

# Review of the Henley-on-Thames Conservation Area consultation

## CONSULTATION SUMMARY REPORT

**A review of the feedback received to the Henley-on-Thames Conservation Area consultation.**

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**Note:** When stating percentages in the analysis, we are referring to the percentage of respondents that answered the specific question, rather than the total number of responses to the overall survey. Response percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding up over .5 and rounding down under .5. Words that appear in italics are quotes taken from comments received.

## SUMMARY

South Oxfordshire District Council invited residents to give their views on the Henley-on-Thames Conservation Area Appraisal document that details proposed changes to the conservation area boundary in the following places (from section 8 of the appraisal document):

Proposed **additions** to the conservation area:

- Full length of Fair Mile (to junction with B480 Lower Assendon) including the Grove
- Buildings between Greys Road and Reading Road
- Eastern end of St Andrew's Road

Proposed **removals** from the conservation area:

- Modern properties in Bowling Court and Pearce's Orchard
- Modern properties in Leicester Court and Badgemore Lane
- Dry Leas Sports Ground
- Modern properties in Normanstead
- Property 33a St Andrew's Road

In total, 35 responses were received during the public consultation period. This is made up of 17 responses via the online survey and 18 responses via email.

The majority of respondents (33) were individuals / members of the public. Only 3 respondents were from a business / organisation and the remaining respondent was on behalf of the Henley Archaeological & Historical Group.

Overall, the responses received were generally supportive of the content of the document but the removal of areas to the south-west of the Fairmile were not favourable. The Conservation and Design Team recommended to Henley Town Council that Leicester Close, Badgemore Lane and Pearce's Orchard, although modern, made a positive contribution to the character of the area and should remain in the designated conservation area. Henley Town Council confirmed that they would be happy for these areas to remain and would additionally like to see Bowling Court remain.

Detailed comments on how the Conservation Team have responded to all the comments received can be found in this qualitative data section of this report.

## HOW WE HAVE USED THE RESULTS

The Henley-on-Thames Conservation Area Appraisal Cabinet Report is available to view on the council's [website](#) which details the council's recommendations that were adopted on 29 September 2022. The revised Area Appraisal can be viewed on the council's [conservation areas webpage](#).

## BACKGROUND TO THE ENGAGEMENT

### **Purpose of the Conservation Area Appraisal and Boundary Review**

Under Sections 69 & 71 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 local authorities have a duty to designate conservation areas and from time to time to review the boundaries. The Conservation Area Appraisal Document is the mechanism by which the local authority defines the special interest of these areas and they form part of the Local Authority Development Plan evidence base.

Under Section 71 of the above act, we have exercised our duty to formulate and produce proposals for the preservation and enhancement of the conservation area.

The appraisal document forms part of the evidence base for the Development Plan. It should be used in the development management process to manage positive change within the designated conservation area or its setting to minimise harm and encourage preservation or enhancement.

### **Summary of the Appraisal Document and alterations to the Proposed Boundary**

The document provides a summary of the history of Henley on Thames's development, an assessment of its historic and architectural interest by character area, a gazetteer of local interest buildings (non-listed structures) and a series of illustrative maps showing various details of spatial analysis.

The Conservation and Design Team proposed revisions to the existing boundaries. These include rationalisation of the boundary where it crosses through a building plot and the addition of areas considered to contribute to the significance of the area.

## ENGAGEMENT METHODOLOGY

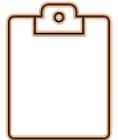
How we undertook the consultation.



The consultation ran from Wednesday 30 March until Wednesday 25 May 2022.



Letters were issued to residents of Henley-on-Thames that may be impacted by the proposed changes to the conservation area boundary. The council's consultation database was also contacted and filtered for consultees that live within Henley-on-Thames and may have an interest in the consultation.



An online survey was created to gather feedback on the Henley-on-Thames Conservation Area Appraisal document and the proposed changes to the conservation area boundary. The survey asked respondents to indicate their level of agreement to the proposed changes. Respondents could also provide free text comments to express their views further if they wished. A copy of the survey and comments received are available to view in this report.



Paper copies of the consultation materials were made available in the Henley-on-Thames Town Hall and the Library. Posters were also put on display around the town to help promote the consultation.



A link to the online survey was made available on the council's webpages.

### Reporting methodology

A total of 35 completed responses were received. This is made up of 17 responses received via the online survey and 18 responses via email which were manually added to the results.




The full results to the consultation are included in this report, alongside an officer response.

Any personal information supplied to us within the comments that could identify anyone has been redacted and will not be shared or published in the report. Further information on data protection is available in our [planning consultations privacy policy](#).

## QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DATA

A copy of the quantitative data received to the consultation is provided below.

### 1. Are you responding as:

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	an individual / member of the public		89%	33
2	a business / organisation		8%	3
3	Other (please specify):		3%	1

Other (please specify):

- *Henley Archaeological & Historical Group*

The majority of respondents (33) were received from individuals / members of the public. Only 3 respondents were from a business / organisation and the remaining respondent was on behalf of the Henley Archaeological & Historical Group.

### 2. Please provide the name of the business / organisation, or other you are representing:

- *[REDACTED]*
- *Oxfordshire Architectural & Historical Society (OAHS)*
- *Henley-on-Thames Archaeological & Historical Group*
- *Natural England*
- *Historic England*

### 3. To give us an idea of where you live in relation to Henley-on-Thames, please provide the first part of your postcode (i.e. RG9 1)

- *RG9 2 (X7)*
- *RG9 1 (X6)*
- *RG9 (X2)*
- *OX1 (X1)*
- *Northfield End*

17 respondents answered this question. The majority of respondents (16) live in the RG9 area. Only 1 respondent said they live in the OX1 area (Oxford).

### 4. What is your connection to Henley-on-Thames? Please tick all that apply.

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	I live here		91%	30
2	I work here		3%	1

3	I live outside Henley		3%	1
4	I regularly visit Henley		3%	1
5	I have an interest in the area		6%	2
6	Other (please specify):		6%	2

### Other (please specify):



- *We are a voluntary organisation concerned with heritage in the whole of Oxfordshire.*
- *And have lived here a long time.*

The majority of respondents (30) said they live in Henley-on-Thames; this is followed by 2 responses that selected they have an interest in the area and 2 that selected 'other'. The remaining responses indicated they work here (1) and live outside Henley (1).

## Section 1: Proposed additions to the conservation area

### Inclusion of the full length of Fair Mile including the Grove

#### 6. How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal?

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strongly agree		67%
2	Agree		33%
3	Neither agree nor disagree		0%
4	Disagree		0%
5	Strongly disagree		0%
6	Not sure		0%
7	I don't have a view		0%

All respondents that answered this question strongly agree (4) and agree (2) with the proposal to include the full length of Fair Mile including the Grove.



#### 7. If you have any comments on the above proposal, please provide them below:

ID	Comment	Officer response
188371190	This area should be widened to include the field areas to the Sout-West of Fairmile (between Badegmore End and Beechwood) as these areas directly impact on Fairmile. They over look the area and any development on them would have a profound and detrimental impact on the charatcer of Henley as you enter along the Fairmile (as stated in your justification for extending the current area).	<p>1.The allocated site on the west of the Fairmile cannot be prevented by adoption of this appraisal and boundary review - the impact of it was considered when the NP was made. This appraisal should hold new development to a higher standard based on the elements identified as locally distinct.</p> <p>2.Pearce's Orchard will be retained as an example of C20 development that</p>

		makes a positive contribution. Bowling Court is less well defined in terms of consistency of character, layout or pattern of development and could be removed.
189735907	<p>The Fairmile is an iconic entry to a small market town and deserves the highest conservation and ecological protection.</p> <p>Given this recognition, It is hoped that SODC also recognizes the irreparable harm that the proposed development of a housing estate off the Fairmile will do to the Fairmile conservation area and will look again at further mitigation measures.</p>	n/a

## Inclusion of the buildings between Greys Road and Reading Road

### 8. How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal?

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strongly agree		75%	3
2	Agree		25%	1
3	Neither agree nor disagree		0%	0
4	Disagree		0%	0
5	Strongly disagree		0%	0
6	Not sure		0%	0
7	I don't have a view		0%	0

All respondents that answered this question strongly agree (3) and agree (1) with the proposal to include the buildings between Greys Road and Reading Road.



### 9. If you have any comments on the above proposal, please provide them below:

ID	Comments	Officer response
189840553	<p>The buildings on the south side of Greys Road are a blight on the area / surrounding properties. By ensuring that their use and character is improved over time it will only improve their current lack of aesthetic appeal.</p>	n/a



## Inclusion of the eastern end of St Andrew's Road

### 10. How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal?

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strongly agree		75%	3
2	Agree		25%	1
3	Neither agree nor disagree		0%	0
4	Disagree		0%	0
5	Strongly disagree		0%	0
6	Not sure		0%	0
7	I don't have a view		0%	0

All respondents that answered this question strongly agree (3) and agree (1) with the proposal to include the eastern end of St Andrew's Road.





### 11. If you have any comments on the above proposal, please provide them below:

ID	Comments	Officer response
188517413	Very happy to see the conservation area extended to include the eastern end of St Andrews Road. The house at 4 St Andrews Road is of immense character. I am not sure why this building has not also been included.	No.4 is broadly consistent in design but not as closely linked as other properties. We do not recommend further extension at this time.
190295815	I am saddened to see the removal of individual properties and the intensification of building , multiple properties on small sites, random enlargements, filling of green spaces and removal of trees, which change the character of the town.	The Conservation Area designation can only manage change not wholly prevent it. Comments noted.

## Section 2: Proposed removals from the conservation area

### Exclusion of modern properties in Bowling Court and Pearce's Orchard

### 13. How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal?

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strongly agree		29%	2
2	Agree		14%	1
3	Neither agree nor disagree		0%	0
4	Disagree		29%	2
5	Strongly disagree		29%	2

6	Not sure		0%	0
7	I don't have a view		0%	0

There were 2 respondents that strongly agree and 1 that agree with the proposal. While there were 2 respondents that selected they strongly disagree (2) and disagree (2) with the proposal to exclude the modern properties in Bowling Court and Pearce's Orchard.

**14. If you have any comments on the above proposal, please provide them below:**

ID	Comment	Officer response
188277270	I am happy that 1 to 13 Pearces Orchard are to be removed from the conservation area but do not understand why you have not included Edmond Gate No. 2A Pearce's Orchard nor the new house directly opposite. Shown in red on the attached image. Both properties are newer than the rest.	The development was designed with consistent appearance and layout which has remain well preserved and makes a positive contribution to the conservation area as an example of C20 development of high quality. We recommend it remains in the designated area. This will not change the existing PD rights of residents and further consultation is not deemed necessary.
188371190	These should remain, they have a direct impact on the character of Henley and the Fairmile - an area you are currently expanding and therefore this all needs protecting.	<p>1. The allocated site on the west of the Fairmile cannot be prevented by adoption of this appraisal and boundary review - the impact of it was considered when the NP was made. This appraisal should hold newdevelopment to a higher standard based on the elements identified as locally distinct.</p> <p>2. Pearce's Orchard will be retained as an example of C20 development that makes a positive contribution. Bowling Court is less well defined in terms of consistency of character, layout or pattern of development and could be removed.</p>
188462872	Pearce's Orchard was built of uniform character, as were the terraces of Victorian and Edwardian houses in Henley, and retains the original wooden windows and front doors. Just because it was built in the 1980s doesn't mean this character shouldn't be preserved and, as such, should remain in the conservation area. The 13 houses have a restrictive covenant in place for 80 years to maintain this uniformity of character. Removing it from the conservation area would mean	Recommended that Pearce's Orchard be retained as an example of C20 development that makes a positive contribution.

	windows and doors could be replaced with unsightly coloured uPVC windows and doors, rendering, fences to the fronts of the properties etc. Had the conservation areas in Henley been in place in the 1960s & 70s, the uniform character of the Victorian terraced housing would've been maintained, instead of having to now encourage residents to restore it when applying to make changes to their appearance	
191375382	As a resident in this area I would like to see it taken out of the conservation area	Recommended that Pearce's Orchard be retained as an example of C20 development that makes a positive contribution
192101200	I am not sure what the proposed removal of conservation area status for specifically Pearce's Orchard serves to accomplish. You state that conservation area status confers advantages in this residential area and their removal would presumably allow for infilling, removal of trees etc. and general reduction in amenity value.  What is the advantage for SODC?	Recommended that Pearce's Orchard be retained as an example of C20 development that makes a positive contribution.

## Exclusion of modern properties in Leicester Court and Badgemore Lane

### 15. How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal?

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strongly agree		0%	0
2	Agree		0%	0
3	Neither agree nor disagree		100%	1
4	Disagree		0%	0
5	Strongly disagree		0%	0
6	Not sure		0%	0
7	I don't have a view		0%	0

Only 1 respondent answered this question and selected they neither agree nor disagree with the proposal to exclude the modern properties in Leicester Court and Badgemore Lane.

### 16. If you have any comments on the above proposals, please provide them below:

No comments received

## Exclusion of Dry Leas Sports Ground

### 17. How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal?

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strongly agree		0%	0
2	Agree		0%	0
3	Neither agree nor disagree		33%	1
4	Disagree		33%	1
5	Strongly disagree		33%	1
6	Not sure		0%	0
7	I don't have a view		0%	0

Only 3 respondents answered this question. 1 respondent selected they strongly disagree and 1 selected they disagree with the proposal to exclude Dry Leas Sports Ground. The remaining respondent selected they neither agree nor disagree with the proposal.

### 18. If you have any comments on the above proposal, please provide them below:

ID	Comment	Officer response
188340944	I over look the and there are many birds and wildlife around the area my son loves to spot all the wildlife. My concern that this decision will have a negative impact in the future for the residents who overlook the site. Such the potential for larger stadia and seating to do so tree removal will have to take place thus damage habitats for wildlife. The floodlights are already on past 10pm most nights which exceeds any other sports ground in the area including the likes of Phylis court & Tennis club. I would welcome changes to those sites as there is no difference. Sport for all!	The Conservation Area designation can only manage change not wholly prevent it in the manner referred to. However, the existing trees on the Sports Ground site are considered to be a positive contributor to the character of the area and benefit from being within the designated area. As such it is recommended the boundary is not altered here as had been proposed.

## Exclusion of modern properties in Normanstead

### 19. How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal?

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strongly agree		0%	0
2	Agree		0%	0
3	Neither agree nor disagree		100%	1
4	Disagree		0%	0
5	Strongly disagree		0%	0
6	Not sure		0%	0

7	I don't have a view		0%	0
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Only 1 respondent answered this question and selected they neither agree nor disagree with the proposal to exclude the modern properties in Normanstead.

**20. If you have any comments on the above proposal, please provide them below:**

No comments received

**Exclusion of property 33a St Andrew's Road**

**21. How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal?**

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strongly agree		0%	0
2	Agree		0%	0
3	Neither agree nor disagree		100%	1
4	Disagree		0%	0
5	Strongly disagree		0%	0
6	Not sure		0%	0
7	I don't have a view		0%	0

Only 1 respondent answered this question and selected they neither agree nor disagree with the proposal to exclude the property 33a St Andrew's Road.

**22. If you have any comments on the above proposal, please provide them below:**

No comments received

**Section 3: Conservation Area Appraisal document**

ID	Comment	Officer response
188303664	Being in a conservation area should not prevent appropriate upgrading, in particular to provide better insulation and environmental improvements.	Agreed. The document encourages best practice in this respect. No specific changes to the document are required.
188387469	Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this CA appraisal document. Our caseworkers have examined the documentation and we have the following comments:  This is an excellent document and there is nothing in it which we would disagree with. We support the proposed additions, and the proposed removals, from the conservation areas. The review is thorough, well-	n/a

	researched and convincingly argued; we consider it to be a model of its kind.	
190295815	Please try to the limit the height of new developments to protect the views and privacy of the neighbours.	The Conservation Area designation can only manage change not wholly prevent it. Comments noted.
191323188	With regard to the page which deals with references I would like to point out that the guide, 'A walk round Henley-on-Thames' written by A.Cottingham has now been produced in its 7th edition, which contains a number of changes and additions, especially with regard of dendro dating historic buildings. This is available on our website.	Noted.
191982392	<p>I would like to know why houses on Reading road are unable to have full loft conversions/dormers? We live a on a main road which has not one heritage feature, such as pavements, conservation lampposts etc, but we are provided with uneven tarmac pavements, concrete lampposts, pot holes sunken drains, that are damaging our houses as the HGV's roll past day and night.</p> <p>Yet we are not allowed to have full width dormers to create more space for our families.</p> <p>I'd also like to add that people who live on nice leafy quiet back streets can and do have full width dormers on their houses that we can see from our own houses!</p> <p>I would like all of the above taken into consideration when deciding planning laws on conservation areas, especially as the the council do not provide 1 tiny piece of 'conservation' On Reading Road!! And tell us home owners we aren't allowed to have a full width dormer!??</p> <p>Regards, from a disgruntled Reading Road resident!</p>	The document should help to manage change in the conservation area. Individual planning applications have to be considered case-by-case based on an informed understanding of context which this document should help to define.
192101200	No comments.	

## 24. You can upload any supporting documents using the button below.

2 respondents attached supporting documents to support their comments which can be found in the Appendix.

**25. Please use the space below to provide any other comments on the Henley Conservation Area Consultation.**

ID	Comments	Officer response
188371190	<p>The housing development to the west of Fairmile must not be allowed to happen. Although it sits outside the geographical bounds of the CA, it overlooks the area and would have an irreversible detrimental effect on the character of Henley as you enter the town and the landscape of the valley that Fairmile sits in.</p> <p>The council need to do their part in maintaining the Conservation area, for example, the Henley Bridge (that forms our towns logo) still has a temporary unsightly tarmac repair on the paved walkways; the bins along fairmile (and the town) regularly are left overflowing, and general area maintenance needs improving.</p>	<p>1. The allocated site on the west of the Fairmile cannot be prevented by adoption of this appraisal and boundary review - the impact of it was considered when the NP was made. This appraisal should hold new development to a higher standard based on the elements identified as locally distinct.</p> <p>2. Pearce's Orchard will be retained as an example of C20 development that makes a positive contribution. Bowling Court is less well defined in terms of consistency of character, layout or pattern of development and could be removed.</p>
190295815	<p>We know that the redevelopment of small cramped sites will continue and we deplore it. As the number of cars increases, the quality of life diminishes.</p>	<p>The Conservation Area designation can only manage change not wholly prevent it. Comments noted.</p>
192101200	<p>No other comments.</p>	
203262616	<p>I have just read the article in the Henley Standard regarding proposals for the Henley conservation area and how the intention is to conserve the integrity of the properties that are within these areas.</p> <p>I wanted to alert you to planning that has already been approved and is currently in progress for the property at</p> <p>Despite the property being of historical significance and size, originally designed to have space to breath on the plot that it was built on, planning permission has been granted to extend the 6 bedroomed property to create two further bedrooms that involves a a single story extension *on top* of an existing single story garage</p>	<p>Received by email but not specific to conservation area consultation – officer response on planning application provided.</p>

extension right up to the boundary wall - making it a two story extension.

This creates an overdevelopment on the site which may have been overlooked by the conservation group?

It may be too late to prevent this, but fear that it will irrevocably change the appearance of the historic group of similar properties which each have some amount of breathing space between them even if they have been developed.

203262800

Hello dear  
My name is [redacted] and I am the landlord for properties [redacted] and [redacted] greys road In Henley on Thames I've received a letter about the conservation I should say I am not interested to put my properties in a conservation area Please consider my comment Thank you Regard

Noted. The buildings on Greys Road, whilst more modern, follow a pattern of Town Centre development and inclusion within the Conservation Area would not diminish its interest and ensure development preserves or enhances local character.

203262919

Dear Sir

Henley on Thames Conservation Area Consultation

I am a resident of Leicester Close and I am responding to your letter dated 30th March. I am strongly of the opinion that Leicester Close should NOT be removed from the conservation area for the reasons set out below.

Leicester Close has been part of the conservation area from inception.  
Leicester Close consists of 14 identical houses built in 1968 with two further matching houses facing Northfield End. The original planning application "blended in with the 18th century core areas of Henley". The Close is clearly visible from Northfield End.

The houses are built in a Neo-Georgian style which was in vogue in the period 1960 to 1970. Leicester Close is a particularly good example of a development of that era. The exteriors of the houses seen from the road are identical and none have been altered in the 55 years of existence. This is due to their positioning in the conservation area aided by some restrictive covenants. To remove it after 55 years appears illogical.

The Close needs to be considered as a whole. The

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houses were thoughtfully positioned to make the development attractive, to provide privacy between neighbours and to provide a pleasant landscaped environment. Each was provided with a small planted area in front to soften the area. There are small public islands of planting to further enhance the environment and there are several trees with TPOs throughout the whole plot.

The whole has a a pleasing appearance and was innovative in its time.

I disagree with the report conclusion that Leicester Close “is of no heritage interest”. Historic England’s heritage definition does not specify age. Leicester Close is only 55 years old but I believe that within the next generation Leicester Close will come to be appreciated along with Henley’s Tudor buildings, Victorian villas and Edwardian cottages as an excellent and interesting example of a complete mid 20th century Neo-Georgian development and the only one of its kind in Henley. I also disagree with the conclusion that Leicester Close “does not contribute to the special interest of the conservation area”. The trees and planting soften the area of Henley and provide a transition from the open land at the north of Henley to the fully developed centre of the town. It would be a huge loss to Henley if all this was lost by inadequate protection.

203263002

My wife and I are joint owners and residents of Leicester Close. We wish to remain in the Henley Conservation Area and we are confident that all (or very nearly all) the owner-occupiers of Leicester Close have the same view. The reasons are as follows:

1. Leicester Close houses were all built in 1968 following the demolition of the original property, Leicester House. All the houses are visible from the main road. As such the development cannot properly be described as "back land infill" as is claimed in the latest survey.

2. The 14 houses were identical when built in the Georgian style, replicating many of the properties at the north end of Bell Street and Northfield End. The development can therefore be stated to be fully sympathetic with the Preservation Area of Henley

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3. Whilst most of the houses have been extended to the rear, they have been done sympathetically and more importantly the frontages have not changed in any way. All the properties have white front doors, white garage doors, and white sash windows. The uniformity of the houses is part of the charm and character of Leicester Close.

4. Being in the Conservation Area provides essential help maintaining this character

5. There are a number of trees in the road which help to maintain its character but only 2 of these are known to have TPO's on them

6. We believe that this development will come to be seen as a classic example of how a modern development can be reconciled with the character of a Conservation Area and as such an area of architectural and heritage interest suitable for inclusion within such a Conservation Area

7. We take the view that items 2 to 7 in the list of Specific Management Principles on page 131 of the Review should be applied to Leicester Close

On the assumption that you do indeed receive similar comments from the vast majority of Leicester Close residents, it is hard to see on what basis the Council could refuse our request and we look forward to a positive response

203263104

Thank you for your letter of 30th March.

My wife and I have lived in Henley since 1969 in houses both within and outside the Henley Conservation area.

We moved to Leicester Close specifically because it was in the Henley Conservation Area and we both wish it to remain within such designated area .

We can not see a rational reason for a change and would object strongly to any alteration to the uniformity of the buildings within the Close.

"The town's conservation area exists to protect the

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	<p>features that make Henley a historic, unique and distinctive place".</p>	
203263197	<p>To Whom it may concern,</p> <p>I am writing in support of the letter that you have received from some or all of my neighbours in the Close</p> <p>My main point is that I can see no benefit to anyone, residents or town of removing the status. Please would you explain who would benefit from this change?</p> <p>All the houses sit on modest plots (little if no scope for demolishing or enlarging) and have maintained the homogenous design over the 55 years of existence. We have all worked within these constraints during this time and respected the rules to the benefit of the aesthetics visible from the kerbside. Disturbing this now seems pointless and only likely to foment needless challenges in the future, unless this is all a scheme to create planning disputes?</p>	<p>Recommended that Leicester Close be retained as an example of C20 development that makes a positive contribution.</p>
203263272	<p>Dear Sirs,</p> <p>I am resident of Leicester Close</p> <p>In response to your letter dated the 30th March 2022, I would like to state that I believe that Leicester Close should definitely NOT be removed from the Conservation Area.</p> <p>The reasons why I believe this are as follows:</p> <p>Leicester Close has been part of the Conservation Area since inception.</p> <p>All 14 houses in Leicester Close are identical (built in Neo-Georgian style with white front doors, white garage doors and white sash windows. Being in a Conservation area has provided the benefit of increased planning controls thereby protecting the setting and providing control over inappropriate work over inter alia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the level of permitted development</li> <li>(b) the restrictions on size and location of any alterations such as two storeys etc</li> <li>(c) ensuring that materials, colours, bricks, fencing etc are in keeping with the existing</li> </ul> <p>This overall control has worked well and as result, the</p>	<p>Recommended that Leicester Close be retained as an example of C20 development that makes a positive contribution.</p>

character of the Close has been maintained.

Owners in similar type developments in other locations have increasingly taken to alterations of the above nature leading to a change in the uniformity and character of that development. Free of Conservation control, it is highly likely that such work would increasingly take place in Leicester Close and would gradually diminish its character and be detrimental to Henley. Surely it must be in the interest of Henley to maintain the character of this part of the town. To remove the Conservation Area therefore does not seem to make sense.

All the houses can be seen from the main road and the development is fully sympathetic with the Preservation Area of Henley.

I believe that the majority of the Leicester Close residents will have the same view that I have and therefore I can't see on what basis the Council could refuse our request of keeping Leicester Close in the Conservation Area as it has always been.

203263426

To The Conservation Team, South Oxfordshire District Council

Review of Henley-on-Thames Conservation Area

We live as co-owners of Leicester Close, Henley-on-Thames, and I write to say that we are strongly opposed to the proposal to remove this property ( and presumably the whole of Leicester Close ) from the conservation area.

1. Leicester Close is an area of urban development of 14 houses erected in the 1960's representing the then fashionable neo-Georgian architectural style. It was thoughtfully and carefully designed by the Planners and architects of the day to create an integrated community within easy reach of the town centre via Northfield End. All the houses had the same style and appearance: 14, essentially identical houses with open frontage and surrounding space making for an overall green environment, sympathetic to its position located just off, and visible from the grand Fairmile entrance to this riverside and tourist town.

2. Since the houses were built some 55 years ago, they have been maintained with a common frontal

Recommended that Leicester Close be retained as an example of C20 development that makes a positive contribution.

appearance. The development still demonstrates the original vision of an integrated, communal area and as such is worthy of continuing conservation protection. This uniformity of the houses and the general layout of the development creates in Henley, an attractive example of 1960/70's good design and architectural style.

3. The development is already a classic example of how modern development can be reconciled with appropriate environmental and conservation concerns. It would be clearly detrimental to the character of the area if any one of the houses became structurally or superficially altered at the front or replaced as might well be the case if the protection of being within the conservation area is lost. The current and all previous conservation frameworks for Henley have played a key role in maintaining the architectural integrity of the development which is so obvious and appreciated now.

4. In our view, then, Leicester Close should remain, as a whole, within the Conservation Area for Henley to protect the unique setting and the valued architectural statement made 55 years ago.

<p>203263539</p>	<p>My husband and I moved to Henley 6 years ago and one of the reasons we were keen to buy a house in Leicester Close was that it was in the Conservation area. We would be very disappointed if that was to change as indicated in your letter of 30.3.22.</p> <p>There are several reasons why Leicester Close should remain in the Conservation area,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To provide adequate protection from unsightly development.</li> <li>2. To maintain the attractive appearance of the Close.</li> <li>3. To protect the trees and attractive planted areas around each house.</li> <li>4. To maintain the pleasing appearance of the Close in the town which adds to its heritage interest as a good example of mid 20th century development which has not been altered since it was built in 1968.</li> </ol>	<p>Recommended that Leicester Close be retained as an example of C20 development that makes a positive contribution.</p>
<p>203263598</p>	<p>My wife and I are joint owners and residents of</p>	<p>Recommended that Leicester Close be retained as an example of C20</p>

	<p>Leicester Close.</p> <p>We are writing to support other residents who want Leicester Close to remain in the conservation area for the reasons explained in email.</p> <p>The cul-de-sac is already protected, and remains so, by restrictive covenants applied when the properties we're built 55 years ago.</p>	<p>development that makes a positive contribution.</p>
203263671	<p>I am the owner/occupier of Leicester Close and strongly believe that we should remain in the Conservation Area. I simply wish to endorse the points made in their e-mails by</p>	<p>Recommended that Leicester Close be retained as an example of C20 development that makes a positive contribution.</p>
203263754	<p>My wife and I reside at No Leicester Close which we own and I am responding to the proposal to remove the Close from the current conservation area.</p> <p>We believe this would be a retrograde step and we oppose it. The grounds for so doing are well expressed in the submissions you have received from our neighbours- at not and at No. I wish to add these additional considerations:</p> <p>History Your letter of 30 March states that the conservation area "is the designated area of special architectural or historic interest which exists to protect the features and characteristics that make Henley a historic, unique and distinctive place." I submit that Leicester Close does have both architectural and historic interest.</p> <p>The 14 houses of the Close together with the two properties which front North End Road at the Close entrance ( which are already recommended to remain in the C.A) are constructed on the grounds of Leicester House which in the early 1960`s was owned by Osbert Lancaster, the pocket-cartoonist for the Daily Express. Mr Lancaster was, ironically, a pioneer and pillar of conservation in Henley; until that is , he had a torrid affair with a fellow journalist, Anne-Scott James of the Daily Mail. She persuaded her lover to abandon Leicester House and to join her at her country estate elsewhere in Oxfordshire which he did-performing a moonlight flit and selling out to the developers who built Leicester Close. The Close preserves a good number of the trees that originally stood in the grounds of Leicester House and is a fine example of neo-Georgian</p>	<p>Recommended that Leicester Close be retained as an example of C20 development that makes a positive contribution.</p>

architecture, which thanks, inter alia, to the conservation area have retained their distinctive original character for the past 54 years; and if they remain in the conservation area will remain so for the next 54 years, gaining in recognition as a fine example of its kind as they age.

The South side of Leicester Close abuts the historically important Friends Meeting House which has occupied the site since 1658 and which borders the Leicester Close houses nos-1-6 with a sixteen century flint and brick wall and boasts on Northfield End one of the oldest, if not the oldest, inhabited dwelling in Henley. The Friends garden runs the whole length of Leicester Close South side and culminates with a cemetery the other side of the wall opposite No 6. Leicester Close.

The North side of Leicester Close overlooks Freemans Meadow, an important, protected green space.

Democracy or Bureaucracy ?

We have lived in Leicester Close for 22 years. In that time it has been possessed of a friendly collegiate spirit as evidenced by all the Close residents coming together each year to share in a Christmas Luncheon and where appropriate national celebrations such as VE Day and this year a Platinum Jubilee Street Party.

Thanks to the conservation area, despite many houses having received extensive alterations both internally and to the rear, the frontages and overall aspect have retained their original character and the Close remains as originally constructed visually.

We believe it is the wish of the majority of Close residents for the conservation area to be preserved.

Past success is no guarantee of future success in maintaining the character of this neo-Georgian Close, unique in Henley. If the protection of the conservation area is removed, the possibility of harmful development is increased.

We ask SODC to endorse the local democratic will of those of us who live in and cherish the legacy of Leicester Close for future generations over the bureaucratic considerations of an external consultant.

203263903	<p>Dear Sirs</p> <p>I am responding to the issue of Leicester Close no longer being in the Conversation area for Henley on</p>	<p>Recommended that Leicester Close be retained as an example of C20</p>
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	<p>Thames. I am astonished that you are thinking of withdrawing the protection of this area.</p> <p>I am a new resident of Leicester Close and one of the factors I took into consideration when buying the property was that it was in the Conservation area. I do not want this to change and agree wholeheartedly with the mails you have already received from and</p> <p>Please look at this again and change your minds.</p>	<p>development that makes a positive contribution.</p>
203263963	<p>Thank you for your letter of 30th March 2022 regarding the above review. I am the owner/occupier of Leicester Close and strongly believe that we should remain in the Conservation Area. I endorse the points made in the e-mails you have received from and</p>	<p>Recommended that Leicester Close be retained as an example of C20 development that makes a positive contribution.</p>
203264045	<p>Dear Sir/Madam</p> <p>I have been the owner of no Leicester Close since January 1983. I agree with My neighbours who have written to express their dismay at the idea of this Close losing its conservation status; and I am extremely grateful to for putting the arguments so succinctly.</p>	<p>Recommended that Leicester Close be retained as an example of C20 development that makes a positive contribution.</p>
203264102	<p>asking please that you KEEP Leicester Close in the Conservation Area where it has always been since it was built. I thought this photograph well illustrated how visible it is and how harmoniously it blends with the Fairmile off which it leads. The owners of the Court House would be happy to allow you to view it from their front elevation – this shot is from the road.</p> <p>Had Leicester Close not readily followed the original conditions of the planning consent and the Conservation status and only built extensions BEHIND their property the development would not deserve the continued protection we seek to retain. Everyone would have built individual extensions over their garages, as the cheapest options, and Leicester Close would not look as it does today under the original trees which graced the Leicester House garden which it replaced.</p> <p>Thank you for giving time to consider our letters.</p>	<p>Recommended that Leicester Close be retained as an example of C20 development that makes a positive contribution.</p>
203264529	<p>I would suggest that all Planning Apps within the Conservation area are required to submit a Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) plan of the proposed area. The plans to be lodged with the Land Registry. There are many subsurface facilities of which neither the</p>	<p>This is outside of the remit of a Conservation Area Appraisal and Designation but comments noted.</p>



	<p>MOD or County have any record.</p> <p>As an example I have recently found a WW2 Signals bunker beneath my driveway the size of a double garage. This has bourn the weight of a number of refuse carts / builders lorries / JCBs over the past 30 years to my horror!</p> <p>I would also suggest Michael Gove considers this for all Planning Applications in his new Bill</p>	
203264613	<p>Thank you for your consultation request on the above dated and received by Natural England on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022.</p> <p>Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.</p> <p>Natural England is a statutory consultee in neighbourhood planning and must be consulted on draft neighbourhood development plans by the Parish/Town Councils or Neighbourhood Forums where they consider our interests would be affected by the proposals made.</p> <p>Natural England does not have any specific comments on this review of the Henley on Thames Conservation Area.</p>	n/a
ID: 203264719	<p>Dear Sir/Madam</p> <p>Thank you for consulting Historic England on the draft conservation area appraisal for Henley-on-Thames Conservation Area. I am happy to confirm that in Historic England's view, this provides a suitable approach to documenting and analysing the significance of the conservation area and we hope will provide a sound basis for planning and other decisions affecting the area.</p> <p>We commend the approval to the district council.</p>	n/a

203264842

I live at Leicester Close and, like my fellow residents, I wish the Close to remain in the Conservation Area.

I have seen their letters and would like to add another reason for not changing its designation. This is that even if we are wrong in saying that the Close is not itself of special heritage interest, it nevertheless forms part of the setting of an asset that undoubtedly is: the Fairmile / Northfield End entry into the town which is one of Henley's glories. Its houses and trees are visible to anyone walking past to or from the Fairmile. At present they discreetly blend in with the rest of the Conservation Area. But they could stick out like a sore thumb if the restraints on their appearance were to be lifted.






R v Canterbury County Council ex parte Halford and other cases on Sections on 69 and 72 of the 1990 Act, make it clear that setting is an important factor justifying inclusion in a conservation area if it contributes to the appearance of the heritage assets .. The same point is made by the NPPF's and Historic England's Good Practice Guide in Planning No 3: the Setting of Heritage Assets.

Houses in the Close also form part of the setting of the seventeenth century Quakers' garden.

Recommended that Leicester Close be retained as an example of C20 development that makes a positive contribution.

## Anything else?

### 26. How did you hear about the review of the Henley-on-Thames Conservation Area?

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Facebook		13%	2
2	Email		19%	3
3	Instagram		0%	0
4	Twitter		0%	0
5	Our website		0%	0
6	District Council		19%	3
7	Parish Council		0%	0
8	Letter		31%	5
9	Poster		0%	0
10	Newsletter		0%	0
11	Word of mouth		13%	2

12	Other (please specify):		19%	3
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**Other (please specify):**

- *Henley Standard (X3)*

Most respondents heard about the Henley-on-Thames Conservation Area consultation via letter (5), this is followed by email (3), district council (3) and Henley Standard (3). The remaining respondents (4) heard about it through Facebook and word of mouth.

# SURVEY

## Review of the Henley-on-Thames Conservation Area

We are carrying out a review of the conservation area in Henley-on-Thames.

As part of the review process, we are now inviting comments on the Henley Conservation Area Appraisal document that details proposed changes to the conservation area boundary in the following places (from section 8 of the appraisal document):

Proposed **additions** to the conservation area:

- Full length of Fair Mile (to junction with B480 Lower Assendon) including the Grove
- Buildings between Greys Road and Reading Road
- Eastern end of St Andrew's Road

Proposed **removals** from the conservation area:

- Modern properties in Bowling Court and Pearce's Orchard
  - Modern properties in Leicester Court and Badgemore Lane
  - Dry Leas Sports Ground
  - Modern properties in Normanstead
- Property 33a St Andrew's Road

In some areas, the revision is intended to update any issues caused by past mapping and changes to property boundaries over time. In other areas, the boundary could be extended to areas that add to the architectural and historic interest of the area and are therefore worthy of including within the designated boundary. The Conservation Area Appraisal document provides justifications for each of these changes, which you will be able to comment on individually in this survey.

You can find out more information about the review and view the Conservation Area Appraisal document on [our website](#).

We are inviting your comments on the proposed changes during an eight-week consultation period which runs from **Wednesday 30 March until Wednesday 25 May 2022, 11.59pm**



## Further Information

### Personal details

If you are responding as an individual, you are not required to provide your name or personal details. If you are responding on behalf of a business, organisation, or other we will ask for its name and this information may be published. We ask you to provide your first part of the postcode to give us an idea of where you live in relation to Henley-on-Thames; providing this information is optional and will not be published. Any personal information you provide to the councils within your comments that could identify you will not be published. Further information on data protection is available on in our [privacy statement](#).

## Queries?

If you have any questions on the draft appraisal, survey or require it in an alternative format (for example large print, Braille, audio, email, Easy Read and alternative languages) please contact our Conservation team at [conservationconsults@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:conservationconsults@southandvale.gov.uk) or call 01235 422600.

## What happens next

After the consultation period ends, we will consider your comments and make appropriate changes to the draft document and boundary revision before we proceed to adopt it via the council's cabinet process. Once adopted, we will publish the cabinet report, new Conservation Area Appraisal document and adopted revised boundary on [our website](#).

This survey is separated into the following sections:

### **Section 1:** Your comments on the following proposed additions to the conservation area:

- Full length of Fair Mile (to junction with B480 Lower Assendon) including the Grove
- Buildings between Greys Road and Reading Road
- Eastern end of St Andrew's Road

### **Section 2:** Your comments on the following proposed removals from the conservation area:

- Modern properties in Bowling Court and Pearce's Orchard
- Modern properties in Leicester Court and Badgemore Lane
- Dry Leas Sports Ground
- Modern properties in Normanstead
- Property 33a St Andrew's Road

### **Section 3:** Your overall comments on the Conservation Area Appraisal document available on [our website](#).

You will have the opportunity to provide comments on each proposed change. If you wish to comment on more than one section, or skip a section, you will be able to do so in the survey.

A 'save and continue later' option is available using a link at the bottom of each page, so that you can save your progress and return later to your survey. Simply provide your name and email address and you will automatically receive a link via email.

**On clicking "Next Page" you confirm you are happy for your response to be used in the consultation analysis and results. Your responses may be included as valid answers, even if you do not click "Submit" at the end of the survey.**

## A bit about you

1. Are you responding as: \*

- an individual / member of the public
- a business / organisation
- Other (please specify):

2. Please provide the name of the business / organisation, or other you are representing:

3. To give us an idea of where you live in relation to Henley-on-Thames, please provide the first part of your postcode (i.e. RG9 1)

4. What is your connection to Henley-on-Thames? Please tick all that apply.

- I live here
- I work here
- I live outside Henley
- I regularly visit Henley
- I have an interest in the area
- Other (please specify):

## Section 1: Proposed additions to the conservation area

5. Please select all the proposed changes you wish to comment on.

If you wish to **skip this section**, please select 'next page' below.

- Inclusion of the full length of Fair Mile
- Inclusion of the buildings between Greys Road and Reading Road
- Inclusion of the eastern end of St Andrew's Road

## Inclusion of the full length of Fair Mile including the Grove

The proposal is to include the full length of Fair Mile (to junction with B480 Lower Assendon), including the Grove, in the conservation area.

The reason for including this is...

*The character of Fair Mile as a broad, straight avenue approach to Henley continues beyond the present conservation area boundary. Inclusion of the whole of this historic route would strengthen the special interest of the conservation area by demonstrating that all of this approach is of historic interest. Included in this proposed extension is the Grove, a Grade II listed, early 19th century villa on the north side of Fair Mile. This property is part of the historic development of this approach to Henley and therefore warrants inclusion with the rest of Fair Mile.*

You can view the map of the proposed additional area below. The existing conservation area is in red, and the proposed additional area is in purple. You can also view the [full boundary review map here](#).



### 6. How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Not sure
- I don't have a view

### 7. If you have any comments on the above proposal, please provide them below:

## Inclusion of the buildings between Greys Road and Reading Road

The proposal is to include the buildings between Greys Road and Reading Road in the conservation area.

The reason for including this is...

*This zone of buildings, whilst not of the highest architectural quality and subject to some unfortunate changes, are undoubtedly of some historic and architectural interest contribute to the overall character and appearance of Reading Road and Greys Road. Inclusion in the conservation area will protect them against further inappropriate alteration and ensure that changes made constitute enhancement.*

You can view the map of the proposed additional area below. The existing conservation area is in red, and the proposed additional area is in purple. You can also view the [full boundary review map here](#).



### 8. How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Not sure
- I don't have a view



9. If you have any comments on the above proposal, please provide them below:

### Inclusion of the eastern end of St Andrew's Road

The proposal is to include the eastern end of St Andrew's Road in the conservation area.

The reason for including this is...

*Although subject to some post-war infill, the majority of dwellings in this area are of late 19th/early 20th century origin consistent with the overarching character of the St Mark's Road Conservation Area as a Victorian/ Edwardian suburb. Their inclusion will strengthen this character and also ensure it is taken into consideration for any future change.*

You can view the map of the proposed additional area below. The existing conservation area is in red, and the proposed additional area is in purple. You can also view the [full boundary review map here](#).



10. How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

- Not sure
- I don't have a view

**11. If you have any comments on the above proposal, please provide them below:**

## **Section 2: Proposed removals from the conservation area**

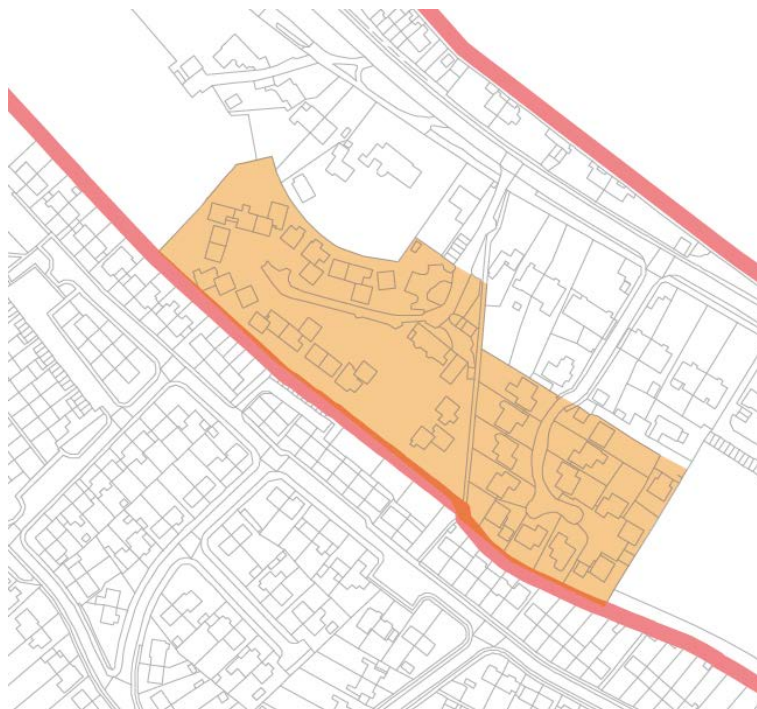
**12. Please select all the proposed changes you wish to comment on in this section.**

If you wish to **skip this section**, please select 'next page' below.

- Modern properties in Bowling Court and Pearce's Orchard
- Modern properties in Leicester Court and Badgemore Lane
- Dry Leas Sports Ground
- Modern properties in Normanstead
- Property 33a St Andrew's Road

### **Exclusion of modern properties in Bowling Court and Pearce's Orchard**

**The proposal is to remove the modern properties in Bowling Court and Pearce's Orchard from the conservation area.**



The reason for removing this is...

*These modern, residential, back land infill developments to the rear of Fair Mile are of no heritage interest and do not contribute to the special interest of the conservation area.*

You can view the map of the proposed removal area below. The existing conservation area is in red, and the proposed removal area is in orange. You can also view the [full boundary review map here](#).

**13. How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal?**

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Not sure
- I don't have a view

**14. If you have any comments on the above proposal, please provide them below:**

**Exclusion of modern properties in Leicester Court and Badgemore Lane**

**The proposal is to remove the modern properties in Leicester Court and Badgemore Lane from the Henley conservation area.**

The reason for removing this is...

*These modern, residential, back land infill developments to the rear of Northfield End/Fair Mile are of no heritage interest and do not contribute to the special interest of the conservation area.*

You can view the map of the proposed removal area below. The existing conservation area is in red, and the proposed removal area is in orange. You can also view the [full boundary review map here](#).



**15. How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal?**

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Not sure
- I don't have a view

**16. If you have any comments on the above proposals, please provide them below:**

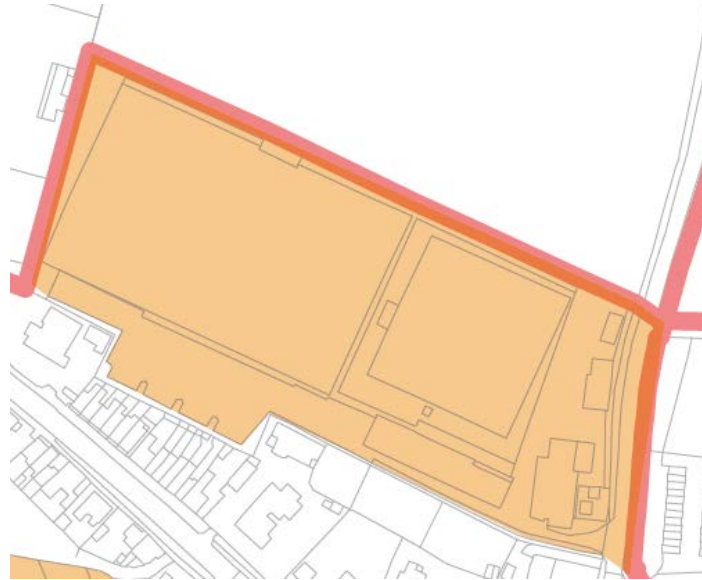
**Exclusion of Dry Leas Sports Ground**

**The proposal is to remove the Dry Leas Sports Ground from the conservation area.**

The reason for removing this is...

*This area of modern sports buildings and pitches are of no heritage value and do not contribute to the special interest of the conservation area.*

You can view the map of the proposed removal area below. The existing conservation area is in red, and the proposed removal area is in orange. You can also view the [full boundary review map here](#).



**17. How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal?**

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Not sure
- I don't have a view

**18. If you have any comments on the above proposal, please provide them below:**

**Exclusion of modern properties in Normanstead**

**The proposal is to remove the modern properties in Normanstead from the conservation area.**

The reason for removing this is...

*This recent residential terrace is of no heritage value and does not contribute to the special interest of the conservation area*

You can view the map of the proposed removal area below. The existing conservation area is in red, and the proposed removal area is in orange. You can also view the [full boundary review map here](#).



**19. How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal?**

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Not sure
- I don't have a view

**20. If you have any comments on the above proposal, please provide them below:**

**Exclusion of property 33a St Andrew's Road**

**The proposal is to remove property 33a St Andrew's Road from the conservation area.**

The reason for removing this is...

*This recent dwelling is of no heritage value and does not contribute to the special interest of the St Mark's Road Conservation Area.*

You can view the map of the proposed removal area below. The existing conservation area is in red, and the proposed removal area is in orange. You can also view the [full boundary review map here](#).



**21. How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal?**

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Not sure
- I don't have a view

**22. If you have any comments on the above proposal, please provide them below:**

**Section 3: Conservation Area Appraisal document**

**23. If you have any comments on the overall document, please provide them below.**

You can view the Henley Conservation Area Appraisal document on [our website](#).

If you would like to see this document amended in any way, it would be helpful if you could please explain what changes you are seeking.

**24. You can upload any supporting documents using the button below.**

### **Anything else?**

**25. Please use the space below to provide any other comments on the Henley Conservation Area Consultation.**

**26. How did you hear about the review of the Henley-on-Thames Conservation Area?**

- Facebook
- Email
- Instagram
- Twitter
- Our website
- District Council
- Parish Council
- Letter
- Poster
- Newsletter
- Word of mouth
- Other (please specify):



## COMMUNICATION

A copy of the email notification issued to the council's consultation database is provided below.

Dear Sir/Madam

We are emailing to invite you to have your say on proposed changes to the conservation area in Henley-on-Thames as this may be of interest to you.

### **What is a conservation area?**

The town's conservation area is the designated area of special architectural or historic interest which exists to protect the features and characteristics that make Henley a historic, unique and distinctive place.

### **Why are we reviewing the conservation area?**

It is a requirement that all councils coordinate and publish appraisals for the preservation and enhancement of conservation areas and that these proposals are reviewed from time to time.

We last reviewed the Henley conservation area in 2004. As part of their recently reviewed neighbourhood plan, Henley Town Council commissioned Purcell, a consultant, to prepare this latest conservation area appraisal document. We have a statutory duty to consult the public on this new document before it is adopted.

### **Have your say as part of our review process**

As part of the review process, we are now inviting comments on the proposed changes to the [Henley Conservation Area Appraisal document](#).

You can find out more information about the review on our [website](#).

### **How to comment**

We are inviting your comments on the proposed changes during an eight-week consultation period which runs from **Wednesday 30 March until Wednesday 25 May 2022, 11.59pm**.

The quickest and easiest way to comment is to use our [online comment form](#)

*Note that this is a unique link just for you and is tied to your email address. If you would like to forward this message to anybody else, please refer them to the [public link to the survey](#).*

### **What happens next**

After the consultation period ends, we will consider your comments and make appropriate changes to the draft document and boundary revision before we proceed to adopt it via the council's cabinet process. Once adopted, we will publish the cabinet report, new conservation area appraisal document and adopted revised boundary on [our website](#).

We look forward to hearing your views.

Kind regards

**Boris van der Ree**  
Conservation Enquiry Officer  
South Oxfordshire District Council

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If you need support to access the consultation materials, have any queries about the survey form or require it in an alternative format (for example: large print, braille, audio, email, easy read or alternative languages) please email [conservationconsults@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:conservationconsults@southandvale.gov.uk) or call 01235 422600.

**Opt out:** If you do not wish to receive further emails from us like this, please [click here](#), and you will be removed from our consultation mailing list. Please note, we may still need to contact you for certain consultations if we have a legal obligation to do so.

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## FURTHER INFORMATION

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