**Report by**: Head of Policy and Projects

**To**: West/Central Area Committee 30 April 2009

Wards: Castle, Newnham and Market

#### **Pro-active Conservation**

### 1. FOR DECISION:

- 1.1. Draft Suburbs and Approaches studies factual basis
- 2. FOR INFORMATION:
- 2.1. Historic Environment Strategy Supplementary Planning Document
- 2.2. Historic Core Conservation Area Appraisal
- 2.3. Current Conservation Area Appraisal programme

#### 3. INTRODUCTION

- 3.1 This report seeks the Committee's comments relating to the factual accuracy of the Draft Suburbs and Approaches studies for Huntingdon Road and Howes Place, for Madingley Road, and for Barton Road and Barton Close. Following receipt of the Committee's comments, these draft studies will be developed into final form for approval by Environment Scrutiny Committee.
- 3.2 The report also briefs the Committee on the current and developing Historic Environment policy documents relating to the West Central Area:
  - a) The Historic Environment Strategy Supplementary Planning Document. This document, now at an early stage of drafting,

- will provide the overarching historic environment strategy within the Local Development Framework.
- b) The Cambridge Historic Core Appraisal was approved in 2006. Due to workload and serious illness, it has not been possible until now to brief the Committee in relation to this major policy document.
- c) Current projects include the preparation of draft
  Conservation Area Appraisals for Conduit Head Road and
  Howes Place (consultants' drafts now received), and
  (forthcoming) a Conservation Area Appraisal for West
  Cambridge.

#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Historic Environment SPD – report to Development Plan Steering Group 17 March 2009, Item 6

Historic Core Appraisal - <a href="http://www.cambridge.gov.uk/ccm/content/policy-and-projects/cambridge-historic-core-appraisal.en">http://www.cambridge.gov.uk/ccm/content/policy-and-projects/cambridge-historic-core-appraisal.en</a>

Current projects – reports to Environment Scrutiny Committee 3 March 2009, item 5, and 4 November 2008, items 5 and 6.

#### 8. INSPECTION OF PAPERS

To inspect or query the background paperwork or report, please contact.

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## **APPENDIX 1**

Text of draft Suburbs and Approaches study for Huntingdon Road.

# **APPENDIX 2**

Text of draft Suburbs and Approaches study for Madingley Road.

## **APPENDIX 3**

Text of draft Suburbs and Approaches study for Barton Road.