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COMMENTS.

Page. 69.

a) I support the de designation as the trees remain in the Conservation Area. I planted them. The rubbish heap and field are of no particular merit.

b) The trees to the east of this road are non native (Corsican Pines) .They will soon reach the age when felling will be required. There is one decent oak at the southern extremity. Otherwise no comment.

c) Whilst Huntsman's House and kennel cottages are reasonable to look at they are much altered in appearance. Originally built circa 1900 they were half timbered above the ground floor level. The windows were all leaded in a fake Tudor manner. These features, being difficult to maintain, have been done away with. The result is not very satisfactory.

The mill and mill cottage are both listed and thus already protected. The mill could benefit from repointing and other repairs but it is at least standing unlike most Hertfordshire mills. This is largely due to the corrugated iron cladding added after the aircraft collided with it in 1938.

The interesting building (fig.22) is sound and in good order by agricultural standards, It could do with repointing, repainting, reroofing etc but is very adequate for its current use.

The remaining buildings are prefabricated, temporary buildings by Boulton and Paul 1900. They have undergone many adaptations and repairs and have long outlived their life expectancy. They are not very attractive as a result. They are not worthy to be included in a conservation area.

It is very likely that a new use will have to be needed for this area in the foreseeable future as recommended for the mill and Fig. 22. The inclusion in a conservation area would be detrimental to this aim. I do not believe that this area is worthy of inclusion.

d) Cole Green Farm house has been altered as per c. above. The bungalows are of no architectural or scenic merit but have somehow been included in the existing conservation area. Presumably this was accidental and I see no reason to extend this error but I may have missed something.

e) Seems sensible.

f) This protects the view of the village from the Hornead road and is therefore sensible.

g) Seems sensible.

h) Seems sensible

i) The Eastern end of this area is currently not used and it would be unfortunate if its inclusion was to prevent it from being found a use and thus tidy it up. Otherwise seems sensible.

Fig. 58

This building was the Gas House for the Hall stables. Home made gas is no longer produced. It is redundant. I will flatten it.

General.

I only found out about this consultation by accident as I live near to but outside the affected areas. I think I should have been informed. I own some of the properties involved. These include figs. 9, 13, 22, 23, 24 27, 30, 32,37, 45, 46 (which I also made), 48, 54, 55, field at 56, 57 left of road and somewhat less proudly 58. Your policy seems to be to only invite residents of the affected areas which are, I admit easier to discover but to exclude other stakeholders could be seen as bring the consultation process into disrepute. I would value your comments on this matter.

Further to the Draft Character Appraisal meeting held in the village hall recently and our conversation that evening I feel I would like to put my opinion in writing.

I note from the maps and paper work provided that the proposed Conservation area does not cover the whole of the village with regard to the properties and surrounding land. I take on board the point you made, that some of the properties do not have historic significance but I feel that a village as small as Brent Pelham should be looked at as a whole. Lots of the best views into and out of the village are from the properties that are not currently in the conservation area or the latest proposal.

Most of the views when approaching the village from Great Hornead which are visible before Borley Green also include these properties and whilst they are not deemed the prettiest properties there is no denying they are part of a small village nestled into the countryside and should be protected in my opinion.

Many of the Properties in the current conservation area also lack historical and architectural value and are void of period features but are protected under the current umbrella. I believe that the views of the village and the surrounding land is as important as the properties within the village.

I would also like to mention the horizon above the Properties along The Causeway at the back of Hartman Common when viewed from the ancient footpath that runs from the corner of the field behind the village hall towards Fernuex Pelham. The Ordnance Survey Map shows the fields opposite these houses as Hartman Common though the land is currently being farmed.

When entering Brent Pelham from Washall Green one of the first views you have is across Hartman Common, its open space and along the hedge rows and tree lined Causeway towards open fields far beyond in the the direction of Whitebarns. I note that you seek to protect open spaces within villages . With this I strongly agree as I feel they add to the charm of Villages like Brent Pelham.

Thankyou for the opportunity to comment on the matter.

Regards

Brent Pelham Resident.

Sent from my iPad

Dear Sir

My details are:

I am writing in respect of the recent Draft Character Appraisal and Management Proposals regarding Brent Pelham. I should like to thank all those involved in its preparation for producing such a comprehensive and detailed study.

Turning to the recommendations of the report, the village has four approaches. The northern, north-western and south-western ones have been addressed in the study. The eastern one has not. Pelham House does not seem to have been considered at all, despite being clearly within the village bounds, i.e., one reaches the village signpost before reaching the boundary hedges of Pelham House. I can see no logical balance of approach between that taken on the eastern side as to that on the south-western – Bonnymead Cottage.

I can understand why the 'View to the East along Conduit Lane' has been recommended to be protected in line with that of the one to the West, which is already protected. I suggest that the revised conservation area boundary should include the eastern view, as recommended, but that it stops at a line that runs due south from the western boundary of the western view. In this way the same character appraisal concept would be being taken for both the eastern and south-western approaches, including hedges. The only alternative to this would be to include Pelham House in the overall report and reconsider the land, including the hedges, linking Pelham House to the village.

Yours ever

We met at last week's Village Hall Meeting and I complimented you on the thoroughness of your report. Having now read it fully, I can add that I found it very interesting and learned a lot about the history including the fact that Brent Pelham was known as Pelham Arse in 1210 which is intriguing, not without humour and fodder for a future Quiz Night!

A couple of points,

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- I wonder which tree is referenced in section 5.13 g). There are two possibilities, one is a thriving conifer, the other is a less thriving ash. It doesn't matter to us which but the ash has a rotten centre with new growth sprouting lower down and the previous owners had permission to cut it down. We decided not to fell it but to let it take its natural course. I mention this because, if the reference is to the ash, it is not a robust tree and may fall victim to a high wind. We certainly have no wish to fell it.

If I have any other points, I'll be in touch, but well done!

Best wishes,

Further to our discussions in the Village Hall on 16 May, I would like to make the following comments

1. There should be an explanation of Article 4 Direction
2. Although Bridge Cottage is mentioned in passing on pages 20 and 38, it is missing elsewhere in the document.
3. The areas designated on page 69 could be cross referenced to the plan/map.
4. Consideration should be given to designate the Village Hall as a Grade 2 Listed Building to prevent its demolition for future houses. Page 68 Paragraph 7 e).

Hope these are of use.