

## CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISALS – RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION

## Holtwood

Respondent	Representation	Response
Cllr Anita Oakley	Woodlands Road should read Birch Crescent.	<b>CORRECT</b> road names on the map
Mrs Marion Cole Birch Crescent	Now that there is a traffic light controlled crossing, is it not possible to remove the awful old footbridge as happened at Ditton?	The unsympathetic nature of the footbridge and the fact that it significantly detracts from the setting of the Conservation Area is noted in the Appraisal. However, it acknowledges that it is most unlikely in the foreseeable future that it will be dismantled since the cost of doing so would be high. The circumstances at Ditton Corner were different because the bridge had been damaged in an accident and other improvements to the junction were proposed. Nevertheless, the environmental benefits of removing the bridge will be drawn to the attention of the Highway Authority as will the mitigation measures mentioned in the Appraisal.
William & Priscilla Hathorn Birch Crescent	<p>The Appraisal is clear and helpful.</p> <p>Could signs perhaps be fixed to the lamp posts to announce entry to the area?</p> <p>The wooded appearance of the area, especially the trees and shrubs lining the road are significant attractions of the area.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>With regard to the issue of signs, only certain authorised signs can be mounted on lampposts and this is a matter for the Highway Authority.</p> <p>This is recognised in the Appraisal.</p>

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	<p>Support the statement that overdevelopment of each plot should be avoided. No plot should be developed to provide two or more houses. Whereas considerate expansion of existing houses could upgrade the area provided they were architecturally pleasing.</p> <p>On page 2 Birch Avenue should read Birch Crescent and on page 5 the captions Woodlands Road and Holt Wood Avenue have been transposed and on the Map Woodlands Road should read Birch Crescent.</p>	<p>Any proposals for new development would need to be treated on their merits having regard to the policies of the development plan, the Character Area Appraisal and any other material considerations.</p> <p><b>CORRECT</b> typographic and cartographic errors.</p>
<p>Andrew Lee Russett Close</p>	<p>Commend the process and hope it goes some way to preserve the positive aspects of the areas in which we live for future generations.</p> <p>With regard to the restoration of verges, if this could occur along Holtwood Avenue and Woodlands Road where shrubs have been removed or died this might prevent the verges being used for parking. Such parked cars cause a potential hazard.</p> <p>Could the open space to the rear of properties in Holtwood Avenue be included in the Conservation Area to ensure it is protected and retained in its current form.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>The issues regarding the maintenance of the shrub verges will be drawn to the attention of the Highway Authority.</p> <p>This would not be appropriate because the open space itself is not an Area of Special Architectural or Historic Interest. It is, however, important to the setting of the Conservation Area and is now protected by a specific policy in the Development Plan.</p>
<p>Donald A Preece Gorse Crescent</p>	<p>Throughout most of the area the pavement is separated from the road by hedging interspersed with some trees. New trees have been lost to vandalism, but when trees do regenerate within the hedge they tend to be cut down by the hedge trimmers. Any emerging trees should ideally be left to</p>	<p>The issues regarding the maintenance of the shrub verges will be drawn to the attention of the Highway Authority.</p>

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	<p>grow.</p> <p>It is possible that gas pipes in the area may soon need to be replaced. Management of the area should bear this in mind.</p> <p>Plants growing out across the pavement in Russett Close can force pedestrians on to the road.</p>	<p>This issue will be drawn to the attention of the Highway Authority.</p> <p>This issue will be drawn to the attention of the Highway Authority.</p>

#### Cobdown Farm

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Cllr Anita Oakley	<p>All three Conservation Area Appraisals are splendid documents.</p> <p>The third para on page 2 should be revised to refer to the “important” open setting to the north and east of the Conservation Area. This area is a significant open space and the trees enhance the setting of the Conservation Area and validate its former rural credentials.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p><b>REVISE</b> the third para on page 2 to read:</p> <p>“The extensive open space (sports fields) with a significant group of trees adjoining London Road provides an attractive and important open setting to the north and east of the Conservation Area”.</p>
Adrian Harrison Priory Grove Ditton	Agrees with the content of the Appraisal.	Noted

**Larkfield Church**

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East Malling and Larkfield Parish Council	The Parish Council welcomes the production of the Appraisal and having consulted the local Vicar, David Walker and Michael Fuller, a local historian, have no amendments to propose and look forward to its adoption.	Noted