

Stephoe Kevin

From: Vicky Shutes
Sent: 19 May 2016 22:53
To: Bosworth John
Cc:
Subject: Hertingfordbury conservation area

Dear John,

Thank you for your hand delivered letter today regarding the draft Appraisal and Management Plan for Hertingfordbury. My understanding, and I would be grateful if you could confirm this to me, is that the proposal is to exclude some houses from the current conservation area and this would include my home, Edgefield House. I am broadly supportive of this.

You mention in your letter that if confirmed, this results in a reduction in planning controls and remove the need to notify the council in relation to work on trees. Could you elaborate on this for me? For example, would it mean that at Edgefield House we could do work such as remove a redundant chimney breast and render or clad the exterior of the house without needing to seek permission from the council?

Many thanks,

Victoria Shutes

Sent from my iPad

Step toe Kevin

Subject:

FW: Stoneyfield St Marys Lane Hertingfordbury

From: Gordon Cooper | Personal

Sent: 10 May 2016 12:42

To: Bosworth John

Cc: 'Lib Cooper | Private'

Subject: RE: Stoneyfield St Marys Lane Hertingfordbury

John

Thank you very much for phoning and speaking to my wife. 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.

We do wish to make the house more in keeping with the conservation area, at the same time. We are also considering whether we would be allowed to replace the house, as the current building is generally fairly poor in layout and appearance.

Be glad of any further comments and look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Step toe Kevin

From: Alison Robinson
Sent: 31 May 2016 20:31
To: Bosworth John
Subject: Hertingfordbury appraisal
Attachments: Mr Bosworth.docx

Dear Mr Bosworth,

Thank you for going through the implications of the Hertingfordbury village boundary possibilities.

I enclose a letter with our comments.

I meant to ask you why the council feels it necessary to look at the boundaries in the green belt. (A government regulation I would guess)

Not much has changed in the village since the last boundary discussion.....any development in the way of housing seems to be taking place in the proposed 'Conservation area', between the Prince of Wales new housing and the White Horse (8 new houses)

Also there must be at least twice as much traffic on St Mary's Lane.

Yours

Alison Robinson.

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31st May 2016

**Hertingfordbury Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan
Suggested revisions to the boundary of the Conservation Area.**

Dear Mr Bosworth,

Thank you for your letter about the draft 'appraisal' and the proposal to exclude the modern properties.

We understand that the properties opposite the playing fields (originally built between 1956 and 1960) are to be excluded, and also the Gravel Pit area of detached houses to the south of the Cole Green Way.

We note that if confirmed, the effect of the exclusion would, from that time, result in the reduction in planning controls, and remove the need to notify the council in relation to tree work.

We feel this is a worrying development. The Gravel Pit area in particular has been woodland for over a hundred years. After the gravel workings were completed, the area reverted back to woodland.....hawthorn, holly, sycamores, ash, silver birch, & oak. Some very mature pine trees must have been introduced between the wars (there are no conifers marked on the first & second OS maps). They have all provided natural cover for wild life.... the hawthorn scrub in particular. Apart from the conifers, all of the trees grow particularly well in the woodland and seed themselves.

Wild flowers under the trees, begin with aconites in January and continue with snowdrops, wood anemones, daffodils, bluebells, wild garlic and cow parsley.

The various levels left after the gravel workings have introduced attractive contours, giving the impression of expensive landscaping. Competent amateur gardeners, in the past have been attracted to the properties. We are very concerned that a reduction in tree work controls could be detrimental to the general look of the area, which was in the 1930s, one large garden. Perhaps the oaks and groupings of attractive mature trees could be noted but we would need advice from an expert.

We experience freak winds occasionally, which have been known to decapitate or uproot some of the trees, but on balance mature trees make a garden with space more special. In our experience EHC's Arboricultural Officer has been very helpful and balanced with his guidelines. A written application makes one think seriously about looking after ones trees. We would not like to see a reduction in planning controls on tree work.

Yours sincerely

Alison & Waring Robinson