

Wandle Valley Conservation Area Character Assessment

Details of Consultation Arrangements

Summary of Consultations Undertaken

A series of public consultation exercises was undertaken on the draft character assessments between December 2004 and January 2005, between December 2005 and February 2006 and during November and December 2006. These consisted of the following:

- Copies of the main character assessment document were made available for inspection at the Council offices, Mitcham, Raynes Park and Wimbledon Libraries between 23rd December 2004 and 4th February 2005, 5th December 2005 and 6th February 2006 and 9th November and 21st December 2006.
- Copies of the draft conservation area character assessment documents with respect to the sub areas 1 (Copper Mill Lane), 2 (Colliers Wood) and 3 (Merton Priory) were made available for inspection at the Council offices, Mitcham, Raynes Park and Wimbledon Libraries between 15th December 2005 and 6th February 2006 (6 weeks).
- Copies of the draft conservation area character assessment documents with respect to the sub areas 4 (Phipps Bridge), 5 (The Parks) and 6 (Lower Mitcham) were made available for inspection at the Council offices, Mitcham, Raynes Park and Wimbledon Libraries between 9th November and 21st December 2006 (6 weeks).
- Downloadable PDF versions of the draft main character assessment document and assessments for sub areas 1 (Copper Mill Lane), 2 (Colliers Wood) and 3 (Merton Priory) were placed on the Council's website on 15th December 2005 with a deadline for comments of 6th February 2006 (6 weeks), and appraisals for sub areas 4 (Phipps Bridge), 5 (The Parks) and 6 (Lower Mitcham) on 9th November 2006 with a deadline for comments of 21st December 2006.
- Notices were placed in the Wimbledon Guardian of 23rd December 2004, with respect to the main character assessment document, of 15th December 2005, with respect to the assessments for sub areas 1 (Copper Mill Lane), 2 (Colliers Wood) and 3 (Merton Priory), and 9th November 2006 with respect to the assessments for sub areas 4 (Phipps Bridge), 5 (The Parks) and 6 (Lower Mitcham) advertising the availability of the Draft Character Assessment documents, for public comment (at the Council offices, Wimbledon Library and the Council's website) with deadlines for comments of 4th February 2005, 6th February 2006 and 21st December 2006 respectively.
- Letters and summary leaflets with respect to sub areas 1 (Copper Mill Lane), 2 (Colliers Wood) and 3 (Merton Priory) were sent out between 7th and 15th December 2005 to properties within these sub-areas of the conservation area as defined according to both the existing conservation area boundary and according to the proposed boundary revisions. This letter specified a deadline for comments of 6th February 2006 (6 weeks). These letters advised where copies of the draft character assessment documents could be viewed, and where copies could be obtained.
- Letters and summary leaflets, with respect to the sub areas 4 (Phipps Bridge), 5 (The Parks) and 6 (Lower Mitcham) were sent out between 24th October and 9th November 2006 to properties within these sub-areas of the Conservation Area as defined according to both the existing Conservation Area boundary and according to the proposed boundary revisions. This letter specified a deadline for comments of 21st

December 2006 (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, with respect to the main appraisal document were sent out on 22nd December 2004 to residents associations and amenity societies deemed likely to have an interest in the Conservation Area (see Annex 1) with a deadline of 4th February 2005 (6 weeks)
- Letters and copies of the Draft Character Assessment, with respect to sub areas 1 (Copper Mill Lane), 2 (Colliers Wood) and 3 (Merton Priory) were sent out on 7th December 2005 to residents associations and amenity societies deemed likely to have an interest in the Conservation Area (see Annex 1) with a deadline of 6th February 2006 (6 weeks)
- Letters and copies of the Draft Character Assessment, with respect to the sub areas 4 Phipps Bridge), 5 (The Parks) and 6 (Lower Mitcham) were sent out on 9th November 2006 to residents associations and amenity societies deemed likely to have an interest in the Conservation Area (see Annex 1) with a deadline of 21st December 2006 (6 weeks).
- Letters and copies of the Draft main character assessment document were sent out on 22nd December 2004 to all relevant Ward Councillors deemed likely to have an interest in the Conservation Area (see Annex 2) with a deadline of 4th February 2005 (6 weeks).
- Letters and copies of the Draft Character Assessment, with respect to the sub areas 1 (Copper Mill Lane), 2 (Colliers Wood) and 3 (Merton Priory), were sent out on 7th December 2005 to all relevant Ward Councillors deemed likely to have an interest in the Conservation Area (see Annex 2) with a deadline of 6th February 2006.
- Letters and copies of the Draft Character Assessment, with respect to the sub areas 4 Phipps Bridge), 5 (The Parks) and 6 (Lower Mitcham), were sent out on 9th November 2006 to all relevant Ward Councillors deemed likely to have an interest in the Conservation Area (see Annex 2) with a deadline of 21st December 2006 (6 weeks).
- Letters and copies of the draft main character assessment document were sent out on 22nd December 2004 to the Government Office for London, English Heritage, the London Wildlife Trust, London Historic Parks and Gardens Trust and the Diocese of Southwark (see Annex 3) with a deadline of 4th February 2006 (6 weeks).
- Letters and copies of the Draft Character Assessment documents, with respect to the sub areas 1 (Copper Mill Lane), 2 (Colliers Wood) and 3 (Merton Priory), were sent out on 22nd December 2005 to the Government Office for London, English Heritage, the London Wildlife Trust, London Historic Parks and Gardens Trust and the Diocese of Southwark (see Annex 3) with a deadline of 6th February 2006 (6 weeks).
- Letters and copies of the Draft Character Assessment, with respect to the sub areas 4 Phipps Bridge), 5 (The Parks) and 6 (Lower Mitcham), were sent out on 9th November 2006 to the Government Office for London, English Heritage, the London Wildlife Trust, London Historic Parks and Gardens Trust and the Diocese of Southwark (see Annex 3) with a deadline of 21st December 2006 (6 weeks).

Summary Table of Responses and Proposed Amendments

The tables attached at Annexe 4 summarises the content of the responses from consultees, the Council's comments on these and proposed amendments as a result.

ANNEX 1: List of residents associations and amenity societies consulted

1. Merton Historical Society
2. Wimbledon Society
3. Wimbledon Civic Forum
4. Merton Chamber of Commerce
5. Groundwork Merton
6. London Wildlife Trust Merton Group
7. Merton Heritage Centre
8. Wandle Heritage
9. Wandle Valley Residents Association
10. Colliers Wood Community Association
11. Colliers Wood Residents Association
12. Battle Areas Residents' Association
13. High Path Tenants' Association
14. Baron Estate Tenants' & Residents' Association
15. Rodney Place Residents Association
16. South Mitcham Residents' Association
17. Glebe Court Residents Association
18. Merton Tenants and Residents Association
19. Mitcham Village Residents Association
20. Phipps Bridge and New Close Tenants and Residents Association
21. Watermeads Residents & Tenants Association
22. CR4 Residents' Association
23. Wandle Industrial Museum

ANNEX 2: List of Ward Councillors Consulted

Councillors representing the following Wards:

- Wimbledon Park
- Trinity
- Colliers Wood
- Abbey
- Lavender Fields
- Merton Park
- Ravensbury
- Cricket Green

ANNEX 3: List of relevant external organisations consulted

1. Government Office for London
2. English Nature
3. English Heritage: Greater London Archaeological Service
4. English Heritage London Region
5. London Historic Parks and Garden Trust
6. South London Partnership
7. The Diocese of Southwark
8. London Wildlife Trust
9. Surrey Archaeological Society
10. Renewable Energy in the Urban Environment
11. CAMRA SW London