

South Cambridgeshire District Council

REPORT TO: Planning Portfolio Holder 20th March 2018 **LEAD OFFICER:** Stephen Kelly, Joint Director Planning and Economic Development

Adoption of the Foxton Conservation Area Appendix A: Public Consultation analysis and amendments proposed based on representations received

- 1. On 11th December 2017 the planning portfolio holder agreed that the draft Foxton Conservation Area Appraisal, which contains the proposed new Conservation Area boundary, be published for formal public consultation. The Public Consultation ran from 15th December 2017 to 9th February 2018, a period of 8 weeks.
- 2. Responses were gathered through online survey, paper survey, and email to a dedicated email address. A public meeting was held on 15th January 2018, following two public exhibitions held during 2017.
- 3. The 537 residential addresses within Foxton Parish were contacted directly by post. The letter informed residents of the consultation, including direction to the online consultation, documents, and further information. A map of the proposed boundary change was sent out with the letter.
- 4. All 12 business addresses within Foxton Parish were notified by post/email, as were the schools and church. The addresses were sourced from the electoral roll (residential) and the list of businesses within SCDC.
- 5. The Parish, District, and County Councillors were notified by email, as were consultees at SCDC, Cambridgeshire County Council, Historic England and other relevant consultees.
- 6. For the full list of 572 consultees please see Appendix A.
- 7. The consultation was additionally advertised in the local press, the front page of the SCDC website and on social media.

Responses (number received and support)

	No.	Comment
Resident	46	48 total, 2x second submissions therefore 46 unique resident responses.
		31 support; 13 support with alteration; 2 do not support. (67.4%; 28.3%; 4.3%)
Business	1	Support with minor alteration.
Key stakeholder	2	Historic England: Support with minor alteration; Natural England: No comment.
Private sector consultancy	2	Major alterations recommended; Does not support.

Analysis and amendments

See Appendix C: Online and Paper Survey Text

[Do you support? Y - Yes; Ywa - Yes with alterations; N - No]

		CONSU	ILTEE		
ISSUE RAISED	RESIDENT	BUSINESS	HISTORIC ENGLAND	CONSULTANCY	RESPONSE/ACTION
Boundaries	Y:31 Ywa:13 N:2	Ywa:1	Y:1	N:2	
Include					
No.7, No.15, No.20 Fowlmere Road: -visual gateway to historic village -resident of one property involved in prep of appraisal -No.7 only pargetted cottage	6 (3) (1) (3)				Removal from Conservation Area requested by Historic England. Buildings not of sufficient merit in terms of their architecture or history and are on the edge of the area which has special character and appearance. The pargetting is a relatively modern decoration in cement render. The village has no history of pargetting. Others involved in the prep of appraisal live within the proposed conservation area; the area has been assessed objectively. Buildings will not be included, however role as visual gateway recognised within appraisal, maps and text will be clarified.
Station area -station area -station building -signal box -former railway tavern	5 (1) (2) (4) (1)				Proposed for inclusion in early drafts from evidence provided by Foxton History Society. Excluded at an early stage as merit lay in a small number of disconnected buildings, and the area lacked a special character and appearance. The signal box, and former railway tavern are included in the schedule of Buildings of Merit.
Meadows north of Mortimers Lane -setting of wet moat	2				The moat and house containing elements of the preceding Elizabethan building are to be included, with a buffer. The meadows are not part of the setting of a listed building at the heart of the conservation area and therefore it is not appropriate to include this Green Belt land in the Conservation Area.
Full extent of parkland to Foxton House	1				The parkland setting has been included where it continues to make a positive contribution to the significance of Foxton House, a grade II listed building. This is not the case where former parkland is now industrial units or houses and these area are not included.
Remove					
Mortimers Lane/Eastern entrance (Area 4): -Insufficient listed or				1	Clarification of mapping and text will show extent of positive buildings on Mortimers Lane. This small area includes 3 listed buildings, a green and moat important to the

positive buildings					appearance and historical character, three additional positive buildings, and a number of key views.
Barn and sports pitches south of Dovecote: -character has been lost				2	Area to be excluded. Modern barn was included in original conservation area, but does not contribute to the architectural or historical special interest or character of the area. Important views from high street to countryside are not affected by exclusion. Sports pitches area also an archaeological site, but unlike the moat, there is no historical character remaining. Exclusion does not affect importance of views to hills across Dovecote meadow.
Modern sheds to rear of Burlington Park: -no architectural value				2	Area to be excluded. Area does not contribute to the architectural or historical special interest of Foxton.
Recreation ground: -relates only to setting of church -insufficient evidence to demonstrate contribution to character of CA				2	Inclusion requested by Historic England. Text will be amended to clarify contribution of open green space (rec) south of church. HEAN 3 (Setting of Heritage Assets) revised in December 2017 states that it is appropriate to include within a conservation area the setting of listed buildings which are at the heart of that conservation area.
Parkland to Foxton House: -insufficient evidence to demonstrate contribution to character of CA -does not merit inclusion -disagree that parkland setting remains -no important views -no greater contribution than other fields				2	Inclusion requested by Historic England. Text and mapping will be amended to clarify importance of views and contribution of parkland setting to conservation area. Foxton House, grade II listed, is an important local property within the village and conservation area. HEAN 3 (Setting of Heritage Assets) revised in December 2017 states that it is appropriate to include within a conservation area the setting of listed buildings which are at the heart of that conservation area.
Buildings of Merit schedule (App B)	Y:36 Ywa:7 N:2	Y:1	Ywa:1	n/a	
Add					
Signal Box	3				Already included in schedule
Shed	1				Building already demolished
Station building	1				Not of sufficient merit for inclusion
Everglades,	1				Already included in schedule
7 Fowlmere Road	3				Not of sufficient merit for inclusion
15 Fowlmere Road	1				Not of sufficient merit for inclusion
Remove					
19 High Street	1				Not of sufficient merit for inclusion – will be removed from schedule

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Press Cottages, Station Road – architectural interest weakened				1	Considered that buildings meet HE criteria, particularly 4. group value, and retain sufficient merit for inclusion
Other					
Buildings of merit vs buildings which make a positive contribution must be clarified			1		Maps and text will be revised to clarify situation. The positive/neutral/negative buildings will be indicated on mapping.
Insufficient positive buildings				1	Maps and text will be revised to clarify situation. The positive/neutral/negative buildings will be indicated on mapping.
Views	Y:37 Ywa:7 N:2	Ywa:1	n/a	n/a	
Of industrial units from Foxton House		1			Clarification that this not intended as a key view, revision of maps to provide clarification
Into/out of CA to west (Shepreth Road/Foxton Bottom)	6				Already included, revision of maps to provide clarification
From Chalk Hill and West Hill to village	2				Already included, revision of maps to provide clarification
From Station Road to signal box	1				Signal box not within CA. Views can only be shown within/to/out of CA
North along Fowlmere Road to 'gateway to historic village'	1				Already included, revision of maps to provide clarification
From Mortimers Lane to high ground near Barrington	1				Will be included
From Mortimers Lane south over Chandle Field.					Already included, revision of maps to provide clarification

APPENDIX B: Public Consultation notification list

	CONSULTEES	Email/Address
	Residents	
[537]	Electoral Roll Postal Addresses	[PropertyExportFoxton ALL]
101		
[3]	Councillors	
	Foxton Parish Council	clerk@foxtonparishcouncil.gov.uk
	District Councillor	cllr.roberts@scambs.gov.uk
	County Councillor	cllr.topping@scambs.gov.uk
[6]	SCDC	
	DM (West Team)	@scambs.gov.uk
	Planning Policy	@scambs.gov.uk
	Trees	@scambs.gov.uk
	Ecology	@scambs.gov.uk
	Housing Strategy	@scambs.gov.uk
	Housing Services	@scambs.gov.uk
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[5]	County Council	
	Archaeology	@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
	Highways	@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
	Facilities	@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
	Rural Estates	@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
	Estates Management	@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
[6]	External	
[O]	Historic England	@HistoricEngland.org.uk
	Network Rail	@networkrail.co.uk
	Cambridge Water	@cambridge-water.co.uk
	National Grid	@nationalgrid.com
	Environment Agency	@environment-agency.gov.uk
	Natrual England	@naturalengland.org.uk
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[3]	Schools and Church	
	St Laurence's Church	
	Foxton Learning Centre/Trinity School	@trinity.cambridgeshire.sch.uk
	Foxton Primary School	@foxton.cambs.sch.uk
	Trinity School	8 Station Road
	Foxton Primary School	11 Hardman Road
[12]	Businesses	
[14]	Post Office & Store	38 High Street
	The White Horse PH	45 High Street
	Villiers Park Educational Trust	Royston Road
	Hand Car Wash	Cambridge Road
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Car Trade Cambridge

Showrooms

Royston Road

27-37 Royston Road

Burlington Park

Office
Endurance Estates
The Langham Press Ltd
The Courier Company
AMC Exhibitions Ltd
Epoch Wires Ltd

Burlington Park

Unit 1 Burlington Park Unit 4 Burlington Park Unit 5 Burlington Park Unit 7 Burlington Park Unit 8 Burlington Park

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APPENDIX C: Online and Paper Survey Text with responses

Q1 Do you live in the proposed Conservation Area?

Y - 19

N - 29

Q2 Name

Q3 Addresses

Q4 Do you support the proposed extension of the Conservation Area?

YES - 31

YES WITH ALTERATIONS – 13

NO - 2

Q5 What additions or subtractions would you make, and why?

Free comment – see table [BOUNDARY]

Q6 Do you support the proposed Buildings of Merit schedule (Appendix B)?

YES - 36

YES WITH ALTERATIONS - 7

NO - 2

Q7 Are there any buildings/structures which should or should not be included in the schedule, and why?

Free comment – see table [BUILDINGS OF MERIT]

Q8 Do you support the proposed key views within, into, and out of the Conservation Area (as shown on Map 6 and the four Character Areas maps)?

YES - 37

YES WITH ALTERATIONS - 7

NO - 2

Q9 Have all key views within, into, and out of the Conservation Area been identified? Do you recommend any additions or subtractions, and why?

Free comment – see table [VIEWS]

Q10 Are there any areas or buildings within the proposed boundary that detract from the Conservation Area, or could be improved to enhance the Conservation Area? Why do they detract? In what ways could they be improved?

Free comment - 11 responses were received, all identified issues already included in the management strategy. Additional comments provided notification of unauthorised works, not relevant to Conservation Area Appraisal - alternative action to be taken as appropriate.

Q11 Any other comment.

Free comment - 18 responses were received. 13 were thanks or words of support for the appraisal. 5 were not relevant to the Conservation Area Appraisal (request for speed limit introduction etc).