

Hadlow High Street Conservation Area: Proposed Additions and Deletions

Introduction

Since the original designation of Hadlow Conservation Area there has been development which now makes the existing boundary illogical.

In addition, as landscape on both sides of a street forms the character of that space, it is proposed that, as a general rule, the conservation area boundary be amended to include both sides of a space.

Under Section 69 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act, the boundary should now be revised to reflect these changes.

Additions

Addition 1

The current boundary excludes the small landscaped area fronting the Maltings in Carpenters Lane. The area forms part of the setting of the listed building and is now an important feature along this entrance into the village. It is recommended that the Conservation Area boundary is amended to follow the recognisable feature of Carpenters Lane.

Addition 2

The current boundary excludes the former Victorian primary school and the associated former head teacher's house. Although considerably extended and modernised through a change of use to a community building, some of the character of the original primary school building has been retained and is proposed to be included in the Conservation Area.

The former primary school building encloses School Lane which also contains a mature specimen tree important to the character of this part of the Conservation Area.

For these reasons, it is proposed to include the former Victorian primary school building and former head teacher's house as part of the Hadlow Conservation Area.

Addition 3

The boundary currently excludes the Victorian Chesfield and Stables to the east of Maidstone Road together with treed frontage on west side of the road. Both abut the existing boundary and contain features of historic interest along this important entrance to the Conservation Area. It is recommended that the Conservation Area boundary is amended to include these features.

Addition 4

This proposed addition results from more logically following recognisable property boundaries caused by a new cul de sac development which abuts the Conservation Area.

Addition 5

It is proposed that the Conservation Area boundary follows the length of the substantial wall which encloses Hadlow Castle grounds.

Deletions**Deletion 1**

The existing boundary bisects a small area of new housing development which forms part of the Maltings Close/Kenwood Court development. In some cases, individual properties are bisected by the existing boundary. The character of the new properties, whilst attractive in its own way, is not of architectural or historic importance. For these reasons, this area no longer merits inclusion within the conservation area.

Deletion 2

The existing boundary now includes modern backland development to the east side of Maidstone Road. The character of the new development, whilst again attractive in its own way, is not of architectural or historic importance. For these reasons, this area no longer merits inclusion within the conservation area.

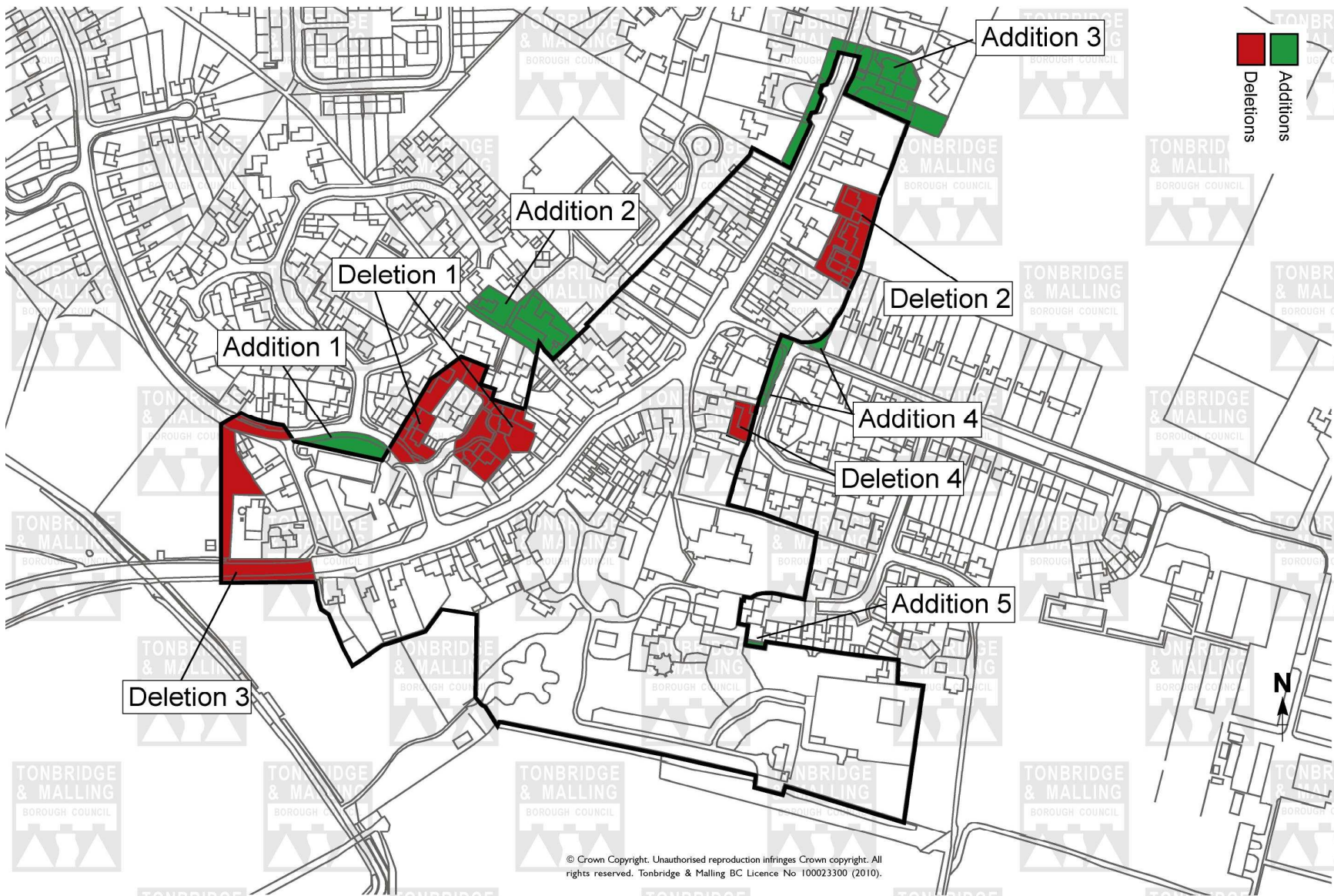
Deletion 3

The original boundary arbitrarily crosses the allotments. It is recommended that the Conservation Area boundary excludes the allotments and follows recognisable property boundaries which coincide with the built confines of the village in this location.

Deletion 4

Delete No 12 Appletons from the Conservation Area. This property was built in the 1960s and does not contribute the architectural and historic interest of the Conservation Area. It relates more in character to the recent Appletons cul-de-sac.

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