

Cabinet

Meeting Date: 7 March 2024

Issue Title: Crookham Village conservation area appraisal

Report of: Executive Director – Planning Policy and Place

Cabinet Portfolio: Planning Policy & Place

Key Decision: No

Confidentiality: Non-Exempt

Purpose of Report

1. To adopt the Crookham Village Conservation Area Appraisal.

Recommendation

2. Cabinet is recommended to:
 - adopt the Crookham Village Conservation Area Appraisal attached at **Appendix 1** for planning and development management purposes,
 - agree that the [Crookham Village Conservation Area Character Proposal Statement](#) (September 1992) is no longer adopted by the Council,
 - authorise the Executive Director – Place to make minor alterations and typographical corrections to the appraisal before it is published.

Background

3. The current [Crookham Village Conservation Area Character Proposals Statement](#) was adopted in September 1992.
4. Crookham Village Parish Council, working with consultants, has undertaken a review of the current conservation area and updated the appraisal accordingly. Officers supported the Parish Council and have fed into the process throughout its preparation.
5. 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

6. A conservation area appraisal aims to identify those features that contribute to the special architectural or historic interest of a conservation area and is a material consideration when determining planning applications within or affecting the conservation area.
7. This updated appraisal supports the implementation of historic environment policies in the [Hart Local Plan \(Strategy & Sites\) 2032](#), and the [Crookham Village Neighbourhood Plan](#).
8. As with the Odiham and North Warnborough Conservation Area Appraisal adopted in November 2022, the new Crookham Village Conservation Area 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 June 2023. The Statement of Community Consultation is attached at **Appendix 2**. The consultation was led by Crookham Village Parish Council and was advertised on their website. Residents were kept informed of the progress of this project through regular updates in the Parish Newsletter delivered to all residents on a regular basis. A public meeting was held in June 2023.
10. 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 3**.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

11. The initiative to prepare the appraisal was taken by Crookham Village Parish Council. The alternative to adopting this appraisal is not to adopt it. This would leave the 1992 appraisal in place without bringing it up to date, increasing the risk that it loses accuracy and relevance over time and that less weight is attached to it in planning decisions.

Corporate Governance Considerations

Relevance to the Corporate Plan

12. The appraisal helps deliver the Corporate Plan objective to take "account of the different roles and character of places within Hart district 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

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

Financial and Resource Implications

14. No financial or resource implications will arise from adopting this conservation area appraisal.

Risk Management

15. There are no significant risks to the Council in adopting this appraisal. Should the Council not adopt it, the 1992 appraisal will remain in place, the risk being that less weight might be attached to it as it gets older.

Equalities

16. 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 characteristics have been identified.

17. The document has been designed to be accessible, complying with WCAG 2:1 AA standards.

Climate Change Implications

18. 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

19. Subject to Cabinet adopting the conservation area appraisal at **Appendix 1** it will be published on the Council's website alongside the other conservation area appraisals.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Crookham Village Conservation Area Appraisal

Appendix 2 – Statement of Community Consultation

Appendix 3 - Schedule of responses to the public consultation