

## **WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**EXECUTIVE – 31/03/2015**

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**Title:**

**GODALMING CROWNPITS CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL**

**[Portfolio Holder: Cllr Brian Adams]  
[Wards Affected: Godalming Holloway]**

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**Summary and purpose:**

The purpose of this report is to recommend that the Godalming Crownpits Conservation Area Appraisal (CAA) be adopted by the Council as a material consideration and used in the determination of any application for planning permission and listed building consent within the Conservation Area (CA).

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

The Godalming Crownpits CAA supports the environmental priorities of the Council by encouraging protection and enhancement of Waverley's unique mix of rural and urban communities. The production of CAAs is set out in the Planning Service Plan 2014/15.

**Financial Implications:**

There are no resource implications. The use of the document as a material planning consideration will be managed within existing resources. Some of the environmental enhancement projects could be funded through Section 106, Planning Infrastructure Contributions (PIC) or the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).

**Legal Implications:**

The Godalming Crownpits CAA will be used as a material consideration when considering planning and listed building applications in the area.

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**Introduction**

1. Godalming Crownpits is one of 43 Conservation Areas (CA) in Waverley. Currently eight Conservation Area Appraisals (CAAs) have been completed (Wrecclesham, Bramley, Farnham Town Centre, Wheelerstreet, Godalming Town Centre, Milford, Chiddingfold and Haslemere).
2. In 2011 Executive agreed a programme for the commencement of CAAs. This is the sixth CAA to be completed since the programme commenced. Wheelerstreet was the pilot Appraisal which was used to test the guidance set out by English Heritage. Following successful adoption of the Wheelerstreet CAA, this approach formed the basis of all future CAAs.

## **The Conservation Area Appraisal**

3. CAAs are undertaken to identify and explain the character of the Conservation Area (CA). This document will identify the specific qualities of the Godalming Crownpits CA and thereby help to manage change within the area. The Management Plan section also identifies a variety of projects that should be implemented to preserve and enhance the area.
4. The need to undertake CAA is set out in the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 (Section 71) and is supported through saved policy HE8 of the Waverley Local Plan.
5. It is therefore considered pertinent for Waverley to undertake CAAs with the aim to appraise the character of each CA; identify the qualities which should be preserved and enhanced, and produce a management plan to include proposals for enhancement where necessary. This process also allows a review of the boundary and an assessment of adjacent areas to evaluate whether the boundary should be extended.
6. The CAA is attached at Annexe 1.

## **The Consultation Process**

7. A walkabout was conducted with Local Councillors and representatives from the Parish Council.
8. A public consultation was undertaken to support the development of the CAA and to ask the public's views of the proposed extensions. The consultation started on 12 December 2014 for six weeks, ending on 23 January 2015.
9. The following methods to inform the public of the consultation included:
  - Letter to all residents in the CA
  - Letter for key stakeholders including:
    - Parish Council
    - Surrey County Council
    - Statutory consultees (English Heritage, Natural England and Environment Agency)
    - Relevant internal Waverley officers
    - Local Councillors
10. In addition to the key consultees (English Heritage, Natural England, Godalming Trust and Godalming Town Council) 4 responses were received to the consultation. An additional anonymous response was also received.
11. The responses have been summarised in the Consultation Statement which is attached at Annexe 2.

## **Conclusion**

12. The Godalming Crownpits CAA document identifies the specific qualities of the CA and thereby helps to manage change within the area. It has been subject to a robust consultation process to ensure residents and interested stakeholders had the opportunity to comment on and shape the final document.
13. It is proposed that the appraisal be adopted as a material consideration to be used in the determination of any application for planning permission and listed building consent within the conservation area.

## **Recommendation**

It is recommended to the Council that the CAA for Godalming Crownpits be adopted as a material planning consideration.

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## **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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