



Supplementary Planning Document
London Borough of Merton



Bertram Cottages Statement of Community Involvement



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Bertram Cottages Conservation Area Character Assessment

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Appendix 1 to the Assessment

Summary of Consultations Undertaken

A public consultation exercise was undertaken on the draft brief during ?
This consisted of the following:

- A copy of the Draft Conservation Area Character Assessment, Sustainability Appraisal Report and Conservation Area boundary assessment report were made available for inspection at the Council offices between 12th April and 24th May (6 weeks).
- A copy of the Draft Character Assessment, Sustainability Appraisal Report and boundary assessment report were made available for inspection at Wimbledon Library (the nearest library to the site) between 12th April and 24th May (6 weeks).
- A downloadable PDF version of the Draft Character Assessment, Sustainability Appraisal Report and boundary assessment report were placed on the Council's website on 12th April with a deadline for comments of 24th May (6 weeks).
- A notice was placed in the Wimbledon Guardian of 7th April advertising the availability of the Draft Character Assessment documents, for public comment (at the Council offices, Wimbledon Library and the Council's website) with a deadline of 24th May (6 weeks). A copy of the notice can be found at Annex 1.
- Letters were sent out between 1st and 12th April to properties within the Conservation Area (map at Annex 2 shows which properties were consulted). This letter specified a deadline for comments of 24th May (6 weeks). These letters advised where copies of the Draft Character Assessment documents could be viewed, and where copies could be obtained.
- Letters and copies of the Draft Character Assessment, Sustainability Appraisal Report and boundary assessment report were sent out on 6th April to residents associations and amenity societies deemed likely to have an interest in the Conservation Area (see Annex 3) with a deadline of 24th May (6 weeks).
- Letters and copies of the Draft Character Assessment, Sustainability Appraisal Report and boundary assessment report were sent out on 6th April to relevant Ward Councillors deemed likely to have an interest in the Conservation Area (see Annex 4) with a deadline of 24th May (6 weeks).

Summary Table of Responses and Proposed Amendments

The table below summarises the content of the responses from consultees, the Council's comments on these and proposed amendments as a result.

No.	Respondent & Comments	Council Comments	Proposed Amendments
1	<p>Craig Millward</p> <p><u>Comment:</u> Supports the Character Assessment generally. Cons. Area should be a priority area for graffiti removal.</p>	Comment noted. Bertram Cottages is not a priority area for graffiti removal.	No change.
2	<p>Craig Milward</p> <p><u>Comment:</u> CCTV would also be beneficial.</p>	Comment noted. The need and visual impact of CCTV cameras is to be considered by the Council.	No change.
3	<p>Craig Milward</p> <p><u>Comment:</u> No. 36 is not locally listed.</p>	Valid comment.	Words '31 to 36' changed to '31 to 34', and 'Nos 35 and 36 are recent additions, built in the back gardens of Nos. 112 and 114 Hartfield Road' added, page 5
4	<p>Reps. Of Bertram Cottages/Wilton Crescent CAs at Meeting 6.4.05</p> <p><u>Comment:</u> Car parking on pavements is detrimental to area and should be controlled.</p>	Car parking within the estate is already controlled through the use of closable gates, although those on to Gladstone Road are not always secured, leading to unauthorised parking.	No change

5	<p>Wendy Hogg</p> <p><u>Comment:</u> Opposes the recommendation to implement an Article 4 direction.</p> <p><u>Reason:</u> Will infringe/restrict residents' rights to alter homes is unjustified i.e. fencing, energy efficiency.</p>	<p>Comment noted. It is the Council's view that the character of the Conservation Area is becoming increasingly eroded through piecemeal alterations. The viability of the conservation area designation may be undermined if such changes are not controlled. An Article 4 direction is required to protect the CA against adverse changes.</p>	<p>No change.</p>
6	<p>Wendy Hogg</p> <p>Character of area was "irrevocably" lost when two new homes were built in the middle of existing CA.</p>	<p>The Council does not agree that the character of the area was lost when Nos. 35 and 36 were built, since they were designed to match the rest of the houses.</p>	<p>No change</p>
7	<p>Fiona Seeley</p> <p><u>Comment:</u> Agree with proposal to resurface the squares.</p> <p><u>Reason:</u> Questions whether there was ever a hard surface and whether such work will contribute to the problem of damp.</p>	<p>Further examination is required to determine if an earlier surface finish survives beneath the tarmac.</p>	<p>No change.</p>
8	<p>Fiona Seeley</p> <p><u>Comment:</u> Appraisal does not mention replacement of missing bollard in eastern square</p>	<p>Valid Comment</p>	<p>Words 'Consideration should be given to <i>replacing the missing bollard in the eastern square and....</i>' added, page 12.</p>
9	<p><u>Bob Jenkins</u></p> <p><u>Comments:</u> "Conservation Areas" are 30 years too late The ability of Council staff to determine residents' building rights amounts to corruption</p>	<p>Officers consider that the existing character and appearance of this area warrants CA status, and to that extent its CA status is not felt to be "too late". The allegation of "corruption" is unsubstantiated. Council officers follow national planning guidelines in devising and implementing planning policy in relation to CAs</p>	<p>No change.</p>

ANNEX 1: Newspaper advertisement

ANNEX 2: Map showing properties consulted



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ANNEX 3: List of relevant organisations consulted

1: Bertram Cottages CA representative on Conservation and Design Advisory Panel, Wendy Hogg.

ANNEX 4: List of Councillors Consulted

Matt Bird, Conservative group, Dundonald Ward
Corinna Edge, Conservative group, Dundonakd ward
Amanda Ramsay, Labour group, Dundonald ward.