

Single Member Cabinet Decision

Executive Forward Plan Reference	E3053
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**Midsomer Norton and Welton, Saltford and Queen
Charlton Conservation Areas - boundaries, character
appraisals and management plans**

Decision maker/s	Cllr Tim Warren Leader of the Council Cllr Bob Goodman, Cabinet Member for Development and Neighbourhoods
The Issue	Conservation Area Appraisals form part of the evidence base that informs the preparation and implementation of all planning policy. In light of the work currently being undertaken by the Council in respect of the Joint Spatial Plan, Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plans the existing conservation area boundaries at Midsomer Norton & Welton, Saltford and Queen Charlton have been reviewed and accompanying character appraisals and management plans prepared for adoption as planning guidance..
Decision Date	27 March 2018
The decision	<p>The Cabinet Members agree, in accordance with the powers contained in Section 69 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990, to designate the revised boundaries of the Midsomer Norton and Welton, Saltford and Queen Charlton Conservation Areas as shown in the respective Conservation Area Character Appraisals, and that notice of the designations be duly given and advertised in accordance with the provisions of Section 70 of the Act.</p> <p>The Cabinet Members also agree the adoption and publication of the Midsomer Norton and Welton, Saltford and Queen Charlton Conservation Area Character Appraisals and Management Plans.</p>
Rationale for decision	<p>The approach adopted follows the duty imposed under Sections 69 and 71 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 and associated best practice guidance published by Historic England. The proposals and documents supplement Placemaking Plan Policy HE1 - Historic Environment.</p>
Financial and budget implications	<p>The cost of preparing the proposed boundaries, appraisals and management plans and undertaking the public consultation has been funded from relevant existing budgets within Development Management. There are not considered to be any financial implications related to the decision other than the small cost of advertisement as required by the Act and preparation of the graphic presentation of the documents which will be funded from existing budgets.</p>

Issues considered (these are covered in more detail in the report)	Customer Focus; Sustainability; Human Resources; Property; Corporate; Impact on Staff; Other Legal Considerations.
Consultation undertaken	Ward Councillors; Saltford and Compton Dando Parish Councils; Midsomer Norton Town Council; Other B&NES Services; Local Residents; Community Interest Groups; Stakeholders/Partners; Other Public Sector Bodies; Section 151 Finance Officer; Monitoring Officer
How consultation was carried out	<p>The draft conservation area appraisals, management plans and proposed conservation area boundaries were each the subject of a six week public consultation which ran from 30 May to 8 July 2017 for Midsomer Norton/Welton and Queen Charlton, and 5 June to 14 July 2017 for Saltford.</p> <p>Certain groups and organisations were specifically informed of the public consultation. For Midsomer Norton and Welton this included the Town Council, the Midsomer Norton Society and Historic England. The Parish Councils for Saltford and Queen Charlton were consulted, and they in turn made other local groups and organisations aware of the consultation.</p> <p>Further consultation also took place with relevant teams and officers within the Council. Comments previously received on the initial draft documents, circulated internally, were incorporated in the public consultation versions.</p> <p>For each conservation area consultation comprised: posters displayed locally promoting the consultation, display and questionnaire in the local libraries at Midsomer Norton, Saltford and Keynsham; notifications in local press and community magazines, the Council website (which included copies of the appraisal, management plan and an on-line questionnaire), and locally held drop-in public events attended by relevant council officers.</p>
Other options considered	None
Declaration of interest by Cabinet Member(s) for decision, including any dispensation granted:	None
Any conflict of interest declared by anyone who is consulted by a Member taking the decision:	
Signatures of Decision Makers	

Date of Signatures	
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Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision
