area means this control no longer exists.</p> <p>It is acknowledged the areas do contain a number of mature trees of quality whose retention could be secured by making them subject to a TPO, ideally before adoption of the appraisal document.</p> <p>Discussions have commenced between officers and owner.</p>