

## **Consultation on proposed Conservation Area Forest North East – Analysis of consultation responses and copies of correspondence**

County and District Councillors and Parish Councils representing the areas concerned were consulted together with the New Forest Consultative Panel, local landowners and representatives from other organisations including Ninth Centenary Trust, New Forest District Council (officers) and English Heritage.

Open afternoons and evenings were held on 9 and 10 January 2008 at Copythorne Village Hall and St Matthews Church Hall, Netley Marsh respectively, with an exhibition, information about the proposals and officers available to answer questions. Similar information was made available on the National Park Authority's web site.

Paula Freeland and National Park Authority Members attended a public meeting at Bartley Village Hall on 16 January.

A questionnaire was prepared to seek individuals' views.

### **Public Meeting Bartley Village Hall 16 January.**

Netley Marsh Parish Council invited the public and representatives from the National Park Authority to attend a public meeting before their monthly parish meeting on 16 January. Paula Freeland presented the proposals and with Members (Peter Frost and Tony Gentle) took questions. Over 100 members of the public attended together with Parish Council Members. At a straw poll at the end of the meeting, all except one member of the public were in favour of the proposals, and the one member remained undecided.

**Questionnaire Respondents** - 57 respondents completed questionnaires

**Other respondents** – 14 responses were received by the National Park Authority about the proposal

## Questionnaire analysis

Question1:

**What do you feel are the most important characteristics of the proposed conservation area?**

Please tick all those that you feel are important.

<b>Number of respondents selecting characteristic</b>	<b>Characteristic</b>
45 (79%)	The history of the area
48 (84%)	Traditions of the area (e.g. grazing of animals on the forest)
33 (58%)	The location of settlements on the edge of the forest
38 (67%)	Traditional small cottages
34 (60%)	Quiet narrow country lanes
47 (82%)	Trees and hedgerows
31 (54%)	The views out of the area
44 (77%)	Views within the area

<b>Number of respondents selecting characteristic</b>	<b>Characteristic</b>
35 (61%)	Attractive buildings

### **NFNPA Comments**

It is the traditions of this area, through their complexities and peculiarities, that have led to its character and the importance of these traditions is clearly recognised by respondents; then the more specific characteristics. This is important as it is the quality and interest of the area, rather than that of individual buildings, which is the prime consideration in designating a conservation area. The importance of trees and hedgerows in particular is also recognised. Conservation area designation affords protection to trees and should assist in effective management.

### **Question 2:**

**Do you consider that there are other important characteristics of the proposed conservation area not mentioned in question 1? If so, please list below:**

<b>Number of respondents</b>	<b>Characteristic suggested</b>	<b>NFNPA Comments</b>
1	Large amount of fields and farmland, small amount of commercial property; wildlife.	The pattern of historic farmland and associated farm buildings are a key characteristic of the area, as are the range of buildings which exist. Whilst this type of conservation area is not directly concerned with the conservation of wildlife, it does recognise the importance

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		of trees, hedgerows and open spaces.
3	Ecology of the area	Whilst this type of conservation area is not directly concerned with ecology, it does recognise the importance of trees, hedgerows and open spaces.
1	The list contents in 1 are secondary to the quality of life for local residents; Gross interference in the right to manage our own properties in accordance with existing rules.	Agree with the importance of quality of life. The intention of conservation area designation is the preservation and enhancement of the area which should therefore be positive for all affected. Local planning authorities have a duty to review their areas and consider designation of conservation areas.
1	Character of the villages including local village shops..	The character of the villages is critical to the character of the area and conservation area designation would seek to protect this. Whilst conservation area designation could not influence the retention of shops as it is focussed on retaining the quality and character of the area there is the opportunity for indirect influence.
1	Cadnam should be included alongside the other villages.	Old Cadnam is included in the Forest Central Conservation Area designated 24 January 2008. Excluded areas in other parts of Cadnam do not meet the necessary criteria set out in conservation area guidelines.
1	Do not mention in Qn 1 "Views into area" but Section 132 of appraisal covers it well.	Noted.
1	Domestic hedgerows, ditches	Alterations to domestic hedges can be influenced where planning consent must be sought for associated changes. As hedged boundaries are a key characteristic, their retention will be considered important.

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1	Protection from further development.	Conservation area designation is not intended to prevent further development - opportunities for new development are controlled through planning policies. The scale, form and design of any new development will be influenced.
3	Traffic reduction and control	These are not matters which conservation area designation can address directly but the design of any proposals for traffic management would be influenced.
1	Protection of wildlife, fords.	Whilst this type of conservation area is not directly concerned with the conservation of wildlife, it does recognise the importance of trees, hedgerows, open spaces and other landscape features.
1	Wildlife, flora, peace and quiet, clean verges and hedgerows.	Whilst this type of conservation area is not directly concerned with the conservation of wildlife, flora etc. it does recognise the importance of trees, hedgerows, open spaces and other landscape features.
4	Footpaths, bridleways.	These are not matters which can be immediately be influenced directly but as above designation does recognise the importance of trees, hedgerows and other landscape features. In any future conservation area management proposals the Authority would seek influence in management of footways etc.
1	Peace and quiet, freedom to use garden, good neighbours, easy access to open forest.	These are not matters which conservation area designation can address directly.
1	Inclosures with sights of interesting architectural features	The retention of features of special architectural or historic interest is a key aspect of conservation area designation.
1	Archaic field system still in place, hedge	The designated landscape must relate to the historic built

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	boundaries etc. These have been left out of the proposed conservation area between Cadnam and Pollards Moor and should be included.	environment. These excluded areas are not related to any historic farm buildings and are bounded mainly by modern development.
1	Grass verges; small scale nature of the area; back up grazing; not too well manicured; not too much street lighting.	The small scale nature of the area is reflected in the scale and character of the buildings. Any new development will be expected to respect this characteristic. In any future conservation area management proposals the Authority would seek influence in management of verges and street lighting.
1	Natural features in the landscape, watercourses and wetlands areas. Man made features such as ditches and banks. Need to be maintained.	These are not matters which can immediately be influenced directly but as above designation does recognise the importance of trees, hedgerows and other landscape features.
1	Green fields and open spaces; peace and quiet.	These are not matters which can immediately be influenced directly but as above designation does recognise the importance of trees, hedgerows and other landscape features.
1	Speed limits of 20mph, verges being used as roads.	Traffic speed is not a matter which conservation area designation can address directly but the design of any proposals for traffic management would be influenced. In any future conservation area management proposals the Authority would seek influence in management of verges.
1	Speed limits of 30mph on country roads.	Traffic speed is not a matter which conservation area designation can address directly but the design of any proposals for traffic management would be influenced.
1	Footpaths and bridleways important part	These are not matters which can immediately be

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	of rural landscape. Cars needed but must be controlled to protect character of area.	influenced directly but as above designation does recognise the importance of trees, hedgerows and other landscape features. In any future conservation area management proposals the Authority would seek influence in management of footways and traffic management proposals in consultation with other statutory authorities such as Hampshire County Council.
1	This is a living working area and should remain as such.	Designation of a conservation area is not intended to prevent change but rather to ensure that change is managed so that it is positive and is of a quality and design related to its context.
1	Ditches traditionally dug out and banked (eroded by large lorries).	This is not a matter which conservation area designation can address directly but in any future conservation area management proposals the Authority would seek influence in traffic management proposals.
1	Maintenance of existing features important – roads, pavements, hedgerows. Attractive fingerpost signs erected some years ago never cleaned and now illegible.	The Authority would seek to influence these matters in any future conservation area management proposals.
1	Pattern of fields and areas of woodlands.	These are key characteristics of the conservation area in relation to the historic built environment.
1	Maintenance of the balance between private dwellings and small businesses. Appropriate housing density for a rural area.	Whilst the range of acceptable uses and densities are managed by planning policy, the scale, form and design of any new development will be influenced.

### NFNPA Comments

Many of the respondents made comments about matters which conservation area designation cannot address directly, but they do show that the respondents recognise the distinctiveness of the area. Distinctiveness derives from more than just the appearance of the area, but also from elements of character that can be identified but not directly protected or controlled. Defining and protecting what exists such as buildings their layout can help sustain the other aspects which contribute to the special character.

### Question 3:

#### Do you agree with the proposed boundary of the Conservation Area?

Please circle either YES or NO:

Agree with the proposed boundary	
Yes – Number of respondents	No – Number of respondents
17 1 (also suggested amendment)	31 (amendment suggested). 5 (do not want conservation area)
3 respondents did not answer yes or no.	

30% of respondents agreed with the proposed boundary.

56 % of respondents queried the boundary (see below).

9% of respondents thought there should not be a conservation area.

**If NO, what changes would you like to see?**

Number of respondents	Changes suggested	NFNPA Comments
1	Extend boundary to include properties outside on Woodlands Road fronting open forest, up to cattle grid.	These generally are modern building which do not meet the necessary criteria for designation.
1	None – do not require extra layer of bureaucracy. No conservation area necessary. Already have NFDC & Forestry Commission, conflict of interests would arise.	New Forest National Park Authority is the Local Planning Authority for this area and as such has a duty to review the areas and consider designation of conservation areas. It is important to work closely with other organisations which have responsibilities in the area.
1	No boundary – stop meddling.	Local planning authorities have a duty to review their areas and consider designation of conservation areas.
1	Why has so much of Bartley and Cadnam been missed out?	Old Cadnam is included in the Forest Central Conservation Area designated 24 January 2008. Excluded areas in other parts of Bartley and Cadnam do not meet the necessary criteria set out in conservation area guidelines.
3	Cadnam should be included (A31-A337).	Old Cadnam is included in the Forest Central Conservation Area designated 24 January 2008.
1	Cadnam should be included. The area of Bartley bisected by Bourne Lane should be included. New	Old Cadnam is included in the Forest Central Conservation Area designated 24 January 2008. The

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	Inn Road Bartley should be included.	caravan parks either side of Bourne Lane and housing on New Inn Road do not meet the necessary criteria.
1	Following ancient assarts seems to be an arbitrary approach to defining boundary; misses opportunity to include attractive undeveloped fields adjacent to boundary.	Fields adjacent to C and D are not associated with historic buildings and do not relate historically to the proposed area.
1	Include Bourne Lane, Paradise Lane, all of Bourne Road and Bartley.	Boundary has been extended to include Paradise Lane, Langford, the top part of Bourne Road, recognising that it does relate to and form part of Character Area C. The modern development at Bartley and the caravan sites do not meet the necessary criteria for designation.
6	Inclusion of Paradise Lane, copse and Bourne Road.	The boundary has been extended to include Paradise Lane, Langford, the top part of Bourne Road, recognising that it does relate to and form part of Character Area C. Paradise Lane has been used as the boundary line. (Paradise Copse is already afforded protection under the Forestry Act 1980.)
1	Newbridge area should be included.	Newbridge is included in the Forest Central Conservation Area designated 24 January 2008.
1	Extend area to include 275 Woodlands Road	This property is part of modern development built generally within the last 50 years, hence has been excluded.
1	Why is half of Woodlands Road and areas of Bartley excluded?	Areas of modern development which do not meet the necessary criteria for designation.
1	The fields between Chinham Road and Shepherds Road not included; strategic viewpoint, hedges and	Boundary has been extended to include some of this area recognising that it does relate to and form part of

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	trees are significant. (Extending northwards to A336 (Area G))	Character Area C. This still excludes modern development and the caravan sites.
1	Make it bigger so that all of the village is in it.	Area of modern development which do not meet the necessary criteria cannot be included.
1	Trees, copses, fields and hedgerows outside area taken in; traffic calming.	Some amendments have been made to the original proposed boundary.
1	Boundary is too complex.	Some amendments have been made to the original proposed boundary. It must only include areas which meet the necessary criteria for designation and follow existing demarcations on the ground.
1	Junction 1 and M27 boundaries from Junction 2 are the gateway to the National Park and together with Cadnam roundabout should be of concern.	Agreed, but only areas of special architectural or historic interest can be included. The old village of Cadnam, bounded by the roundabout together with Newbridge Road are included in Forest Central Conservation Area designated 24 January 2008.
1	Fully support but concerned that being excluded makes properties inferior. No logic in excluding post war and modern development at Netley Marsh End of Woodlands Road whilst including properties in Woodlands Road built in 1960s. Case for reconsidering both sides of that end of Woodlands Road – attention drawn to Merry Meade and 1&2 Peartree Cottages. Better if boundary drawn as simply as possible.	The Netley Marsh End of Woodlands Road is modern development built generally within the last 50 years; to the south there is a good percentage of 19 <sup>th</sup> century buildings. The area must only include areas which meet the necessary criteria for designation and follow existing demarcations on the ground.
1	Area between Cadnam and Pollards Moor and should be included.	Area is not related to any historic farm buildings and bounded mainly by modern development.

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1	Include fields to south of Woodlands Road – hedges and large trees.	There area no historic buildings in this area – it was common land until the 19 <sup>th</sup> century. The land pattern is one of large, regular modern fields.
1	Don't feel that area warrants conservation area status.	The special historic and architectural interest of the areas is considered to be sufficient to merit preservation or enhancement by means of designation as a conservation area.
1	Boundary decision appears piecemeal – if following assarts, area C includes farms and arable land but areas to north of G are not included, and to the west is an area used as back up land, important feature of forest tradition.	Areas suggested are not related to any historic farm buildings and bounded mainly by modern development.
1	Redraw boundary to not include residents' rear gardens.	Rear gardens are included where they are an integral part of the context of and curtilage to buildings.
1	Whole of National Park in conservation area so that whole Parish can be included.	A conservation area is an area of special historic or architectural interest, the character of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance. The whole of the National Park would not meet these criteria.
1	Hillfort at Tatchbury Mount must be included.	The boundary has been extended to include the hill fort as part of the historic development of the area.
2	Some strange exclusions around village of Bartley with areas of open fields and roads with traditional cottages excluded. Large areas of open space/character buildings in village of Bartley/Shepherds Road not included.	Areas of modern development which do not meet the necessary criteria cannot be included.

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1	Paultons cricket pitch and surrounding wooded area included.	This is common and enclosed in the 1960s and therefore no longer has a historic landscape form.
1	Why doesn't boundary include areas adjoining forest at south east end of Woodlands Road towards Ashurst?	There are virtually no buildings here which meet the criteria of being of special historic or architectural interest.
1	No major disagreement but surprised at the inclusion of many modern properties and the exclusion of other areas of historical interest	Where modern buildings occur within larger areas which are considered to be of special architectural or historic interest it is not practical or desirable to exclude them as the site form an intrinsic part of the area. Areas of largely modern development even if containing some historic buildings are excluded as not meeting the necessary criteria.
1	Enlarge to include Fletchwood Farm and caravan parks.	Fletchwood Farm is some distance away and does not relate to the proposed conservation area. The caravan parks do not meet the necessary criteria for designation.
1	Find irregular boundaries rather confusing.	The boundaries have been based on the criteria for designation and demarcations on the ground.

**Question 4:**

**Do you feel that the character of the proposed conservation area could be enhanced?**

Please circle either YES or NO.

Character of the proposed conservation area could be enhanced	
Yes – Number of respondents	No – Number of respondents
36	5
15 respondents did not answer yes or no.	

63% of respondents thought that the area could be enhanced.

9% of respondents thought that the area could not be enhanced.

**Question 5:**

**What features do you feel detract from the character of the proposed conservation area?**

Please tick all those that you feel detract.

<b>Number of respondents selecting feature</b>	<b>Feature</b>
34 (60%)	Loss of original details from buildings
39 (68%)	Appearance of some properties
41 (72%)	Inappropriate modern development
19 (33%)	Street furniture (e.g. bins, bus shelters, seats)
22 (39%)	Road signs
27 (47%)	Traffic management
22 (39%)	Parking
26 (46%)	Overhead lines
33 (58%)	Other

If you ticked 'Other', please explain below:

Number of respondents	Explanation
1	White Horse public house Netley Marsh – bouncy castle and noise on occasions.
4	Maintenance of highway verges and traditional methods of preventing parking on verges.
1	Desire to accommodate tourists and day visitors at the expense of local inhabitants. Do not want to be a museum devoid of progress and development.
1	30mph limit maximum through villages needed.
1	Poorly designed and constructed field shelters, ménages.
5	Litter and dumping of large items.
1	The practice of removing hedges and replacing them with 6ft fences. Halogen floodlights.
1	Signing by motoring organisations to events using narrow country lanes.
3	Street lighting to be kept to a minimum; too many unnecessary urban street lights; unnecessary street lights to be removed.
1	Very good thing to keep village as it is. Have lived here for 40 years and it is a haven, but put all village in it. Important to keep rural villages.
1	Loss of five bar gates to inappropriate entrance treatments.
1	Too many fields/grazing land being subdivided into paddocks, each requiring field shelters, stores, trailers etc.
1	Stop division of fields with fences; reduce no of field shelters; discourage firework displays; stop vehicles damaging verges.
5	Overgrown, neglected boundary hedges; maintenance of ditches.
1	Inappropriate changes to hotel names and signs.
1	Loss of some original forest cottages. Removal of some established hedgerows.
1	Too many road signs.
2	Pressure on roads from traffic.
4	Ostentatious entrances and gates; block paving.
1	Too many large garages, some with rooms above, in front gardens. Hedges are being replaced by walls and

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	high gates, inappropriate signs.
1	Stable buildings.
1	Plastic windows in old buildings.
1	Vehicles should not be allowed to park without lights in the countryside.
1	Current proposed area almost divided into two by area excluded. Winsor Road, one side in other side not.
1	Alterations by utilities such as gas, water telephone.
1	Industrial premises which create unacceptable levels of noise pollution.
1	Motorway noise.
1	Burger van in A336 layby; lack of traffic management on A336; inappropriate 40mph speed limit; Cadnam Cottages opposite Yew Tree development require protection; unsightly caravan site in residential street (e.g. Chineham Road); destruction of various village grass verges.
1	Hedges being replaced with fences and walls. Replacement dwellings.
1	Concerned about erosion of edge of Lanes, more so since new gas pipeline contract has been in place.

### NFNPA Comments

The local authority is required to pay special attention in the exercise of planning functions to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of a conservation area. This requirement extends to all powers under the Planning Acts and not only those which relate directly to historic buildings (such as demolition). It also extends to developments which affect the setting of the conservation area and views in or out of it. New development should aspire to a quality of design and execution related to its context. Inappropriate new development and then the appearance of properties were the most noted features to detract from the character of the area. Conservation area designation, where there are proposals for change, provides the opportunity to influence this in relation specifically to the special character of the area. In considering the detailed comments issues such as gateways and entrances can be influenced to be appropriate to the area.

A local authority's reasoning for designating a conservation area, as set out in the formal character appraisal, is taken account in the determination of planning appeals.

Following designation, local planning authorities have a duty, from time to time, to draw up and publish proposals for the preservation and enhancement of conservation areas in their area and to consult the local community about these proposals. It is considered good practice for local authorities to draw up a management strategy for their conservation areas and therefore helpful to understand at this stage, should the conservation area be designated, the sort of issues that are arising in the area. A management strategy may consider the introduction of further planning controls, for example to prevent the loss of original details from buildings (through the use of Article 4 (2) see Annex 5), and issues such as traffic management, signage, matters related to statutory undertakers, Hampshire County Council etc.

**Question 6:**

**Do you have any comments about the proposed conservation area? If yes, please outline below:**

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Traffic calming to 20-30mph along A336 through Netley Marsh village and restriction of HGVs along this road. (2 responses)	Traffic speed is not a matter which conservation area designation can address directly but the design of any proposals for traffic management would be influenced.
30mph limit on open forest areas,	Traffic speed is not a matter which conservation area designation can address directly but the design of any proposals for traffic management would be influenced.
Restrictions would lead to neglect of properties, as cost of planning permission and time spent in bureaucratic negotiation would be a	There is no fee for a Conservation Area Consent application nor an application in relation to an

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disincentive to good maintenance. Restrictive practices could devalue properties. (Why were Newbridge residents not informed of Forest Central proposals?)	Article 4(2) Direction. Article 4(2) Directions would only be used in relation to specific issues on specific properties. Forest Central proposed conservation area was advertised in local press, on parish notice boards and on posters in the area.
This proposal scares us, it seems yet another restriction by bureaucrats of individual freedom.	Local planning authorities have a duty to review their areas and consider designation of conservation areas.
Other parts of Bartley and Cadnam should be included. If not inappropriate development will occur in the non-included areas which will detract from the conservation area. What is point in raising standards in one part of village only?	Old Cadnam is included in the Forest Central Conservation Area designated 24 January 2008. Excluded areas in other parts of Bartley and Cadnam do not meet the necessary criteria set out in conservation area guidelines.
Whilst the exclusion of Bartley/Cadnam area is understood, the exclusion of undeveloped fields adjacent to the proposed boundary is a missed opportunity. Would like fields to the north of Beechwood Road, south of Southampton Road and west of New Inn Road included, but there are also several others.	These fields relate to the more modern development adjacent, rather than to historic buildings for example in area G where landscape relates specifically to Bartley Manor.
Most important that this lovely area is maintained.	Support welcomed.
Support designation of the area as a conservation area.	Support welcomed.
Proposed boundary should go ahead but provision should be made to enlarge it when and if desired. Early non-standard C20 bungalows should be listed – some of these outside boundary that should be included. Finger of Area C that points along Bourne Lane could be extended to include Paradise Copse and the field between the two mobile home sites.	Amendment to the boundary to the north of here has been made to include further landscape setting but exclude modern development and the camp sites.
Don't believe it is necessary to inflict a multitude of rules on owners of properties, but negotiate with land owners, businesses to achieve	Local planning authorities have a duty to review their areas and consider designation of

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agreement so that area is not destroyed by uncontrolled change e.g. electricity poles.	conservation areas. There are works which the planning system does not control such as the work of statutory undertakers. The designation of a conservation area give the opportunity to agrees details, processes etc for the area with such organisations, as suggested.
Area is a “gateway” to the New Forest and should set standard for visitors. Cadnam not included but it is the start of the Forest for many. Sign advertising inappropriate here. Need to keep typical 2 up 2 down New Forest cottages.	The old village of Cadnam, bounded by the roundabout together with Newbridge Road are included in Forest Central Conservation Area designated 24 January 2008. Agree that the retention of traditional buildings in the area is important – with designation, their demolition would require consent.
New Forest surrounded by major population centres providing housing, services. Authority may therefore consider if there is a need for any new development in the park except for that needed for practical or technical reasons. Conservation can then concentrate on preserving buffer effect between forest and those areas beyond park.	The extent of acceptable development is managed by planning policy.
If the white areas surrounding letters E and B on the map are not included then modern development could take place leading to loss of original buildings, farmland etc. so spoiling conservation area.	Boundary has been extended to include Paradise Lane, Langford, the top part of Bourne Road, recognising that the area does relate to and form part of character area C. The modern development at Bartley and Cadnam and the caravan sites do not meet the necessary criteria for designation.
Concern that fields between Pollards Moor and Old Lyndhurst Road left out. There are character properties here. Question inclusion of Parish Hall.	The fields are not related to any historic farm buildings and are bounded mainly by modern development. The parish hall is a modern building

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	but it has been included because of the prominence of the site.
Boundary inevitable arbitrary, area surrounding E on map should be included to prevent further piecemeal development.	Boundary has been extended to include Paradise Lane, Langford, the top part of Bourne Road, recognising that it does relate to and form part of Character Area C. The modern development at Bartley and the caravan sites do not meet the necessary criteria for designation.
Extra planning restrictions excessive taking away residents' freedom of choice. Proposals unnecessary as most of the needs of the area are covered by existing legislation.	The proposals introduce immediate control over demolition of unprotected buildings and work to trees. Any additional controls using Article (4)2 Directions would only be used in relation to specific issues on specific properties.
Hope that planning decisions will be consistent and followed up with enforcement action. Suggest bonus is paid to people who have planted, not destroyed hedges and similar features and have maintained porous surfaces.	The Authority always aims to be consistent in its decision making and enforcement action.
Some of key characteristics inconsistent – some modern development appears to be included whilst older enlarged houses excluded. Back up land is important and necessary feature which needs to be preserved.	Where modern buildings occur within larger areas which are considered to be of special architectural or historic interest it is not practical or desirable to exclude them as the site form an intrinsic part of the area. Areas of largely modern development even if containing some historic buildings are excluded as not meeting the necessary criteria. Landscape include should relate to historic buildings.
Consultation, notification of residents appalling. The area is not a museum. Developments which enhance character should be permitted.	The proposals were publicised through local press, the parishes and posters and public meetings were

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	well attended. Conservation area designation is not intended to prevent change but rather to ensure that new development does preserve or enhance the character of the area.
Having attended display feel you are trying to encourage changes before proposal comes into effect. Needs to come into effect now to stop further urbanisation and demolition. Residents and newcomers need to be made aware that they can't just do as they please.	Support welcomed. Certainly not trying to encourage change before any designation.
Long overdue measure as parish has lost many of its features and a number of structures have been permitted which detract from rural setting.. Footpaths in area poorly maintained. Expansion of Totton has put pressure on highway infrastructure.	Support noted. Maintenance of footpaths is not an area which can be directly influenced by conservation area designation (footpath access is managed by Hampshire County Council) but may be able to be addressed through conservation area management plan in future.
Constant reference to inappropriate modern development shows failure to understand these are vernacular buildings of the period. It is not the style of building that gives area its character but lack of density and appropriate scale. Smaller dwellings should be able to upgrade to modern standards.	Agree that new buildings of an appropriate scale can be appropriate but other aspects such as form and materials may also need to be taken into consideration. Intention is not to prevent dwelling upgrading but to ensure that the special character of the area is kept.
Proposal being imposed without residents having opportunity to vote on it – dictatorship. Important to control change but restrictions to home owners will cause financial repercussions. Need to seek permission to work on all tree with a diameter above 3” unworkable and unrealistic. Effective date needs to be delayed until all issues have been reviewed to the satisfaction of residents. Not introduced without communication.	There is no fee for a Conservation Area Consent application nor an application in relation to an Article 4(2) Direction. Conservation area designation does introduce additional control in relation to trees but the intention is to ensure that important trees are not lost prematurely and the regulations give an opportunity for prior discussion.

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	Reasonable maintenance work is always considered favourably and there is no cost for the service for inspection. In existing conservation areas controls are both workable and realistic. Any decision to designate will be communicated through press release, press notice and where practical local publications.
Time allowed for consultation appears very limited. Very concerned that in other areas little publicity given implementation date. Publicity/notification in London Gazette insufficient – must be given to every affected household in advance.	The proposals were publicised through local press, the parishes and posters and public meetings were well attended. Publicity in the London Gazette is a statutory requirement. Any decision to designate will be communicated through press release, press notice and where practical local publications. It would not be practical to write to every household.
Traffic should be regulated and large container lorries not allowed to use the lanes or ruin the green verges.	In any future conservation area management proposals the Authority would seek influence in management of verges
Since row of cottages including Pheonix, Chinham Road included, don't understand why adjoining fields are not; because most of these properties built in 1973, don't understand why included. Several properties which have been altered and enlarged and newly built not finished off. Bad planning decisions have resulted in unsightly building e.g. garages extending to roadsides.	Although 20 <sup>th</sup> century this group of buildings relate to area G and form an end stop to Bartley Green. The fields beyond do not relate to the historic context of the area.
Concern over bureaucracy resulting from proposed boundary and third administrative area. Excluding belt of land through middle area, around Langford Farm and parts of Bartley seems an anomaly	The designation of a conservation area does bring with it additional planning controls as set out in Annex 1. Boundary has been extended to include Paradise Lane, Langford, the top part of Bourne

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	Road, recognising that it does relate to and form part of Character Area C. The modern development at Bartley and the caravan sites do not meet the necessary criteria for designation.
Support the concept but would hope some positive enhancement will result. Character appraisal names – Woodland Cottage and Foresters Cottage – should read “Woodbine” Cottage.	Support welcomed. Amendment to names made in the character appraisal.
Area is an attractive mix of modern and older properties adequately maintained by planning controls. If planning controls in conservation area same as NP, why is conservation area necessary? Although hedges and treed boundaries are listed as a key characteristic conservation area status appears to offer no protection for hedgerows. Article 4 (2) Directions would result in excessive bureaucracy and fees. Agree with the aim of maintaining the existing characteristics of the area but feel planning controls should be better explained.	Local planning authorities have a duty to review their areas and consider designation of conservation areas. Designation brings about control over the demolition of unprotected buildings and influences the design of new development. There is no direct protection for hedgerows as a result of conservation area designation but where there are proposals for removal as part of development proposals this can be influenced. Also some hedgerows are already protected by the Hedgerows Regulations. Article (4)2 Directions would only be used in relation to specific issues on specific properties.
Paragraph 51 refers to the use of traditional materials for modern buildings. Think there should be a clear distinction between building described as modern and simply new so that the opportunity to advance design standards is not lost due to restriction on the use of materials and detail.	Agreed – this paragraph has been amended to read “There is some modern development in this character area, but unfortunately, these more modern buildings are generally constructed in inappropriate materials (e.g. concrete roof tiles, PVCu windows and doors) and therefore, do not blend in well with the more historic elements of the

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	character area.”
Creation of conservation area is positive step. Hopefully will serve to reduce destruction whilst allowing sympathetic development. Not clear how will be policed and enforced.	Supported welcomed.
Seems to identify areas for future housing development - Great Fletchwood Farm, west of the bypass, caravan parks through Cadnam. 75mm diameter limit for hedge maintenance will prevent proper maintenance of hedges.	Area for inclusion must meet the necessary criteria for designation. Exclusion does not change planning policies for the area. Conservation area designation does introduce additional control in relation to trees but the intention is to ensure that important trees are not lost prematurely and the regulations give an opportunity for prior discussion. Reasonable maintenance work is always considered favourably and there is no cost for the service for inspection. The Authority supports appropriate maintenance of hedgerows.
Keep up the good work!	Support welcomed.
Would like to see stricter protection on hedges at the front of houses, too many are being replaced with fences and gardens paved. Need to keep small properties for future generations.	There is no direct protection for hedgerows but where there are proposals for removal as part of development proposals this can be influenced.
Proposals are 25-30 years too late. Almost all properties have been allowed changes, outbuilding disappeared. Why has boundary been drawn to exclude Bourne Lane, part of Bourne Road and Paradise Lane?	The special historic and architectural interest of the areas is considered to be sufficient to merit designation. Boundary has been extended to include Paradise Lane, Langford, the top part of Bourne Road, recognising that it does relate to and form part of Character Area C.

**Other respondents - letters/e-mail/ telephone**

<b>From</b>	<b>Summary of view</b>	<b>NFNPA comments</b>
Copythorne Parish Council	Copythorne Parish Council has no major adverse comments on the proposed Conservation Area for Forest North East. The only observation, as with the Forest Central North proposal, is in regard to the 'eccentricities' of the boundary. Straighter lines would seem more appropriate in places.	The conservation area boundary had been drawn to include all parts of this area considered to meet the necessary criteria for designation and follows existing demarcations on the ground.
New Forest Association	Supports proposal. Cumulative impact of minor changes rapidly destroying areas' character. Damaging. Recognises historic evidence for designation.	Welcome support of NFA.
Netley Marsh Parish Council	Approximately 60 local residents attended the meeting on 16th January 2008. After a question and answer session with the public, a show of hands gave, almost unanimous, support for the designated conservation area. However, the parish council have concerns on how it will be administered and that it could create an increase in bureaucracy. Also that it may cause confusion and disputes between neighbours, especially between those who are within the area and those who are not.	<p>A conservation area is a special designation recognising an area of special historic or architectural interest. Local planning authorities have a duty to review their areas and consider designation of conservation areas.</p> <p>Conservation area designation results in further planning controls and therefore the need for further applications for consent and notification (see Annex 1). These follow procedures and practices already in place without added bureaucracy.</p> <p>The boundary of the area is clearly defined to</p>

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		avoid confusion or dispute.
Richard Reeves, Librarian, New Forest Museum	Annotated suggestions provided throughout the appraisal document.	Noted, with thanks – amendments have been made to the Character Appraisal.
Councillor Puttock	Concerned that area of Tatchbury Mount Hospital site and considerable former farmland outside area.	The boundary has been revised to include the hillfort as part of the historic development of the area.
A R Giddings, Ringwood Road Sawmills, Bartley SO40 7LT	R F Giddings expressed concern about the proposals and the inclusion of their site – site and buildings have no special character or interest; modern industrial buildings..	<p>The site has been included as it logically forms part of the central section of the proposed conservation area characterised by dispersed farms and arable land. It is not necessary to look at every piece of land in a proposed conservation area to see whether it is of architectural or historic interest but rather to consider the area as a whole entity which gives rise to its special interest.</p> <p>Representatives from Giddings and Authority officers met to discuss these concerns and a paragraph has been included in the appraisal document which recognises the close relationship of the business with the New Forest and the nature of the site.</p>
Mr and Mrs Gilby (e-mail)	New Inn Road Bartley not included, has handsome and interesting houses; Bartley Mount, Shepherds Road not mentioned. Fields adjoining Grove Farm not included. Exercise seems pointless – do not want to stifle natural	<p>Housing on New Inn Road does not meet necessary criteria of conservation area guidelines.</p> <p>Bartley Mount has been identified as a building</p>

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	progression and turn area into museum.	with vernacular detailing or local historic interest. Grove Farm forms the end of this ribbon of development.
J R Stallwood and J D Stallwood, Paradise Cottage, Paradise Lane, Woodlands SO40 7GS	Consider Paradise Lane area merits inclusion – hedgerows, ditches, mature trees, large copse, stream and associated ford and footbridge. Historically drovers route.	Boundary has been reassessed in this area and now includes Paradise Lane and part of Bourne Road.
Peter Frost	Suggests including the following additional areas – Paradise Lane, Woodlands Road, Willswood Farm.	<p>Grove Farm forms the end of this ribbon of development.</p> <p>In this part of Woodlands Road there are virtually no buildings which meet the criteria as being of special historic or architectural interest.</p> <p>Unfortunately to include Willswood Farm would mean extending the area to include buildings in between here and the proposed boundary which do not meet the necessary criteria.</p>
Atisreal on behalf of Gifford Limited Atisreal 90 Chancery Lane London WC2A 1EU	Concerned that proposal will place more restrictions on their operations and could prejudice their future redevelopment proposals and would like their clients site excluded. Understand purpose of designation is to protect landscape character and do not believe that their site contributes to the character or appearance of the proposed conservation area.	<p>The designation of a conservation area does bring with it additional planning controls as set out in Annex 1.</p> <p>The purpose of designation is to preserve or enhance the special character of the area which is intrinsic in both buildings and landscape. The Gifford site contains a valuable 19<sup>th</sup> century</p>

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		building of importance to the social history of the area. Modern buildings on site are well designed and complement the setting.
Mr and Mrs Carpenter Aurora 7 New Inn Road Bartley SO402 LR	Concerned about proposed boundary not including areas of open grazing land and parts of Bartley	Fields must have a historic context and relate to the setting of historic buildings.  Areas of modern development in Bartley area which do not meet the necessary criteria are not included.
Mrs L Ladd Old Forge Ringwood Road, Netley Marsh SO41 7GY	Concerned about level of publicity and notification. Objects to the proposal and considers there are already adequate planning controls; objects to the partial inclusion of Ringwood Road; proposal unnecessary and no perceived benefit. All aspects of National Park deserve protection.	The proposals were publicised through local press, the parishes and posters and public meetings were well attended.  Local planning authorities have a duty to review their areas and consider designation of conservation areas.  The section of Ringwood Road is an integral part of the proposed conservation area with historic buildings and landscape on both sides.
Mr and Mrs Gordon Merrie Meade 337 Woodlands Road SO40 7GE	Fully support but concerned that being excluded makes properties inferior. Better if boundary drawn as simply as possible. Concern over bureaucracy resulting from proposed boundary and third administrative area. Excluding belt of land through middle area, around Langford Farm and parts of Bartley seems an anomaly. (Sent	Support welcomed.  Only areas which are of special historic an architectural interest can be included.  Boundary has been reassessed in this area and now includes Langford Farm, Paradise Lane and

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	with questionnaire.)	<p>part of Bourne Road.</p> <p>Areas of modern development in Bartley area which do not meet the necessary criteria are not included.</p>
<p>Mr Lyne and Ms Robertson Clevedale Bartley Road, Woodlands SO40 7GP</p>	<p>Insufficient justification for a conservation area; specifically concerned that rear gardens to properties included. If conservation area to be adopted should make clear that it is historic houses and bungalows that create street scene. Needs to be a balance between protecting and appropriate development.</p>	<p>The special historic and architectural interest of the areas is considered to be sufficient to merit designation.</p> <p>Rear gardens are included where they are an integral part of the context of and curtilage to buildings.</p> <p>It is noted at paragraph 3 of the character appraisal document that it is the character of the area as a whole which is important rather than just individual buildings.</p> <p>Agree that there needs to be a balance – conservation area designation is not intended to prevent change but ensure that it takes place in a way which respects the character of the area.</p>
<p>Mr W and Mrs J McKenna Kingswood, Paradise Lane, Woodlands SO40 7GS</p>	<p>Agree with proposal to create conservation area but concerned that Paradise Lane and adjoining area not included.</p>	<p>Support welcomed.</p> <p>Areas of modern development in Bartley area which do not meet the necessary criteria of conservation area guidelines are not included.</p>

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<p>Mrs Heather Leaper Bourne Farm, Bourne Road, Woodlands, Southampton SO40 7GR</p>	<p>Concern about urbanisation and modernisation in area; concern that proposals too late; situation may be stabilised by conservation area. Do not understand why Paradise Lane, Bourne Lane and rest of Bourne Road excluded. Also should encompass Tatchbury, Netley Marsh and Woodlands Road, Ashurst. (Whole of Bartley should be included.)</p>	<p>The special historic and architectural interest of the areas is considered to be sufficient to merit designation.</p> <p>Designation would influence the design of new development to avoid suburbanisation.</p> <p>Areas must meet the necessary criteria for designation. Boundary has been reassessed in this area and now includes Langford Farm, Paradise Lane and part of Bourne Road and the hill fort at Tatchbury Mount.</p>