

**CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT CONSERVATION APPRAISAL 2012  
U.D.C. BY THE THAXTED SOCIETY**

1. **1.2** The Thaxted Society sees this being the basis and core value to all TS objectives policy and lobbying.
2. **1.6** (last paragraph) This detail is a fundamental basis for our lobbying for the visual environment and our efforts to protect from creeping urbanisation.
3. **1.12** (last item) This detail suggestion forms part of the TS policy to replace all tarmacadam footpaths and concrete kerbstones with flags and stone kerbs throughout the conservation area and the town.
4. **1.15** The TS sees the enhancement of the conservation area as one of it's core objectives in forging future conservation not preservation hereto.
5. **1.23** The TS wholeheartedly endorses the reinforcement of local distinctiveness and notes of abutments, curtilages, chimneys, roof lines herein to form part of this distinctiveness.
6. **1.24** (item seven) The TS list of approved sites for development include sites within the development bounds and also within the conservation area, supports this clause.
7. **1.36**(last paragraph) TS endorses the consideration of details of distinctiveness see 5
8. **1.38** The TS considers the preservation and renovation of all original streetlamps and the extension of their use and installation beyond the conservation area in a policy of cohesion and inclusion. TS considers the application of planning guidelines to be wasted where they apply exclusively to new building and no the built environment and street scene

9. **1.43** The TS considers that **poles and wires do detract** and recommends their inclusion in this appraisal for ultimate removal, a matter upon which the TS will lobby vigorously. Detail townscape view -
  - on entry to town on Park St 2 poles
  - On entry at the top of Mill End- 2 poles,
  - on entry up Bolford Street 1 pole and then two others, wires bisect view of the church, and
  - on entry to town on Newbiggen Street, all interrupt the townscape and views.
10. **1.44** The TS hopes to engage with the PC in an education programme regarding signage aesthetic historical cohesion and alternative sympathetic design.
11. **1.71** The TS is already working as advisor to the URC elders re their plans for the restoration and reuse of their building. It has also made a grant towards paint for the renovation and repainting of the railings. Works which are scheduled for late 2012 early 2013 Notes 12 & 12 also.
12. **1.71** The TS considers there are several redundant signs around the town:
  - SSD airport construction traffic ,
  - Bellrope, yellow directional
  - library blue, toilets blue some to be removed post finger posts.The TS is engaged in updating this list and asking for the removal of all spurious signage.
13. **1.94**, **1.95**, and **1.102** our Note 11 refers here.

The Society fully endorses the following out of character notes within the appraisal.

- a. **1.121** The TS endorses the discrete and proper use of temporary signs and the correct placing of same where they do not interfere with railings and or walls as set out and do not detract by their construction and or familiar urban use normally from the visual environment of the conservation area.
- b. **1.126** The TS fully endorses the relocation of this litter bin and has formed a working party to consider the provision of litter bins for the town their location and their form.
- c. **1.127** Note A applies hereto.

- d. **1.129** The TS supports this boundary change.
- e. **1.131** The TS has a programme of monitoring TPO's in the town and would support such listing by the PC
- f. **1.162** This site is listed on the TS list of approved sites for development and all policies and vernacular details would be robustly sought and lobbied for.
- g. **1.167** TS sees this flagrant use of A boards and street furniture by right as a misuse of public amenities and the result of due lack of care and maintenance.
- h. **1.168** TS supports these improvements
- i. **1.172** United Reform Church Note 11 refers here.