

Gedling Borough Council

Response to Matter 15

Historic Environment

Issue 15a: Heritage Assets

Q1. Has the Plan had regard to heritage assets, including the statutory test set out in Section 66(1) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990?

- 15.1 Yes. Section 9 (Historic Environment) of the Local Planning Document (LPD) sets out Policies LPD 26-31 which are designed to protect and enhance the Borough's heritage assets and wider historic environment. The test set out in the 1990 Act requires the Council to have *'special regard to the desirability of preserving the building or its setting or any features of special architectural or historic interest which it possesses'*. The LPD sets out policies specific to different types of heritage asset, namely Listed Buildings; Conservation Areas; Historic Landscapes, Parks and Gardens; Archaeological and Scheduled Monument sites; and Locally Important Heritage Assets. The policies indicate the desirability of preserving these heritage assets.
- 15.2 Furthermore, Policy LPD 26 provides general criteria for development concerning heritage assets which give direct consideration to issues such as history, architectural style and setting. With regard to Listed Buildings, the supporting text of Policy LPD 27 makes specific reference to the test set out in para 9.3.4 of the Act. It is therefore considered that the Plan has had appropriate regard to heritage assets and the test set out in the 1990 Act.
- 15.3 The allocation of sites in part B of the Local Planning Document has been informed by the assessment of the Impact of Possible Development Sites on Heritage Assets in Gedling Borough Council (**LPD/HIS/01**). The document has considered the impact of the development of the development sites allocated in the LPD and all reasonable alternative sites on Listed Buildings (and their settings), Conservation Areas, Registered Parks and Gardens, Scheduled Ancient Monuments, local interest buildings and non-recorded historic buildings.
- 15.4 In relation to Scheduled Monuments, the allocation of sites in part B of the Local Planning Document was based on officer knowledge. However, in response to Matter 8 question 16, more detailed work was commissioned and undertaken by Trigpoint Conservation and Planning (**EX/43**) which supports the conclusions reached.

Q2. Has appropriate regard been had to conservation area appraisals?

15.5 Policy LPD 28 sets out general development criteria in order to 'preserve and enhance the character or appearance' of Gedling Borough's six Conservation Areas. The requirements set out in this policy are of a general nature, but are supported by a suite of Conservation Area Appraisals. At present, Conservation Area Appraisals have been adopted for Bestwood Village (**LPD/HIS/02**), Calverton (**LPD/HIS/03**), Lambley (**LPD/HIS/04**) and Linby (**EX/55**). In addition, a draft Appraisal has been produced for Woodborough (**EX/05**) which is likely to be approved at Cabinet on 9th March 2017. Work is currently ongoing on the Papplewick Conservation Area Appraisal. Whilst the Plan does not set out policies specific to each of these areas, the adopted Conservation Area Appraisals (and supporting management plans, where available) will be a material consideration in determining relevant planning applications and therefore will be afforded appropriate regard through the planning process.

Conclusion

15.6 The LPD has regard to heritage assets within Gedling Borough, as set out in national policy and by statutory requirements, through the inclusion of specific and detailed policies which protect these assets.

Further Proposed Changes

15.7 No further proposed changes are being put forward at this stage.