



To: Executive Councillor for Planning and Sustainable Transport: Councillor Tim Ward
Report by: Head of Planning Services
Relevant scrutiny committee: Environment Scrutiny Committee 13/03/2012
Wards affected: Trumpington, Queen Ediths

LONG ROAD SUBURBS AND APPROACHES STUDY Not a Key Decision

1. Executive summary

1.1 This report seeks approval of the Long Road Suburbs and Approaches Study.

2. Recommendations

2.1 The Executive Councillor is recommended to approve the text of the Long Road Suburbs & Approaches Study, attached as Appendix 2, and that the study be used to inform planning decisions in this area.

3. Background

3.1 Funding of £30,000 per year for pro-active conservation work was agreed for each of the financial years 2008-9, 2009-10, and 2010-11.

3.2 A programme of pro-active Conservation work identified, priorities for studies of Suburbs and Approaches to the city which are subject to change. The work to be undertaken was agreed in consultation with members and residents' groups. It was agreed that rapid appraisals would be undertaken of these particular areas. Long Road is the third of the second tranche of these studies.

3.3 The idea and the scope of potential Suburbs and Approaches studies were set out in the report to Committee on 8 April 2008: "**4.2. d) Rapid appraisal of sensitive areas subject to change** Some areas may have characteristics that are much appreciated, but do not have sufficient merit to justify designation as Conservation Areas. These may be the subject of character appraisals leading to the development of guidance to manage change".

- 3.4 The Suburbs and Approaches Studies are *rapid* studies by historic environment professionals, drawing on national criteria and best practice. Such studies be a material consideration in determining planning applications; they will provide assessments of Local Distinctiveness to support Planning Policy Statement 1; they will contribute to the evidence base for the Local Plan Review; and they will support the development of strategic and local policies or initiatives. They will identify areas with potential for Conservation Area designation, and potential Buildings of Local Interest. The studies will not in themselves provide a basis for Conservation Area designation.
- 3.5 The Study, attached as Appendix 2, was prepared by consultants in 2010 with alterations made as a result of the public consultation.
- 3.6 Should this Study be approved and adopted, prior to publication, the most up to date base map will be used for the Character Assessment Maps. This may differ from that included with the Study at Appendix 2. This may be done without the formal approval of the Executive Councillor for Planning and Sustainable Transport in order to provide factual updates showing changes to the study area that have occurred on the ground since the first draft publication of the study.
- 3.7 Ward Councillors and the County Councillor were consulted as statutory consultees and local residents' associations were also notified of the consultation period which ran from 10th January to 7th February 2012. The public consultation was promoted on the City Council website with a link to the draft Study and a comments form. Hard copies of the document were available at Cambridge City Council Customer Service Centre for reference along with comments forms. The comments received are summarised in Appendix 1.
- 3.8 It is recommended that the Study be approved and adopted. When adopted, the Study will comprise a material consideration in the determination of future planning applications in the area.

4. Implications

(a) Financial Implications

The financial implications are set out within the report above.

(b) Staffing Implications

There are no direct staffing implications

(c) Equal Opportunities Implications

There are no direct physical equality and diversity implications. Involvement of local people in the work followed the guidance set out in the Statement of Community Involvement.

(d) Environmental Implications

There are no direct environmental implications

(e) Consultation

The consultations are set out in the report above.

(f) Community Safety

There are no direct community safety implications.

5. Background papers

Committee Report 8 April 2008, Item 10

English Heritage guidance on Area Assessments of the Built Environment

6. Appendices

Appendix 1

Summary of responses to public consultation

Appendix 2

Draft Long Road Suburbs and Approaches Study, February 2012

7. Inspection of papers

To inspect the background papers or if you have a query on the report please contact:

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