

## Essential Reference Paper B

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Changes to the Conservation Area Boundary.	The Parish Council see no compelling reason and comments that the Conservation Area affords protection against unsuitable development. Similar views were shared by two other respondents, one of whom thought a case could be made to extend the boundaries elsewhere. Conversely the owners of one of the properties recommended to be excluded, agreed with the proposal.	Officers have carefully re-examined the proposed boundary changes but remain of the view that the properties on the edges of the village identified for exclusion are not 'areas of special architectural or historic interest' and as part of the required review process should properly be excluded from the Conservation Area.
Listed Buildings or buildings within their curtilages	The Owner of the farm buildings at Widfordbury acknowledged that <i>'these fine buildings are in need of repair'</i> and considered the best way to preserve them would be to find viable uses. He advised he continues to seek tenants and hopes that this Appraisal lends support to this approach. Another respondent with no direct association with the buildings expressed	There is no suggestion that owners would be forced to undertake such repairs. The Appraisal comments that the objective is to <i>'seek to achieve a satisfactory outcome for the long term future of the agricultural barns at Widfordbury farm through negotiation, possible grant assistance and /or through the planning process'</i> . Officers

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	<p>unease that <i>'substantial expenditure could be - in some way – forced on the owners to restore them to look as they would when farming, with horses and wains...'</i> The same respondent however supported officers concern for the Grade II* wall and archway to the west of the old churchyard. '</p> <p>Telephone Kiosk. A respondent raised the issue of the listed telephone kiosk advising it had become <i>'a useless relic'</i> and sought advice as to whether or not the Council could de-list it.</p>	<p>consider this to be an entirely proper and positive approach.</p> <p>The kiosk no longer functions for its original purpose. It is in good condition and its listing status is consistent with other kiosks of the same age and design elsewhere in the District.</p>
Important open land and spaces	Open land and paddocks at Abbots Lane. A question asked at the public meeting questioned why only part of the paddock was identified as being an important open space worthy of protection.	It was originally considered that the smaller area adjoining a public footpath was of greatest importance. However officers have revisited the site and accept it would be appropriate to extend the area.
Enhancement proposals to deal	A respondent advised of the poor appearance of a site called Long Meadow	It is agreed that the frontage to the Long Meadow site would be improved

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with detracting elements.	<p>which made unfavourable comparison when judged against a nearby close boarded fence that had been identified as detracting. The Parish Council and another did not agree the fence was not out of place.</p> <p>Proliferation of Highway signs. There was general support for comments regarding this issue. One respondent asked that comments be separated from similar references to the bus stop and associated furniture.</p>	<p>by additional planting and an amendment to the Appraisal has been made to this effect.</p> <p>Reference was originally made in relation to the close boarded fence in the context of an adjacent high quality wall and railings. Reference to it has now been removed.</p> <p>The references jointly appear in the same paragraph because they are all in one location. For information the Parish Council advise they have already approached HCC who '<i>were not minded to change</i>'.</p>
Other minor points	Several detailed factual and grammatical points were identified by one respondent.	Appropriate changes have been made