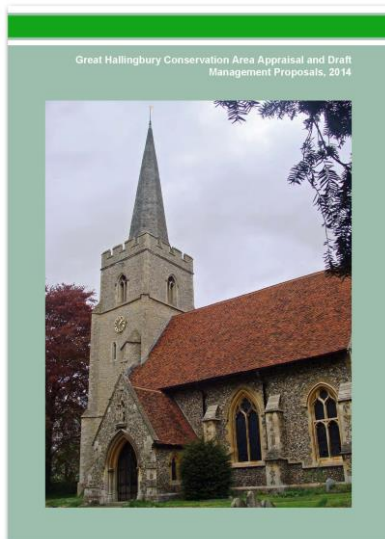


**Report of Public Participation
on
Great Hallingbury Conservation Area
Appraisal and Draft Management Plan
22 February – 6 April 2014**

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



May 2014

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Introduction

This report outlines the responses received from the public exhibition held at Great Hallingbury Village Hall on Wednesday 19 March from 5.30 to 8.00pm and all responses received during the consultation period 22 February to 6 April 2014.

The Government encourages councils to undertake appraisals of Conservation Areas and as part of an ongoing programme an appraisal of the Great Hallingbury Conservation Area was carried out in 2013. Anyone with an interest in Great Hallingbury was invited to respond to the consultation on the draft Appraisal which was available on line at <http://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/gthallingburycaa> or, from 22 February paper copies could be inspected at the Council Offices in Saffron Walden, Great Dunmow Library, the mobile library or from the Great Hallingbury 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 Great Hallingbury Village Hall on Wednesday 19 March from 5.30 to 8.00pm.

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 Great Hallingbury Conservation Area Appraisal

The historic core of Great Hallingbury is a high quality environment where the 9 Listed Buildings in the Conservation Area make a significant contribution to its architectural and historical importance. The high architectural quality and diversity of buildings in the Conservation Area together with other visual attributes and historic associations relating to the Church, The Hall and the moated Scheduled Ancient

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Monument site warrants its formal designation. The presence of mature trees and hedgerows throughout the Conservation Area add to its visual qualities.

As a result of the Appraisal, Glebe House has been identified as a quality 19th century non-listed building that makes a positive contribution to the character of the Conservation Area. This is a most unusual building with distinctive features that are worthy of retention. The mid-20th century Post Office Letter box set in a brick pier is also suggested as an interesting feature that should be preserved.

Trees and hedgerows within the existing Conservation Area play an important function in adding to the high quality and diversity of the environment particularly in the vicinity of St Giles' churchyard where the range of tombstones and trees provide a fine setting for the Grade II* listed church building itself. Another space, the paddock to the rear of the former school building, is also worthy of note.

The general distinctiveness of the Conservation Area, though, is eroded by the presence of a number of elements which detract such as the damaged Houblon tomb in St Giles' churchyard and the presence of utility poles throughout the area. Suggestions are made for remedial action.

This Appraisal proposes no revisions to the existing Conservation Area boundary suggesting that it should remain as currently designated.

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 - Great Hallingbury 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/gthallingburycaa> 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 Great Hallingbury Village Hall on Wednesday 19 March from 5.30 to 8.00pm.

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Press release – a press release was issued on 24 February 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 via social media in the week leading up to the public exhibition. Details were also advertised on the Great Hallingbury parish website.

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 Great Hallingbury Parish Clerk. Additionally a copy was available at the Great Hallingbury Village Hall.

Results of the consultation on the Great Hallingbury Conservation Area Appraisal

A public exhibition was held at Great Hallingbury Village Hall on Wednesday 19 March from 5.30 to 8.00pm and was attended by 9 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 22 February and 6 April 2014 and all responses received during this period are detailed below:

Great Hallingbury Parish Council

The Parish Council are very appreciative of the time and effort taken by Mr. Bosworth in identifying some of the most notable buildings and features in this central area of our village to be collectively protected as a Conservation Area.

We understand that within a Conservation Area there are additional planning controls, which would be welcome in aiding the preservation of the historic features and character of the area.

It is noted that there are few management proposals at present. One of these is the repair of the gates to the church yard which has now been completed, and these are due to be re-hung very soon.

It is the opinion of my Parish Council that the document reflects well this very special place in Great Hallingbury. There were no other particular matters arising from the document that required comment.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Copy of letter to Great Hallingbury Residents

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Dear Great Hallingbury 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 Great Hallingbury; a consultation on the draft document will be running between **22 February and 6 April**. The document will be available on line at <http://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/gthallingburycaa> or, from 22 February, paper copies can be inspected at the Council Offices in Saffron Walden, Great Dunmow Library and the mobile library or from the Great Hallingbury 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 the Great Hallingbury Village Hall, Church Road, Great Hallingbury on **Wednesday 19 March 5.30 to 8.00pm**.

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For the attention of the property owner

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Conservation Area
Appraisal
Public Exhibition**



**Wednesday 19 March 5.30-8.00pm
Great Hallingbury Village Hall
Church Road, Great Hallingbury CM22 7TZ**

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

**The consultation runs 22 February to 6 April 2014
For more information call 01799 510670 or take part online at
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Appendix 2 – Great Hallingbury consultation form (the council's standard equalities monitoring forms were also made available)

Great Hallingbury Conservation Area Appraisal Consultation

Consultation Feedback Form

Comment here on the character analysis of Great Hallingbury 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 Bruce Tice, Conservation Area Appraisals Project, 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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