

Essential Reference Paper B

Issue	Representations made	Officer comment
Changes to the Conservation Area Boundary.	A respondent queries why selected modern properties built in the 1980's on the former allotment site remain included in the Conservation Area. He compares them to Hillside Cottages elsewhere which have been recommended by the draft Appraisal to be removed from the Conservation Area.	<p>The Appraisal document considered this issue carefully and even provided an explanation at paragraph 6.44. thus: <i>'...consideration was given as to whether or not to exclude properties on the site of former allotment land being Hurley Cottage, The Hawthorns, Holmbury, Whitegate and Coombe Lodge. These large detached later 20th century dwellings are neutral in their architectural qualities. The area is enclosed by lanes with steep banks, trees and hedgerows which as noted above are important elements of the Conservation Area and should remain in it. On balance no changes are proposed'</i>.</p> <p>In the case of the Hillside Cottages, selected changes have eroded many of their original architectural qualities such that they are now much changed and detract. By comparison the properties on the former allotment site are considered to be neutral, neither enhancing nor detracting.</p> <p>It is important that the historic lanes that are</p>

		<p>also visually important and which surround the houses on the former allotment site stay within the Conservation Area. If the houses were removed and the lanes remained then the result would be a very curious boundary alignment indeed.</p> <p>The respondents query is understood. However careful consideration was given to this specific matter even at the draft stage as evidenced by the inclusion of paragraph 6.44. On balance officers are of the view that the Conservation Area boundaries should remain as set out in the draft Appraisal document.</p>
Other minor points	<p>One respondent feels the area is limited, with there being no assessment of buildings outside of the conservation area.</p> <p>The document is considered to be a useful starting point.</p>	<p>Officers recognise that individual buildings within the wider setting of Wareside may be considered to be of historic or architectural interest; however the focus of this exercise is limited to Wareside Conservation Area.</p>