

MELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

Meeting: 25 January 2021

Agenda Item: PL071 20a)

Conservation area appraisals

The Historic Environment team of the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service are currently undertaking a programme of reviews of conservation areas and their appraisals.

A conservation area appraisal reviews a conservation area to decide if the existing assessment of its character is up to date. Where there is no existing appraisal for a conservation area, the appraisal will capture and record the character of the area.

The conservation area in Melbourn has not previously had an appraisal, so it requires an update. We have now completed a draft appraisal.

There is not a statutory requirement to consult with local communities or stakeholders, but we feel it is important to hear a range of views on the draft appraisals before they are finalised. Please note that this appraisal does recommend changes to the conservation area boundaries to include significant new areas within the conservation area, and exclude some small areas currently inside the conservation area.

We have therefore published [a consultations page for the Conservation Area Appraisals](#) where the draft appraisals can be found and a survey to collect feedback, and we will be informing building owners affected by the boundary changes, that it is now open for their review and comment. We would be grateful for your help in publicising this consultation to Melbourn residents, and we would of course welcome a response from the parish council itself.

The draft appraisals are open for comment from today, Monday 18th January, to Monday 15th February 2021. All comments received will help to shape the final document which will be put forward for adoption.

Please let us know if you have any queries about this process, and we look forward to receiving any comments the Parish Council may have.

Kind regards,

Tony Collins

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