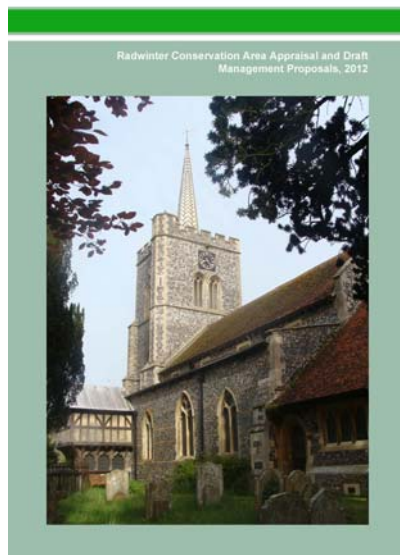


**Report of Public Participation
on
Radwinter Conservation Area Appraisal
and Draft Management Plan
5 November – 16 December 2012**

**Report One
Comments made at the Public
Exhibition
and during the consultation period**



December 2012

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Introduction

This report outlines the responses received from the public exhibition held at Radwinter Village Hall on Monday 12 November 5.30pm to 8pm and all responses received during the consultation period 5 November to 16 December 2012.

The Government encourages councils to undertake appraisals of Conservation Areas and as part of an ongoing programme an appraisal of the Radwinter Conservation Area was carried out earlier in 2012. Anyone with an interest in Radwinter was invited to respond to the consultation on the draft Appraisal which was available on line at <http://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/radwintercaa> or, from 5 November paper copies could be inspected at the Council Offices in Saffron Walden, Saffron Walden Library, the mobile library or from the Radwinter Parish Clerk.

Consultees were invited to visit the council's website, read the document and send in responses as to whether all the measures should be included or just a selection of them. For those who could not access the website, consultees could send any comments to the Project Officer at the Council Offices, London Road, Saffron Walden, CB11 4ER by email, letter or fax.

There was also a chance to see details of all the proposed changes and to discuss them with council officers at a public exhibition which was held at Radwinter Village Hall on Monday 12 November 5.30pm to 8pm.

Following the consultation the District Council will take into account all comments and approve an amended document that will be an important material consideration when processing applications.

Summary of findings of the Radwinter Conservation Area Appraisal

The historic core of Radwinter has a high quality environment where the 14 Grade II and II star Listed Buildings make a significant contribution to its architectural and historical importance. A central objective of the Appraisal is to maintain the integrity of buildings by the architect W E Nesfield and to ensure their key attributes are retained and that new development does not compromise their settings. Such a concentration of buildings representing the Arts and Crafts Movement in a small rural

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village is rare and there is a particular planning responsibility to adequately protect this unique asset and if possible, enhance it.

Unfortunately, there are no other unlisted buildings of architectural and historic interest that add to Radwinter's overall quality. Whilst several other 19th century buildings exist at Church Hill and Princes Well their original character has been significantly changed by extensions and alterations. Additionally associated off street car parking has resulted in a serious erosion of the quality of the Conservation Area here.

The churchyard is identified as an important focal point in the centre of the village, part of which is properly identified on the Local Plan as being a Protected Open Space of Environmental Value. Poor quality boundary fencing, though, to the rear of the Old Forge and forming boundary with the churchyard is noted and improvements are suggested here and around the green sward in the centre of the village. Consideration should also be given to listing two 19th century pumps; one at Princes Well, the other within the curtilage of a residence immediately to south of school.

Publicity

Publicity was carried out to advise all possible respondents of the publication of the Appraisal, the duration of the consultation period, ways of making a response and the details of the public exhibition held in the village.

Parish Council - Radwinter Parish Council were notified of the council's intention to appraise the Conservation Area and were supplied with advance notification of the consultation and with a pre-publication copy of the Appraisal report to which they were invited to make an initial response.

Posters were distributed around the village and copies were sent to the Parish Council.

Fliers in the form of A5 postcards were distributed in the village.

Information letters were delivered to all properties within the Conservation Area and in any other areas affected by any amendments. A copy is included in Appendix 1.

Website – a dedicated page on a marketing url <http://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/radwintercaa> was created on the council's website from which links were supplied to enable access to pdf and online interactive versions (via the council's Objective consultation portal) of the Appraisal. Summary information on the report was given on the page and links to pdf and Word versions of the comments form

Direct Mailing - key consultees on the Council's database (Objective) were emailed advising them of the new consultation event.

Public exhibition – a public exhibition was held at Radwinter Village Hall on Monday 12 November 5.30pm to 8pm.

Copies of the Appraisal - The Appraisal document was available online, as noted above, and paper copies could be inspected at the Council Offices in Saffron

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Walden, Saffron Walden Library, the mobile library or from the Radwinter Parish Clerk.

Results of the consultation on the Radwinter Conservation Area Appraisal

A public exhibition was held at Radwinter Village Hall on Monday 12 November 5.30pm to 8pm and was attended by 28 people. The exhibition was attended by the fieldworker who had carried out the appraisal and by the Council's Conservation Area Appraisal Project Officer. Both were on hand to answer enquiries. Maps, plans, a slideshow of images of important local buildings and copies of the Appraisal were available as were paper copies of the response forms.

The consultation period ran between 5 November and 16 December 2012 and all responses received during this period are detailed below:

Radwinter Parish Council

[No comments made]

The Radwinter Local History Recorder

Comment here on the character analysis of Radwinter village:

1.74 The pump located on the green sward to the front of the Village Hall, which the report says is in urgent need of sensitive repairs should be listed. It is the pump immediately visible to people passing through Radwinter and almost certainly would have been installed on the direction of the architects William Eden Nesfield or his successor, Temple Moore, or the Revd. Fred Bullock to provide water for the Parish Reeding Room and the Almshouses. It is part of the arts and crafts restoration project and I agree that the woodwork should be sensitively replaced but it should also be listed.

1.81 Andrew Argyrakis, Senior Conservation Officer for The Church of England's Buildings Council, when he visited Radwinter in my company, said that the parish church was so important that it should be Grade 1 listed and that, if it were, there would be no problem with obtaining the necessary grants to conduct conservation work. In view of the considerable cost needed to secure access to the Church Clock so that it can be repaired, I believe that Grade 1 listing should be sought.

1.45 One small correction, the family that held Great Brockholds previous to the Brokhole family ownership was the Roos family and not the Rood family.

Question 2

Comment here on the management proposals:

A very good analysis and report.

A Radwinter resident

Question 1

Comment here on the character analysis of Radwinter village:

I think you have made an excellent analysis.

Question 2

Comment here on the management proposals:

Very fair

Question 3

Any other comments:

Well done overall. It gives the village some points to consider.
Thank you for your work and presentation.

A Radwinter resident

Question 3

Any other comments:

I support the proposals to protect the pumps.

A Radwinter resident

Question 3

Any other comments:

Ref par 1.81 and 1.82 suggest the maps reflect the text by including "& proposed landscaping".

There are opportunities to improve the landscaping (native planting) and encourage wildlife (e.g. pollinators).

A Radwinter resident

Question 3

Any other comments:

I feel that although the salt dispensers are needed for the winter they should be located in a more discrete position. Also they are located on the village green where the salt will eventually kill the grass.

The pump located in 4 South View should not be incorporated within their fencing.

A Radwinter resident

Question 3

Any other comments:

Why is the Recreation Ground not included in the conservation area? It is at a key point in the village, opposite the school, behind the village hall and opposite the church. Preservation of the ground would also preserve the views of the Alms houses and the church.

A Radwinter resident

Question 3

Any other comments:

Conservation area boundary. 4a Eastview close boarded fence in Con area.
Consider appropriate realignment.

A Radwinter resident

Question 3

Any other comments:

In addition to overhead wires on main road please identify further wires that are in Princes Well & up Princes Hill.

A Radwinter resident

Question 3

Any other comments:

Footpath & styles not maintained starting at East House running behind cottages 2 3 4 Church Hill & stables. Then over field.

A Radwinter resident

Question 3

Any other comments:

Support the idea of putting underground all electricity power lines.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Copy of letter to Radwinter Residents

Radwinter conservation area appraisal and draft management proposals consultation



Dear Radwinter resident

The Government encourages councils to undertake appraisals of Conservation Areas and one has just been completed for your village. We now need your comments on the Conservation Area appraisal for Radwinter; a consultation on the draft document will be running between **5 November and 16 December**. The document will be available on line at <http://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/radwintercaa> or, from 5 November, paper copies can be inspected at the Council Offices in Saffron Walden, Saffron Walden Library and the mobile library or from the Radwinter Parish Clerk. The main findings are set out below. There will also be a chance to see details of all the proposed changes and to discuss them with council officers at a public exhibition which will be held at Radwinter Village Hall on **Monday 12 November 5.30pm to 8pm**.

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The boundaries to the Conservation Area are considered to be generally well defined and no amendments are proposed.

Please visit our website, read the document and let us know what you think and whether we should include all the measures or just a selection of them. If you cannot access our web site, please send any comments to the Council Offices, London Road, Saffron Walden, CB11 4ER. For further information please call Bruce Tice, our Project Officer, on 01799 510670 or email btice@uttlesford.gov.uk who will be pleased to assist and answer any of your queries.

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Important information on the Radwinter
Conservation Area Appraisal

For the attention of the property owner



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Appraisal
Public Exhibition**

**Monday 12 November 5.30-8pm
Radwinter Village Hall
Water Lane Radwinter**

**Your chance to have your say on the draft Conservation
Area Appraisal for Radwinter**

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Consultation Feedback Form

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Comment here on the management proposals:

Any other comments:

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