

DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR ST JOHN'S CONSERVATION AREA

The Management Plan for the conservation area sets out the Council's long-term strategy for protecting and enhancing the area. Part of the Management Plan will be to monitor the effects of change and establish responsibilities for taking any necessary action.

1 Article 4 Directions

Within the St John's Conservation Area there is only one other unlisted historic building (the Edwardian Villa) which makes a significant contribution to the character of the conservation area and could benefit by additional controls to safeguard it

Need for control: The Edwardian Villa is a particularly attractive property within the Conservation Area it is considered important to retain the architectural details and character of this building.

Action: There are several key elements to safeguard the special character of all those streets in the conservation area. The following should be considered for protection by way of an Article 4 (2) Direction:

- Control of roof extensions of any kind
- Control over replacement/ alteration or removal of the following;
 - o Windows
 - o Doors
 - o Roof coverings
 - o Boundary walls
 - o Painting
 - o Chimneys

2 Design Guidance

Alterations, Extensions and New Buildings: Any proposed changes to a building in the conservation area should be sympathetic to the original designs, scale and materials of the building, particularly if a listed building or identified as a building of local interest. Unsympathetic extensions can change the form and character of a building significantly.

Action: The Council will review and update its guidance and leaflets with a view to publishing guidance to assist owners and agents.

3 Proposals for enhancement

As an essential part of the principal to preserve or enhance the character and appearance of the conservation area, the Borough Council will draw up schemes for enhancement to reinforce the distinctive character of the area by:-

- (i) The retention, repair and maintenance of any special features, e.g. the churchyard.
Partners: The Church and the Community Board
- (ii) A co-ordinated approach to highway repairs on London Road and the southern access road, including re-surfacing, tree planning, maintenance and cleaning, improved street furniture (such as appropriately designed street lighting, street name plates, seating or pavement plaques), to underpin the area's significance.
Partners: Hampshire County Council, Havant Borough Council
- (iii) A planned approach towards the design solutions for any potential development opportunities for the old petrol station site in London Road.
Partners: The Community Board and Havant Borough Council
- (iv) Seek a management plan for the woodland at the southern part of the area and adjoining woodland.
Partners: Havant Borough Council
- (v) Consider an environmental improvement scheme for the car park area adjacent to the churchyard, to build upon the existing planting and visual aspects.
Partners: Hampshire County Council and Havant Borough Council

4 Potential sources of funding

Any of the above-mentioned proposals in this Management Plan are subject to available resources. Environmental improvements and related traffic management proposals are probably the items which are dependent upon particular budgets and direct funding. The Council will be looking to various partners to join in and contribute to specific schemes. The following partners are being considered:

- Developer contribution (although this is likely to be limited)
- Hampshire County Council