

CABINET

DATE OF MEETING: THURSDAY 3 NOVEMBER

TITLE OF REPORT: ODIHAM AND NORTH WARNBOROUGH CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL

Report of: Executive Director - Place

Cabinet Portfolio: Place

Key Decision: No

Confidentiality: Non-Exempt

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. For Cabinet to endorse the Odiham and North Warnborough Conservation Area Appraisal.

RECOMMENDATION

2. That Cabinet:
 - Agrees the Odiham and North Warnborough Conservation Area Appraisal attached at **Appendix 1 IS ADOPTED** for planning and development management purposes;
 - Agrees that the [Odiham Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Proposals December 2008](#) and the [North Warnborough Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Proposals March 2009](#) is no longer endorsed or adopted by the Council; and
 - Authorise the Executive Director – Place to make minor alterations and typographical corrections to the Appraisal being published.

BACKGROUND

3. Currently there are two separate conservation area appraisals; one for Odiham adopted in 2008, and one for North Warnborough adopted in 2009. Odiham Parish Council decided to update these appraisals and roll the two documents into one new one.
4. Updating these two appraisals is a logical 'follow on' from the Odiham and North Warnborough Neighbourhood Plan which was made in April 2017. Best practice is to review these appraisal every 5 years, although it is rare for any Planning Authority to do this.
5. The Parish Council has worked with consultants to produce the updated appraisal. Hart District Council officers supported the Parish Council and have fed into the process throughout its preparation.
6. The Council has a duty to from time to time formulate and publish proposals for the preservation and enhancement of conservation areas. In addition, to pay special attention to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of a conservation area ([Sections 71 and 72 of the Planning \(Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas\) Act 1990](#)).

MAIN ISSUES

7. A conservation area appraisal aims to identify those features that contribute to the special character and appearance of a conservation area and is a material consideration when determining planning applications within or affecting the conservation area. This appraisal will support the implementation of historic environment policies in the [Hart Local Plan 2032](#), and the [Odiham & North Warnborough Neighbourhood Plan](#).
8. This new appraisal is designed to be more modern in its presentation than past examples, easier to read, and more helpful in the development management process. It has also been prepared to comply with website accessibility requirements and the District Council's corporate branding.
9. Public consultation on the draft appraisal was undertaken in September 2021. This was led by Odiham Parish Council and was advertised on their website and in local media. It was also featured in the Autumn 2021 edition of the Parish Newsletter which is delivered to every household in Odiham and North Warnborough. The consultation generated many helpful responses and numerous detailed changes were made in response to the comments received. A summary of the responses received, and how they have been addressed, is attached at **Appendix 2**.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

10. The initiative to prepare the appraisal was taken by Odiham Parish Council. The alternative to endorsing this appraisal is *not* to endorse it. This would leave the 2008 and 2009 appraisals in place without bringing them up to date, increasing the risk that they lose accuracy and relevance over time and that less weight is attached to them in planning decisions.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS

11. The appraisal helps deliver the Corporate Plan objective to take "account of the different roles and character of places within Hart and promoting the vitality of our towns and villages through implementing policies in the Hart Local Plan, and in Neighbourhood Plans".

Service Plan

- Is the proposal identified in the Service Plan? No
- Is the proposal being funded from current budgets? Yes
- Have staffing resources already been identified and set aside for this proposal?
Yes

Legal and Constitutional Issues

12. Cabinet is the appropriate decision-making body for this decision, in line with the Terms of Reference within the Constitution.

Financial and Resource Implications

13. No financial or resource implications will arise from endorsing this appraisal.

Risk Management

14. There are no significant risks to the Council in endorsing this appraisal. Should the Council *not* endorse it, the 2008/2009 appraisals will remain in place, the risk being that less weight might be attached to those as they get older.

EQUALITIES

15. There are no foreseeable impacts on groups with protected characteristics. The appraisal is an evidence base describing the current environment and attaching importance to different elements within it. It does contain some recommendations designed to maintain the character of the area, but it is not a policy or strategy document and no impacts on those with protected characters have been identified.
16. The document has been designed to be accessible, complying with WCAG 2:1 AA standards.

CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

17. There are no climate change implications arising from this report. The appraisal is an evidence base describing existing character. It does not change planning policy or permitted development rights within the conservation areas.

ACTION

18. Subject to endorsement, the Odiham and North Warnborough Conservation Area Appraisal will be published on the Council's website alongside the other [conservation area appraisals](#).

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Odiham and North Warnborough Conservation Area Appraisal, November 2022

Appendix 2 – Schedule of Responses to the Public Consultation