

Borough Plan Advisory Committee

Date: 26 June 2013

Agenda item: 6

Wards: Cricket Green, Figges Marsh

Subject: **Mitcham Cricket Green Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan**

Lead officer: Chris Lee – Director of Environment and Regeneration

Lead member: Andrew Judge - Cabinet Member for Environmental Sustainability and Regeneration

Forward Plan reference number: 1258

Contact officer: Conservation and Design Officer: Caroline Kearey

Recommendations:

That Members of the Borough Plan Advisory Committee:

1. Note the content of the report presenting the final version of the Mitcham Cricket Green Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan
2. Agree that the appraisal and management plan is taken forward to Cabinet and support the proposed amendments.

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. This report seeks approval of the Mitcham Cricket Green Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan 2013 (MCGCAAMP). The draft MCGCAAMP was originally produced in 2010 for public consultation. Following public consultation and subsequent amendments, the final appraisal and management plan is attached for approval.

2 DETAILS

- 2.1. Public consultation was carried out on the draft plan as set out in section 4 below. Following public consultation, a schedule of proposed changes was made available on the Council's website which identified the comments made and the Council's responses.
- 2.2. The draft document was amended and the final version is now attached as Appendix A for approval. Attached as Appendix B is the schedule of comments and the council's responses to them. Appendix C is the map showing the deletion of an area from the conservation area (Chatsworth

Court and Lewis Court) as well as the addition of two areas to the conservation area (Glebe Court and part of Church Path and its surroundings).

- 2.3. On the 15th April 2013, the Cricket Green Charter was launched by the Mitcham Cricket Green Community and Heritage Group, outlining the Group's ambitions for the future of the Cricket Green. The Charter and Appraisal and Management Plan are mutually supportive in their aims to preserve the special interest of the Cricket Green area.

3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 3.1. None for the purposes of this report

4 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED

- 4.1 Public consultation on the character assessment and management plan was carried out for a period of 6 weeks. Local residents were notified of the draft appraisal and management plan along with amenity groups, ward councillors and local businesses. In addition, an advertisement was placed in the local newspaper, giving notice of the draft documents and advising on the opportunity to comment on them.
- 4.3 A public meeting/workshop was held at the Vestry Hall to allow interested contributors to discuss any concerns before submitting their comments.
- 4.4 In addition to the above, the draft document was considered at a meeting of the former Conservation and Design Advisory Panel (now Heritage and Design Working Group).
- 4.5 The full version of the draft was posted on the Council's web site and comments were invited.

5 TIMETABLE

- 5.1. Following Cabinet approval, the necessary notifications will be sent out and the final MCGCAAMP will be posted on the website

6 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The document will be made available on the Council's website in an electronic version. A limited number of paper copies will be printed and the cost of this will be met from existing budgets.
- 6.2 Improvement identified within the Management Plan will be implemented when appropriate funding is identified.

7 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Character assessments and management plans for conservation areas may be treated as material considerations in the determination of planning applications and appeals.

7.2 The designation and de-designation of conservation areas requires notice to be served on the Secretary of State and English Heritage as well as notice being published in the London Gazette and one local newspaper.

8 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS

8.1 The preparation and approval of conservation area character appraisals and management plans would not impact on human rights or equalities issues.

9 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

9.1. None for the purposes of this report

10 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

10.1. None for the purposes of this report.

11 APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THE REPORT

Appendix 1: The Mitcham Cricket Green Conservation area Appraisal and Management Plan

Appendix 2: Mitcham Cricket Green Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan: Consultation Responses Schedule

Appendix 3: Plan showing additions to and deletion from the conservation area

12 BACKGROUND PAPERS

12.1. Details of references used to compile the character appraisal and management plan are included within the document

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- 14.1 Merton Council's Web site: <http://www.merton.gov.uk>
- 14.2 English Heritage Web Site: <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/>
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