

# **Historic Environment Supplementary Planning Document**



## **Scoping Report**

**May 2010**

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## Introduction

- 1.1 The Scoping Report has been prepared for consultation on the scope and level of detail that should be included in the emerging Historic Environment Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).
- 1.2 The historic environment is a broad term that is open to individual and varied interpretations. For the purposes of this document, the historic environment relates to the surviving elements which are products of human activity. They can cover all manner of structures and areas as well as archaeological remains. These historic elements are an important part of our cultural heritage and our sense of local and national identity. Their presence adds to the quality of life by enhancing and sustaining the sense of local distinctiveness which is an important aspect of the character of the borough.
- 1.3 The historic environment is made up of a variety of individual assets, including historic buildings and structures, ruins, landscapes, parks and gardens, and scenes of historic events, in particular battlefields. The location of the historic features in the landscape and the patterns of past use and activity are also part of the historic environment.
- 1.4 The historic environment is all around us; we can see the historic environment in our landscape, the layout of fields and roads, and the remains of a wide range of past human activities. Everywhere whether rural or urban, has a historic dimension that contributes to its quality and character.
- 1.5 A well-conserved historic environment is a major driver in delivering a high quality of life for existing and future generations of Chesterfield. When combined with appropriate uses it can deliver urban renaissance and sustainable regeneration, contributing to a healthy economy, tourism and leisure related activities, and promote employment opportunity through specialist buildings crafts such as stone masonry and carpentry. Adapting and reusing the existing building stock is also a sustainable approach.

## The Purpose of the Historic Environment SPD

- 1.6 The Supplementary Planning Document is intended to provide a mechanism through which guidance on the interpretation and application of the policies in the adopted Replacement Chesterfield Borough Council Local Plan (RCBCLP) 2006 and how it can be applied to the preservation and enhancement of the historic environment.
- 1.7 Once adopted, the SPD will become planning guidance that will supplement policies in the Replacement Chesterfield Borough Council Local Plan and

inform policies to be included in the Local Development Framework (LDF) that will replace the RCBCLP in the coming future.

1.8 The overarching aim is to protect and conserve the locally distinctive characteristics of the Borough's existing townscapes and landscapes whilst also ensuring that new development respects and/or enhances the existing character of distinctive localities.

1.9 The main objectives of the Historic Environment SPD are:

- To provide guidance on the historic environment which should be considered in formulating development and assessing development proposals.
- To promote better understanding and appreciation of the historic environment
- To protect and enhance the historic environment.
- To ensure that all development proposals take proper account of local distinctiveness.
- To make the historic environment accessible to everyone and ensure that it is seen as something with which the whole society can identify and engage.
- Explain how the protection of the historic environment and the promotion of opportunities for change can contribute to sustainable development.

**Q1. Do you think these objectives are correct? Is there anything additional which you think should be included?**

## **2.0 Issues for consideration**

Content of document

2.1 The introduction identifies the basic aims and objectives of the SPD, but there is some flexibility about what the detailed content of the document should be. Below is a suggested list of headings and key issues to be addressed in the initial process leading to the production of a consultation document.

## **CONTENTS**

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### Part 1: INTRODUCTION

- Historic Environment
- Policy Framework
- Purpose, Objectives and Status of the SPD
- An Overview of Designated Heritage Assets

### Part 2: DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT OF THE HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT

- Listed Buildings
- Conservation Areas

- Scheduled Ancient Monuments
- Non-designated Historic Environment Assets
  - A building, monument, site, place, area or landscape positively identified as having a degree of significance meriting consideration in planning decisions. They are valued components of the historic environment. These assets are identified by the local planning authority during the process of decision-making or through the plan-making process (including local listing).

### Part 3:FURTHER INFORMATION

- Heritage at Risk
- Sustainability and Energy Issues

### APPENDICES

#### **Q2. Do you think the subject areas are correct? Is there anything missing that you think should be included?**

#### **Consultation and Scope of Document**

2.2 Consultation at this stage is informal and is intended to inform the scope and general content of the documents. The following interest groups have been identified for this early consultation stage:

- Community Forums
- District Councillors
- Parish Councils
- Chesterfield History Societies
- Chesterfield Civic Society
- Friends of Queen's Park
- North East Derbyshire District Council
- Heritage and Conservation organisations
- Business Organisations
- Derbyshire County Council
- CHART
- Ethnic Minority Organisations

#### **Q3. If you think that we should be consulting any one else at this early stage please let us know.**

2.3 Please note we will formally consult on the draft document and its sustainability appraisal when prepared.

**Q4. Do you have suggestions for who we should consult later on in the process when we have prepared a draft document?**

### **Timetable for next stages**

2.4 Consultation on scoping documents  
- **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2010 to Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2010**

Draft SPD and Sustainability Appraisal consultation  
- **October 2010**

Adoption of SPD  
- **April 2011**

### **How to make comments**

2.5 If you have any comments to make on the above proposals for the Historic Environment SPD, please complete the attached comments form (also available on council website) and return it to the address below.

The Forward Planning Team  
Chesterfield Borough Council  
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Rose Hill  
Chesterfield  
S40 1LP

Or you can e-mail: [forward.planning@chesterfield.gov.uk](mailto:forward.planning@chesterfield.gov.uk)

## Questionnaire/Comments Form

### Historic Environment Supplementary Planning Document

Please read the initial scoping document which has been sent with this questionnaire and which is also available on the Council's Website: [www.chesterfield.gov.uk](http://www.chesterfield.gov.uk)

**Q1 Do you think these objectives are correct? Is there anything missing that you think should be included?**

**Answer**

**Q2 Are the proposed subject areas appropriate and is there anything missing that you think should be included?**

**Answer**

**Q3 Do you think that we should be consulting any one else at this early stage?**

**Answer**

**Q4 Do you have any suggestions for who we should consult later on in the process when we have prepared a draft document?**

**Answer**

**Q5 Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

**Answer**

**Please use this space to provide details of your name, contact details and who you are representing**

**Thank you for taking time to complete this questionnaire, please send it to:**

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