Dunmore Road Conservation Area Character Assessment

Statement of Community Involvement

Appendix 1 to the Assessment

Summary of Consultations Undertaken

A public consultation exercise was undertaken on the draft brief during April and May 2005. 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.

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| 1   | Mike Forder and Mathews-Hoyle  
Comment: The front gardens to only Nos. 1 and 2 Dunmore Road have been opened up to allow vehicular access. | Valid comment. | Sentence, page 4, revised to ‘Although the gardens are shorter than the length of a car, a couple of the front gardens have been opened up….’ |
| 2   | Mike Forder  
Comment: A high proportion of the front doors have not been replaced, as stated in the Assessment. | The number of front doors that have been replaced is a matter of degree. | Sentence, page 6, revised from ‘A high proportion of the front doors have been replaced’ to ‘Some of the front doors have been replaced…’. |
| 3   | Mike Forder  
Comment: Would like Article 4 direction to give more protection. | The Council considers that an Article 4 direction is not required because of the small number of alterations to the houses. | No change. |
| 4   | Mike Forder  
Comment: CA should be extended to include matching properties in Worple Road. | The Council does not consider it appropriate to extend the CA | No change. |
| 5   | Mike Forder  
Comment: Pollarded trees along Dunmore Road should be replaced by Acers or trees that are unlikely to cause subsidence problems. | The Council does not consider it appropriate to change of the trees. | No change. |
| 6 | **Mike Forder**  
**Comment:**  
Request for advice as to how to replace ‘stump’ his outside house. | Council to provide advice. | No change. |
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| 7 | **Mike Forder**  
**Comment:**  
Would prefer to see close-boarded unpainted fences instead of white painted picket fencing because they create a ‘Dallas’ effect. | White boarded fences considerably outnumber unpainted fences by about 16 to 6 along the road. In our view they therefore appear to be quite popular, perhaps because they give a feeling of crispness to the street frontage. | No change. |
| 8 | **Mike Forder**  
**Comment:**  
Blue CA road signs, as in Lambton Road, would give residents greater pride in the road. | Blue CA road signs could form part of any enhancement proposals. | No change |
| 9 | **Mike Forder and Matthews-Hoyle**  
**Comment:**  
Request for improvement grants towards removing paint from brick facades. | The Council does not have grants available for the Dunmore Road CA. | No change |
| 10 | **Matthews-Hoyle**  
**Comment:**  
No need for Article 4 directions in CA | The Council has no intention of introducing Article 4 direction control in the CA. No proposal is included in the Character Assessment. | No change |
| 11 | **Matthew Hoyle**  
**Comment:**  
The roof tiles are not made of slate | Valid comment. | Sentence, page 6, revised from ‘The roofs are of slate with red ornamental tiles and finials…’, to ‘The tiled roofs have red ornamental finials….’ |
PLANNING AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004.

THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LOCAL DEVELOPMENT) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2004

CONSULTATION ON DRAFT CHARACTER ASSESSMENTS FOR SEVEN DESIGNATED CONSERVATION AREAS.
(SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENTS)

The London Borough of Merton's Design and Conservation Team has prepared draft Character Assessments for seven of its Conservation Areas, and is seeking your views on them.

The seven areas are:
Lambton Rd Conservation Area
Merton Hall Rd Conservation Area
Quintin Ave/Richmond Ave (the Chase) Conservation Area
John Innes (Wilton Crescent) Conservation Area
Dunmore Rd Conservation Area
Bertram Cottages Conservation Area
Pelham Rd Conservation Area

The purpose of Conservation Area Assessments is to justify the Conservation Area designation and to define the features of interest that gives each area its special character. The Assessments are also used to define any features which detract from the character of the area.

In some cases the Assessments propose to alter the Conservation Area boundaries, either to enlarge the Conservation Area or to reduce it.

The Assessments also make a number of proposals which are aimed at either protecting the special character of the area, where it is seen to be under some threat, or enhancing the character of the area where there are opportunities to do so.

Copies of the draft Assessment documents are available at Wimbledon Library, and at Merton Link in Merton Civic Centre. The documents can also be viewed on the Council's website (www.merton.gov.uk).

Please send any correspondence regarding the Assessments by letter or by email to: Phil Ryder, Design and Conservation Team, Environment and Regeneration Dept. Merton Civic Centre, London Rd, Morden SM4 5DX, or to: phil.ryder@merton.gov.uk.

Comments should be received between 12 April and 24 May 2005. You may also request written notification from the Council of the Assessment's final approval date.
ANNEX 2: Map showing properties consulted

ANNEX 3: List of relevant organisations consulted

Raynes Park Association
Wimbledon Society

ANNEX 4: List of Councillors Consulted

Margaret Brierly, Conservative group, Raynes Park ward
Horst Bullinger, Conservative group, Raynes Park ward
Horatio Crookdale Cheng, Labour group, Raynes Park ward