

Essential Reference Paper B

Respondent	Representations made	Officer comment
To note	The Parish Council did not respond, and did not table any further Management Proposals for inclusion in the document.	Noted.
Resident A	States that they would like Violet's Lane to be blocked to motor vehicles to avoid land erosion and danger to pedestrians.	This proposal is outside the scope of this report. If the PC shares these concerns they should be directed to Hertfordshire County Council Highways Department.
Resident A	States that they would like a weight restriction to be introduced for HGVs which use the roads, and would like a permit scheme to be introduced for permission to use the roads for HGVs.	This proposal is outside the scope of this report. If the PC shares these concerns they should be directed to Hertfordshire County Council Highways Department.
Resident A	States that they would like Dog Waste Bins to be installed.	This proposal is a matter for the PC.
Resident B	States that they "appreciate and support the Council's efforts to up-date the designation".	Noted.

<p>Resident B</p>	<p>Objects to “de-designating two patches of land on the eastern and western sides of The Causeway”. The resident states that there is “no evidence and no argument to support the alleged lack of ‘special interest’ of this area”. The resident states “development of this area would radically damage the character and appearance of this part of the Conservation Area and of the approach to the village, and might incidentally lead to development of other land nearby”.</p>	<p>The document has been amended at 4.11 and 5.18 to add a full explanation of the NPPF and other policies that require the proposed changes. The Executive Report also explains the underlying requirement and logic behind the boundary changes. The proposed boundary changes do not remove the appropriate controls on housing development in and around the village – these planning controls lie within the existing Local Plan, the emerging District Plan and the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>The qualities of these elements of the surrounding natural environment are not disputed. However, they fall outside the criteria to be used when designating a conservation area, which is, ‘does the area have special architectural or historic interest?’ The respondent does not identify any such special interest on these patches of land which might justify their inclusion. There is an important difference between the conservation of the built environment (which is the purpose here) and the protection of the natural environment – a separate matter not covered under conservation area legislation. Therefore no amendment is required.</p>

