

Grovebury House (GH).	Another respondent takes the same view and draws a distinction between the qualities of GH and nearby properties at Bridewell Close (the latter remain proposed for exclusion).	on reflection, remain within the conservation area.
Additional distinctive feature making an important architectural or historic contribution.	A respondent drew attention to a wall on the south side of Little Lane.	This wall is of red brick and about 2m in height and makes a positive contribution on the south side of a well-used footpath. Partly within partly beyond the conservation area. It is now identified as such in the document.
<p>Other detailed points.</p> <p>Availability of plans.</p> <p>Level of development.</p>	<p>One representation noted a personal desire to have copies of plans available for further study and noted they would correspond with officers.</p> <p>Representations were received concerning the level of development being experienced by Buntingford. This representation notes that this <i>quaint little town will be ruined and no longer...of interest or character.</i></p>	<p>Copies of plans and documents were available at the meeting but presumably had been taken by the time this comment had been made. Officers recall having had extended discussions with this person at the meeting. No further correspondence was received.</p> <p>Comments noted. Whilst the conservation area appraisal is not the vehicle by which such considerations are determined, the level of development being experienced in Buntingford is even more the reason for preserving its historical and environmental qualities.</p>

<p>Untidy site, Church Street.</p>	<p>The representation advised as to the ownership of the site.</p>	<p>Information received with thanks. Both the representation and subsequently the Town Council advise the land is now in the ownership of the Crown Estates.</p>
<p>Condition of Bridgefoot House.</p>	<p>A representation concerning the visual appearance of part of this building was received, the essence of which principally relates to the need to paint windows and undertake other minor improvements..</p>	<p>It is accepted this listed building would be improved by undertaking the recommended improvements. It is suggested the local community (BTC) bring the matter to the attention of the owner and seek to influence the appropriate outcome. An appropriate reference has been made in the appraisal document.</p>
<p>Detracting commercial site.</p>	<p>A representation acknowledges the unattractive nature of the buildings so identified but considers the owners <i>should be given consideration</i> if the site is advanced for redevelopment</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p>Spalled brickwork St Peter's Church.</p>	<p>A representation agrees with the need to undertake works.</p>	<p>BTC have agreed to pursue and make contact. Some financial assistance is potentially available from EHDC.</p>
<p>Tree planting in the High Street.</p>	<p>Representations have been received concerning the potential damage this may cause. One</p>	<p>It is accepted any such proposals will need to be very carefully considered in respect to potential damage to buildings and services.</p>

	<p>rep.suggests trees in tubs may be an option. Another resident of the High Street expresses concerns regarding the stability of historic buildings.</p>	<p>Tree planting in other historic street scenes has been successfully undertaken. BTC note this matter is under consideration.</p>
<p>Realignment of profile of High Street to allow parking.</p>	<p>A respondent makes a detailed point on this subject in relation to the southern end of the High Street.</p>	<p>Not an issue of concern for this appraisal but an issue for BTC and Highways to consider.</p>
<p>Road markings and signage.</p>	<p>A respondent notes this issue is not mentioned and draws attention to large but now faded road markings on Church Road. No other examples are provided.</p>	<p>Officers accept the reference to the road markings but assume they were placed by HCC for safety reasons. The fieldworker originally considered this issue but generally concluded the impact was relatively minor.</p>
<p>Path alongside the River Rib Little Court to Tannery Court.</p>	<p>A respondent notes this <i>does not seem to be anybody's responsibility</i> and that the respondent personally undertakes litter picking. Another respondent makes similar comments.</p>	<p>BTC advises the responsibility in this location rests with HCC whom BTC may wish to contact for their community.</p>
<p>Neighbourhood Plan.</p>	<p>A respondent advises <i>Issue should be included in Neighbourhood Plan.</i></p>	<p>This is principally a local matter.</p>
<p>Knowledge of being in a conservation area.</p>	<p>A representation advised there are no visible signs advising the presence of a conservation area and the associated</p>	<p>Information regarding the extent of the conservation area is freely available locally and on EHDC website. The fact is revealed as a Land Charge when properties are</p>

	responsibilities.	purchased so all incoming residents will be aware.
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Appendix 1 - BTC Action Plan

Detracting Element	Location	Proposed Action	BTC Action	Comments
Diminishing quality of several 19 th century terraces principally damaged by the exercise of Permitted development Rights	High Street Church Street Norfolk Road Union Terrace	Council officers in association with residents draw up proposals to improve one such terrace, to be implemented by residents on a voluntary basis.	Liaise with EHDC to select a terrace and form proposals to be presented to residents.	Very much dependent on property owner's co-operation and funds.
Brick Wall in poor state of repair in key location	High St, frontage to Old Grammar School, on Council's Buildings at Risk Register	Approach owner and seek co-operation in undertaking appropriate repairs. Potentially eligible for grant assistance. (Wall subsequently removed)	Write sensitive letter to owner asking for co-operation and send a grant application form	
Detracting commercial site	North end of High Street (carpet and tile shops)	Consider through planning process any redevelopment of this site by an appropriate use and at an appropriate scale and alignment	No available action unless planning proposals are submitted by owners.	Both quite successful businesses, unlikely to see applications for redevelopment in the near future.
Spalled	High	Seek owner's	Write	

brickwork	Street elevation of St Peter's Church	co-operation in undertaking repair. Without prejudice grant assistance may be available	sensitive letter to owner asking for co-operation and send a grant application form	
Detracting corner location	The Jolly Sailors PH	Consider in greater detail and contact owner with view of seeking co-operation to make visual improvements. EHDC enforcement team negotiated significant improvements.		Would need to consider if this is something the TC wishes to undertake. Need for sensitivity.
Spalled brickwork	Wall south of Almshouses, r/o St Peter's Church Market Hill	Source owner and seek co-operation in undertaking necessary repairs. Without prejudice grant assistance may be available	Wall belongs to Almshouses. BTC to contact Almshouse charity.	
Seat	Near War memorial	Repair and refurbish	BTC could undertake, almost impossible to locate original owner	
Telephone Kiosk	Near War memorial	Needs refurbishment	Owned by BT, BTC could contact BT	Box is listed

			asking for a refurbishment	
Ivy growth on wall	Rear of Manor House	Undertake removal	BTC to undertake	
Signage	Nisa Local Store, Baldock Road	Seek owner's co-operation in considering limited rationalisation to improve street scene	Write sensitive letter to owner asking for co-operation	
Windows in need of repair	Nisa Local Store, Baldock Road	Seek owner's co-operation in undertaking necessary repair/refurbishment	Write sensitive letter to owner asking for co-operation	
Group of 13 lock up garages	Rear of High Street and south east of car park	Despite proposal to remove from Conservation Area seek owner's co-operation in undertaking necessary refurbishment	Write to owner seeking co-operation	Garages owned by South Anglia Housing.
A Boards	High Street	Discussions need to take place with interested parties in the first instance		Jurisdiction of Highways. A boards are not permitted.
Weeds and excess vegetation	Footpath between Pigs Nose and The Causeway	Remove and maintain	Instruct our contractors to clear or contact Highways	Responsibility of Highways, we could do a one off but need to ensure we

				don't become permanently responsible.
Boundary wall in need of repair	To frontage of New Cottage, The Causeway	Seek owner's co-operation to undertake necessary repairs.	Write sensitive letter to owner asking for co-operation	
Commemorative seat in need of repair	Wyddial Road	Seek owner's co-operation to undertake necessary repairs.	BTC could undertake repairs, difficult to contact owner.	
Untidy area	Church Street, south side	Land appears to be up for sale. Seek to establish owners intentions		Land not for sale, is property of The Crown.
Damaged Seat	High Street/ Baldock Road	Short term – repair seat. Long term consider future of whole site in association with Phoenix project proposals	Seats outside of Black Bull. Cannot establish owner, BTC could sanction repairs	
In association with PPG consider the potential for tree planting at suitable strategic locations in the High Street			Already under consideration with the PPG.	
Shared Space High St/Church St. Consider commissioning a landscape enhancement scheme.			Already under consideration with the PPG.	
Consider preparing a landscape management plan for Layston Court			Refer to Amenities	

Gardens and improve access from High Street	Committee	
Stone plaque west side of bridge over River Rib, south end of High Street. Plaque reads Hertfordshire County Council 1937. Contact HCC and seek their co-operation to re-inscribe it	Contact HCC.	
Stone plaques east side of bridge over River Rib, south end of High Street. Plaques are initialled and dated 1766. Contact HCC and seek their co-operation to re-inscribe them.	Contact HCC	
Metal plaque dated 1899 on bridge carrying Wyddial Road over River Rib. Contact HCC and seek their co-operation to restore it.	Contact HCC	
Contact owner of Bridgefoot House and seek co-operation in replacing concrete capping detail with traditional rounded bricks to part of low boundary wall.	BTC to contact owner seeking co-operation.	
Inform Historic England that nos. 68-70 High Street and no. 78 Gilpin House are wrongly plotted on their mapping. Also, their records are confused as to whether no. 66 High Street is grade II or II*. Also advise Historic England of 2 no. listed buildings at Buntingford Road Puckeridge (no 7 and no 27) are wrongly included in their records as being in Buntingford Parish	BTC to write to Historic England.	
Show railings to frontage of Alms houses as being listed on EHDC mapping records.		