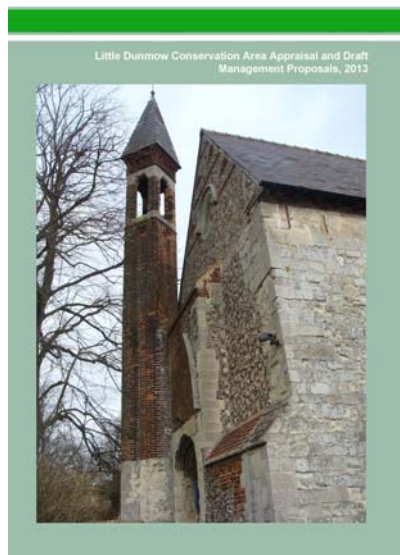


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on  
Little Dunmow Conservation Area  
Appraisal and Draft Management Plan  
25 November 2013 – 20 January 2014**

**Report One  
Comments made at the Public  
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**February 2014**

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## **Introduction**

This report outlines the responses received from the public exhibition held at Little Dunmow Community Meeting Room at the Recreation Ground on Wednesday 4 December 5.30 to 8pm and all responses received during the consultation period 25 November 2013 to 20 January 2014.

The Government encourages councils to undertake appraisals of Conservation Areas and as part of an ongoing programme an appraisal of the Little Dunmow Conservation Area was carried out earlier in 2013. Anyone with an interest in Little Dunmow was invited to respond to the consultation on the draft Appraisal which was available on line at <http://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/littledunmowcaa> or, from 25 November paper copies could be inspected at the Council Offices in Saffron Walden, Great Dunmow Library, the mobile library or from the Little Dunmow Parish Clerk. Additionally a copy was sent to the landlord of the Flitch of Bacon public house for display.

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 Little Dunmow Community Meeting Room at the Recreation Ground on Wednesday 4 December 5.30 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 Little Dunmow Conservation Area Appraisal**

The historic core of Little Dunmow is a high quality environment where the 15 Listed Buildings in the Conservation Area make a significant contribution to its architectural

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and historical importance. All but one are designated Grade II. The exception is the Grade I church of St Mary the Virgin. Thatch is used as a traditional roofing material for a third of the Listed Buildings in the Conservation Area which is a high proportion and representative of a historical roofing tradition in the District. It is therefore important that this material continues to be protected and replaced like for like as the need arises.

Several quality non-listed buildings have been identified as worthy of protection. These are as follows: The Old Vicarage, The Old School House, Nos. 1 and 2 The Street and adjoining Priory Farmhouse.

Trees and hedgerows within the existing Conservation Area play an important function in adding to the high quality and diversity of the environment as do the open spaces of the churchyard and the small space fronting the south elevation of St Mary's church the open area to the south west of the church and between Priory Place, the open paddocks between the churchyard and Grange Lane and the small pond area to the south east of The Flitch of Bacon Public House.

The general distinctiveness of the Conservation Area, though, is eroded by the presence of utility poles carrying overhead services, particularly at the junction of Grange Lane and The Street, and the future undergrounding of these services is suggested as being desirable. It is further noted that there has been some erosion of the verges to the small green fronting St Mary's church and a sensitive resolution of this problem is suggested as being beneficial.

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

### 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** - Little Dunmow 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.

**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/little\\_dunmowcaa](http://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/little_dunmowcaa) 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.

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**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 Little Dunmow Community Meeting Room at the Recreation Ground on Wednesday 4 December 5.30 to 8pm.

**Press release** – a press release was issued on 19 November and was subsequently published in local newspapers. It was also available on the council's website and via its Twitter and Facebook pages. A reminder about the public exhibition was issued on 26 November for publication in papers during the week leading up to the public exhibition.

**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 Walden, Great Dunmow Library, the mobile library or from the Little Dunmow Parish Clerk. Additionally a copy was sent to the landlord of the Flich of Bacon public house for display.

### Results of the consultation on the Little Dunmow Conservation Area Appraisal

A public exhibition was held at Little Dunmow Community Meeting Room at the Recreation Ground on Wednesday 4 December 5.30 to 8pm and was attended by 15 people. The exhibition was attended by the Council's Conservation Officer and the fieldworker who had undertaken the appraisal. 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 25 November 2013 and 20 January 2014 and all responses received during this period are detailed below:

#### Little Dunmow Parish Council

Little Dunmow Conservation Area Appraisal Consultation- Response from the Parish Council

##### **Comment on the character analysis of Little Dunmow village**

The character analysis is well documented and referenced and will provide the Parish Council with an enduring resource.

It defines the historic, architectural and landscape environment of the village and will help us when discussing planning applications that may affect it and how best to maintain the open character of the village centre.

##### **Comment on the management proposals**

The appraisal highlighted several open landscape features that contribute to the character and appearance of the conservation area. The Parish Council agrees that these features must be protected, in particular the open paddocks between the churchyard and Grange Lane which provide a setting for buildings of historic and architectural interest.

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The trees in the churchyard do add to the quality of the setting, but some will be subject to controlled pruning in early 2014.

The small pond area to the south east of the Flitch of Bacon PH should provide an appropriate backdrop to the buildings of interest along The Street. The Parish Council intends to cooperate with the new owners of the adjoining land to restore its surroundings and remove the overgrowth of years of neglect.

### Detracting elements identified by the appraisal.

The eroded edge to the open space south of the church has been the subject of discussion with the Highway Authority for some years. The Parish Council will endeavour to resolve the problem.

The overhead utility services abutting the open paddock have recently been upgraded by electricity contractors. Replacement would be problematical since the intrusive poles support electricity, telephone and Parish Council owned lighting fixtures. Even if the public utilities were willing to replace overhead lines it is unlikely that the Parish Council could fund more appealing lamp standards.

The base to the historic listed pump in The Street will be restored by the Parish Council in 2014, using natural stone.

Repair works to the east boundary wall at The Old Vicarage are necessary but would prove most expensive. The Parish Council have limited resources and are unlikely to be in a position to subsidise any repairs.

### Any other comments.

The appraisal gives the Parish Council a timely reminder of the importance of the conservation area to the village.

We agree that there should be a positive strategy in the Local Plan for the conservation of the historic environment. The central open spaces that provide uninterrupted views should be protected against inappropriate development.



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Dear MrTice,

### **Consultation of Little Dunmow Draft Conservation Area Appraisal**

Thank you for inviting us to comment on the Little Dunmow Draft Conservation Area Appraisal. English Heritage welcomes up to date assessments and guidance on conservation areas as it assists in an understanding and articulation of the area's character that can be used to develop robust policy framework for planning decisions. It should also provide ways to manage change in a way that conserves and enhances historic areas.

In terms of the general structure the Little Dunmow Draft Conservation Area Appraisal follows the guidance set out in English Heritage guidance '*Understanding Place: Conservation Area Designation, Appraisal and Management*'. The draft is well structured which allows the document to be used without difficulty.

*Part 1: Appraisal* clearly sets out the architectural and historical interest of the conservation area and why it is desirable to preserve or enhance. Outlining the importance of the central open spaces and their contribution to the conservation area early in the document provides clearly highlights their importance to the Conservation Area. As a general point under the heading *Origins and Historic Development* you may wish to paraphrase the information you have rather than use large sections of quoted text.

The appraisal identifies non-listed buildings that are of quality and worthy of protecting which we are supportive of. 1.46 *Non-listed buildings that are of quality and worthy of protecting* also identifies criterion for these buildings which is helpful to users and justifies their identification.

Paragraph 1.55 you state that "*other buildings are interspersed in the street scene*". It would be helpful if you could expand on this by describing the

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typical age or construction of the 'other' buildings. Within the same sentence you state that these buildings are "*of neutral quality*", there are some buildings that we considered to be negative to the character and appearance of the conservation area and it would be worthwhile to specify this.

You may wish to include a section that considers the traditional building materials and colours which make up the conservation area. This would give a more thorough assessment of the qualities that contribute to the character and appearance of the conservation area. If prevalent materials or qualities are identified it could help shape your management plan and requirements for future developments within the conservation area.

It may be helpful to include a more detailed analysis of the spaces within the conservation area, this could be done in the form of a street-by-street analysis or by detailing different areas of character. As the Conservation area is relatively small it may not be beneficial to segment it. However it would be worth considering the different qualities of the areas.

Paragraph 1.84 *Elements that are out of character with the Conservation Area* helpfully outlines the overhead utility poles and the overhead services which detract from the conservation area. You may wish to draw attention to the visual impact that the introduction of solar panels has had on the conservation area and the setting of several listed buildings.

Paragraph 1.86 *Suggested boundary changes* and Paragraph 2.1 *Revised conservation area*; do not propose to change the existing conservation area boundary. We would urge you consider including the field opposite Barley Farm as this is an attractive open space which lies opposite an area included within the conservation area boundary. If the field were included it would help ensure that inappropriate development would not be carried out. It would also form a more consistent boundary.

The Management Plan is generally successful in setting out how to manage the conservation area to retain the qualities that have led to its designation. There are a few minor suggestions we wish to make; It is extremely beneficial that you draw attention to any design guidance that your authority has published. This would aid the user you may wish to include information where this guidance can be obtained, for example an address of the website.

The discussion regarding Article 4 Directions in paragraph 2.8 is beneficial in outlining this additional measure of protection available to high quality features. However the paragraph is somewhat general, you could include suggestions as to what should be covered by Article 4 Directions.

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As a general point for clarification and to make the document more user friendly, where you state that something has previously been identified it would be beneficial if you re-stated what element that was. For example in paragraph 2.9 the appraisal states that "*This appraisal has identified several features within the curtilage of Listed Buildings that make a contribution to the character of the Conservation Area, including 2 no. fine walls.*" The location of the walls should be restated.

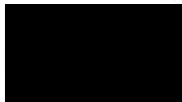
In terms of enhancement opportunities as we have previously highlighted it would be useful to mark any areas or items that you consider opportunities on your maps and refer to the maps in this section of the text.

You could also include a section on new development that outlines the importance of the palette and quality of materials that are used within the conservation area to preserve and enhance its qualities.

The maps that have been included at the end of Part 2 are really effective in giving a better understanding of the area. Unfortunately they are quite blurred and it is hard to read the road signs. We would recommend that you expand on them and include other key features for example; negative views, negative features or areas that provide an opportunity to enhance. In order to offer a full appraisal and management plan it would be beneficial to highlight any areas of opportunity to enhance.

We would like to commend you on the undertaking of this detailed and comprehensive conservation area appraisal. Should you wish to discuss our comments please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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Dear Mr Tice

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Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 25 November 2013 which was received by Natural England on 25 November 2013.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Natural England does not wish to offer any substantive comments in respect of this consultation document, however, other bodies and individuals may make comments that will help the Local Planning Authority (LPA) to fully take account of the environmental value of this area in the decision making process.

Although Natural England does not wish to make any substantive comments, we welcome the reference to Green Spaces under the Planning Policy Framework section – paragraph 1.23 (bullet point 7) together with reference to open spaces under the Character Analysis paragraph 1.48.

Biodiversity and the natural environment can lead to various opportunities, not just for wildlife activity and connection, but also health, recreation, contributing to climate change adaptation and improving quality of life. Natural England encourages the Council through its Local Plans and policies to ensure the borough's green infrastructure is designed to deliver multiple functions.

The Council should also look at the fragmentation of open spaces and the linking of them back to paths and other sites. This would protect and enhance its green spaces and corridors, as well as providing opportunities to link sites and areas, whilst also

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offering sustainable transport options through walking and cycling, together with increasing and enhancing the green infrastructure network of the area.

We really value your feedback to help us improve the service we offer. We have attached a feedback form to this letter and welcome any comments you might have about our service.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Sir

## **LITTLE DUNMOW CONSERVATION AREA CONSULTATION**

Thank you for consulting the Highways Agency on this proposal, it is unlikely that this will result in a material impact upon the Strategic Road Network. Therefore we have no comments to make on the proposal.

Yours faithfully



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## **Anglian Water**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Little Dunmow Conservation Appraisal, however, on this occasion, Anglian Water has no comments to make.

## **Representation on behalf of Chater Homes Ltd and Home Group**

### **Comment here on the character analysis of Little Dunmow village:**

The draft Little Dunmow Conservation Area Appraisal is a welcome and timely document. It is a thorough, well-drafted and comprehensive appraisal of the special architectural and historic interest of the conservation area, and a sound basis on which development affecting the character and appearance of the conservation area can be assessed.

### **Comment here on the conservation area boundary:**

We agree with appraisal's conclusion that the boundaries of the conservation area are appropriate (subject to the minor comment below), that it accurately reflects the physical area of architectural and historic interest and that no alteration in boundaries is required. We also support the selection of key view points and the identification of non-statutorily listed buildings that make a contribution to the conservation area.

We would point out that the conservation area mapping on pages 31 and 33 appears to be slightly at odds with the actual situation on the ground. Though it is a little unclear, the conservation area boundary seems to exclude a later extension to the property shown as the Old School House. It would seem sensible that the building as it is now found, and its present curtilage, is included in the conservation area.

### **Any other comments:**

We suggest that the conservation area appraisal would be given added weight by making reference to the relevant English Heritage guidance 'Understanding Place: Conservation Area Designation, Appraisal and Management' (March 2011), which has obviously influenced its drafting.

## **A Little Dunmow resident**

### **Comment here on the character analysis of Little Dunmow village:**

A thorough and comprehensive review. Well done to those involved.

### **Comment here on the management proposals:**

I would whole heartily agree that open spaces give character to this village and preserve views of the beautiful old church. I would like to see them remain when consideration is given to ongoing development.

## **A Little Dunmow resident**

### **Comment here on the character analysis of Little Dunmow village:**

Agreed as draft proposals

### **Comment here on the conservation area boundary:**

Agreed retain existing area

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Perhaps also give consideration to extension into land opposite Flitch of Bacon pub. This was originally the village cricket square and if cleaned up would be a great improvement on entering the village

### **Comment here on the buildings that make an important architectural or historical contribution to the conservation area:**

Agreed as draft proposals

### **Comment here on the management proposals:**

Clause 1.48 Open spaces. Agree with proposals 2.11 listing 3 areas  
Perhaps also consider parcel of land opposite Flitch of Bacon as above.

### **Any other comments:**

The main detriment to the village scene are the overhead utility cables and poles. Parish Council should be strongly encouraged to discuss improvements with utility companies.

## **A Little Dunmow resident**

### **Comment here on the character analysis of Little Dunmow village:**

This is a sensitive and thorough description of our village. Comment: 1.28 Should a Recreation Ground be an asset of Community Value? 1.48 Boeochier (1410-1486) was an Archbishop of cantebury who I believe held land in Little Dunmow and Felsted – so possibly not “butchers”.

### **Comment here on the conservation area boundary:**

There is a strong village feeling that the remains of the old cricket pitch opposite the Flitch of Bacon should be included in the conservation Area Boundary. It is vital to the “open and verdant” nature of the village, provides views on entering and from the Flitch and has an interesting pond and hedges of varied ages. It was the perfect venue for the village Millennium Party.

### **Comment here on the buildings that make an important architectural or historical contribution to the conservation area:**

The buildings you have specified area source of village pride and are good tourist value. By 2113 many C20 buildings may well be listed as of architectural or vernacular value and we should plan accordingly.

### **Comment here on the management proposals:**

Pump flag stones – yes. Should tiombstone iron railings be weatherproofed/conserved? At junction of Grange Lane & Priory Drive – 2 poles support 19!! Wires & cables – please bury a.s.a.p. Verges of Priory Place are very badly eroded due to increased number & nature of vehicles, and large potholes to avoid. Please could you remedy? South side of Grange lane has eroded 2-3 feet since 1983 – increased traffic.

### **Any other comments:**

1. I hope my comments on concrete problems are in then right theoretical boxes – would parra. Refs have helped?
2. Publicity/democracy. Few people had letters about 4.12.13 consulatation. In winter most people drive past the Village Notice Board & miss notices

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The attendance on 4.12 was largely due to chance contacts & word of mouth. I am on your list of "people responded to former consultations (planning interest" – letter to Melanie Jones Nov 13 - and I had no notice of the 4.12.13 consultation. Was this therefore a truly democratic process leading to a representative decision?

I hope that these two problems can be rectified in the future.

### A Little Dunmow resident

#### **Comment here on the character analysis of Little Dunmow village:**

In broad agreement of view held by UDC. Lt Dunmow has a lot of listed buildings and the Church dating back to 1104 and I think it is important to reserve as much as we can.

#### **Comment here on the conservation area boundary:**

It goes beyond the centre of the village. Brooke End Stebbing includes 'Maydays' also Stebbing Ford Blacth's Farm, also Bramble Lane, and Manor Barns (Brooke St)

#### **Comment here on the buildings that make an important architectural or historical contribution to the conservation area:**

The church, 1104, Priory Place, The Old Vicarage, Grange Farm as a whole, manor Barns and main house, Brooke End, Stebbing 'Maydays' and Stebbing Foly area

#### **Comment here on the management proposals:**

In broad agreement. Hope the road in front of the church can be widened, with ECC money time to act after many years of saying no homes. Village pump agree to maintain

#### **Any other comments:**

I have lived here for 62 years am very proud of the character of village I would thank UDC for time spent on this consultation.

### A Little Dunmow resident

#### **Comment here on the character analysis of Little Dunmow village:**

I believe the character of the village is under threat from the amount of coaches/buses travelling through the village over 300 per-week surely there could be a limit on this or move the stop to main road.

#### **Comment here on the conservation area boundary:**

Under pressure from new development opposite Fritch Pub and other areas

#### **Comment here on the buildings that make an important architectural or historical contribution to the conservation area:**

I feel the historic buildings are under pressure from traffic/development

#### **Comment here on the management proposals:**

Good idea if they actually manage instead of just talk

#### **Any other comments:**

The village is on of the last in Essex with rural feel, with development people more traffic it is finished.

### A Little Dunmow resident

**Comment here on the character analysis of Little Dunmow village:**

Very interesting document. All the important features have been included. It has long been commented on that the open spaces of Little Dunmow are most unusual and should be retained. They define the village & its historic individuality and cannot be replaced once destroyed.

**Comment here on the conservation area boundary:**

In view of the above comments should not 2 other open spaces be included in the conservation area boundary

1. The open space between the churchyard on the other side of the gravel road. It has always been known as the Horse Paddock & is where the horses grazed whilst funeral services were being held. So for this historic reason and the unusual views it gives away from the village should it not be protected
2. The area opposite the Fritch pub lies in front of 3 listed buildings & centuries old pond

**Comment here on the buildings that make an important architectural or historical contribution to the conservation area:**

Delighted that so much is protected in this interesting village & would be very much in favour of the three unlisted buildings identified in the report to receive further protection.

**Comment here on the management proposals:**

The pump I believe has already received funding for repair. The important views should be retained and would be so if the Horse Paddock alongside the gravel road could be within the conservation area boundary. The wall by The Old Vicarage - maybe some funding could be found for repair

**Any other comments:**

Very grateful for the extensive and sympathetic report produced by Conservation area appraisal team for this ancient village. The protection of all the previously mentioned points would benefit from urgent attention from the Parish Council & Uttlesford DC if the integrity & historic character of this ancient village are to be maintained for future generations. Once lost it can never be replaced.

### A Little Dunmow resident

**Comment here on the character analysis of Little Dunmow village:**

Well stated.

**Comment here on the management proposals:**

Well stated. In particular I would like to see the proposal to remove the intrusive electricity poles implemented. Is there any pressure that can be applied to the utility company to bring this about? Any funding from Uttlesford?

**Any other comments:**

Most intrusive issue is the volume of road traffic that is exacerbated by the heavy long distance bus service (No. 133) – between Colchester/Stansted Airport. In total over 30 buses per day – over 200 per week. These large vehicles cause damage to the wayside and high levels of noise & diesel pollution.

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What options do we have? Keep buses to the by-pass? Introduce a 20mph speed limit?

**A Little Dunmow resident**

**Comment here on the conservation area boundary:**

Suggest that the boundary should be extended to include a significant part of the field opposite the Flitch of bacon, such that any development on that field (which is clearly visible from the core of the village) is in keeping with the existing village. Suggest that the line should be redrawn from the Corner of Barley barn to the Flitch of bacon, rather than hugging the boundary of Rouncys and the pond

**Comment here on the management proposals:**

Agree with these. Suggest that in dealing with the eroded edge on the front of St. Mary's church, consideration is given to include parking for those attending church services



**Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Copy of letter to Little Dunmow Residents

## Little Dunmow conservation area appraisal and draft management proposals consultation



Dear Little Dunmow 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 Little Dunmow; a consultation on the draft document will be running between **25 November 2013 and 20 January 2014**. The document will be available on line at <http://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/littledunmowcaa> or, from 25 November, paper copies can be inspected at the Council Offices in Saffron Walden, Great Dunmow Library, the mobile library or from the Little Dunmow 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 Little Dunmow Community Meeting Room at the Recreation Ground on **Wednesday 4 December 5.30 to 8pm**.

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For the attention of the property owner

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Appendix 2 – Little Dunmow consultation form (the council's standard equalities monitoring forms were also made available)

## Little Dunmow Conservation Area Appraisal Consultation

### Consultation Feedback Form

Comment here on the character analysis of Little Dunmow village:

Comment here on the conservation area boundary:

Comment here on the buildings that make an important architectural or historical contribution to the conservation area:

Comment here on the management proposals:

Any other comments:

Please send any comments to the Council Offices, London Road, Saffron Walden, CB11 4ER. For further information please ring Bruce Tice, our Project Officer, on 01799 510670 or email [btice@uttlesford.gov.uk](mailto:btice@uttlesford.gov.uk) who will be pleased to assist and answer any of your queries.

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