

WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE - 27 MARCH 2012

Title:

WHEELERSTREET CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL

**[Portfolio Holder: Cllr Adam Taylor-Smith]
[Wards Affected: Witley]**

Summary and purpose:

The purpose of this report is to gain authorisation to undertake a formal public consultation on the draft Conservation Area Appraisal (CAA) for the Conservation Area (CA) of Wheelerstreet, Witley. The long term objective is that the appraisal will be adopted as a material consideration and used in the determination of any application for planning permission, listed building consent and conservation area consent within the CA.

How this report relates to the Council's Corporate Priorities:

It relates to the Council's environment priority to protect and enhance Waverley's unique mix of rural and urban communities.

The production of the CAA for Wheelerstreet is set out within the Planning Service Plan for 2011/12 and follows the programme agreed by Executive in October 2011.

Equality and Diversity Implications:

There are no equality and diversity implications.

Climate Change Implications:

There are no climate change implications.

Resource/Value for Money Implications:

The work will be completed within existing officer resources but will require input from a range of stakeholders.

Legal Implications:

Wheelerstreet's CAA will be used as a material consideration when considering planning applications in the area.

Background

1. Wheelerstreet is one of 45 Conservation Areas (CA) in Waverley. Currently only four Conservation Area Appraisals (CAAs) have been completed (Wrecclesham, Bramley, Farnham Town Centre and Chiddingfold). This is the first CAA to be completed since 2007, and forms a pilot project that will help Waverley formulate a methodology (following the latest English Heritage guidelines) so that the remaining 40 CAAs can be undertaken in a consistent manner.
2. The CA has been surveyed by visiting the site, noting the features as highlighted by English Heritage guidelines, conducting a photographic study and undertaking a desk top study using the internal mapping system to understand change over time. The survey data has been used to develop a draft CAA. The draft CAA is attached at Annexe 1 [a fully published document, including relevant photographs and maps will be produced prior to the consultation taking place].
3. Following the consultation, it is proposed that the appraisal be adopted as a material consideration to be used in the determination of any application for planning permission, listed building consent and conservation area consent within the conservation area.

The Consultation Process

4. Subject to Executive agreement, a 6 week consultation by way of letter will be undertaken, involving Witley Parish Council, local residents and businesses and other relevant stakeholders. The consultation will inform any necessary amendments to the document before it is submitted through the Council's democratic process for adoption by the Council.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Executive approves the draft CAA for Wheelerstreet, Witley for consultation.

Background Papers

There are no background papers (as defined by Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) relating to this report.

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