

## Conservation areas –Fritham with Eyeworth and Burley

### Consultation on character appraisals and proposed boundary changes - 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 afternoon and evenings were as held at Fritham Free Church on 10 December and at Burley Village Hall on 11 December. 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.

A questionnaire was prepared to seek individuals' views.

**Questionnaire respondents** – Two respondents completed questionnaires in relation to Burley, four in relation to Fritham.

**Other correspondence** – One response was received in relation to Burley (the respondent also completed a questionnaire), three in relation to Fritham (two of the respondents also completed questionnaires). Two responses were received in relation to both areas.

### Questionnaire analysis

# Fritham with Eyeworth

**Question1:**

**Do you think that the character appraisal covers all important characteristics of the conservation area?**

**Please circle either YES or NO.**

Covers all important characteristics	
Yes – Number of respondents	No – Number of respondents
2	2

**Comments**

<b>Number of respondents</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>NFNPA comments</b>
1	Respondent has written a number of pages of text as a former resident of Fritham 1935-1968 and associated with Fritham up to the present day.	Input welcomed and amendments made to character appraisal.

**Question 2:**

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

Please circle either YES or NO.

Other important characteristics not mentioned	
Yes – Number of respondents	No – Number of respondents
2	1

Number of respondents	Characteristics listed	NFPA comments
1	Cars park along tracks in summer blocking access and ruining quiet rural atmosphere.	This is not a matter which conservation area designation can address directly but the design of any proposals for traffic management would be influenced.

**Question 3:**

**Do you have any additional information which you would like to see included in the character appraisal? Please outline below:**

Number of respondents	Additional information	NFPA Comments
1	Two folders of photographs etc, so of which appear in books about Fritham and Eyeworth.	Comments welcomed and amendments made to character appraisal. If possible historical photographs will be used in final document.

**Question 4:**

**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>
3	Appearance of some properties
1	Loss of original details from buildings, such as windows
2	Condition of some properties
	Inappropriate property boundaries
3	Inappropriate modern development
2	Overhead lines
	Street furniture (e.g. bins, bus shelters, seats)
1	Road signs
	Loss of trees and hedgerows
1	Other

If you ticked 'Other', please explain below:

Number of respondents	Explanation	NFNPA Comments
1	Signs are important features and needed to prevent wrong turnings.	Noted; the Authority's view is however that signage should be effective but minimised wherever possible.
1	Five bus stop redundant posts (bus service ceased 2006).	When looking at the management of the conservation area the National Park Authority will be keen to see the removal of unnecessary infrastructure such as this.

### NFNPA Comments

The local planning 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. Issues such as inappropriate new development which was the most noted feature to detract from the character of the area, together appearance of some properties and loss of detailing, are a focus of conservation area designation.

A local planning 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 planning authorities to draw up a management strategy for their conservation areas and therefore helpful to understand, the sort of issues that are arising in the area. A management strategy may consider the

introduction of further planning controls, for example to control the loss of original details, such as windows, (through the use of Article 4 (2) see Annex 1), and issues such as signage and overhead lines.

**Question 5:**

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

Please circle either YES or NO.

**YES / NO**

Character of proposed conservation area could be enhanced	
Yes – Number of respondents	No – Number of respondents
3	
1 respondent did not answer yes or no	

**If yes, how?**

<b>Number of respondents</b>	<b>Suggestion</b>	<b>NFPA comments</b>
1	Forestry Commission should seek planning permission for changes to properties and undertake upkeep of others e.g. water sluices at Eyeworth Pond.	The Forestry Commission are subject to the same requirements for planning permission as other land owners. They and the National Park Authority are aware of features such as the sluices. Some holding work has been undertaken and we will be discussing further repairs with them.
1	Less cars parked on sides of roads – more car parks for visitors to the area.	Conservation area management cannot seek to prevent traffic but in the future may be able to help facilitate better car parking.

**Question 6:**

**Do you agree with the proposed changes to the conservation area boundary?**

Please circle either YES or NO:

Agree with the proposed boundary	
Yes – Number of respondents	No – Number of respondents
2	1

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

<b>Number of respondents</b>	<b>Changes suggested</b>	<b>NFNPA Comments</b>
1	Removal of Eyeworth from proposed area. <i>(See below in comments related to other correspondence.)</i>	Much of the development of Fritham related to the building of the gunpowder works at Eyeworth. Eyeworth is therefore an integral part of the history of the area where some buildings and structures from this time survive. Eyeworth is also of archaeological importance being the site of post medieval Forest keepers lodge and also the below ground evidence for the gunpowder works, considered to be of national importance. It is therefore considered that its inclusion in the conservation area is justified.

**Question 7:**

**Do you have any other comments about the character appraisal or proposed boundary changes? Please outline below:**

<b>Comments</b>	<b>NFPA Comments</b>
Proposed boundary changes seem logical.	Support noted.
Excessive traffic at weekends and bank holidays with inconsiderate parking by Royal Oak.	Conservation area management cannot seek to prevent traffic but in the future may be able to help facilitate better car parking.
WW2 to be mentioned – gunsite near Green pond, searchlight at Eyeworth, clearing near Springs where officers’ log cabins were built by lumberjacks from Canada.	Amendments made to character appraisal.

## **Burley**

**Question1:**

**Do you think that the character appraisal covers all important characteristics of the conservation area?**

**Please circle either YES or NO.**

Covers all important characteristics	
Yes – Number of respondents	No – Number of respondents
	2

**Comments**

Number of respondents	Comments	NFNPA comments
1	Traffic calming features on Pound Lane and Ringwood Road inappropriate and out of place in rural village.	The design of such features is a matter which conservation area management would seek to address. Individual conservation area management plans are to be produced for each area in the Park and views on issues such as this are to be sought and responded to.
1	Detailed comments on Section 4.10 Castle Hill Lane and Honey Lane of character appraisal.	Some amendments made to character appraisal.

**Question 2:**

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

**Please circle either YES or NO.**

Other important characteristics not mentioned	
Yes – Number of respondents	No – Number of respondents
2	

<b>Number of respondents</b>	<b>Characteristics listed</b>	<b>NFNPA comments</b>
1	Traffic calming features on Pound Lane and Ringwood Road inappropriate and out of place in rural village.	The design of such features is a matter which conservation area management would seek to address. Individual conservation area management plans are to be produced for each area in the Park and views on issues such as this are to be sought and responded to.
1	Insufficient emphasis on the fact that this is a living community.  Very little that is inherently 'natural' about conservation area.	A conservation area is "an area of special architectural or historic interest, the character of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance". It therefore relates primarily to the historic value of the built environment.

**Question 3:**

**Do you have any additional information which you would like to see included in the character appraisal? Please outline below:**

Question not answered / set out in accompanying correspondence – see below.

**Question 4:**

**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>
	Appearance of some properties
	Loss of original details from buildings, such as windows
	Condition of some properties
	Inappropriate property boundaries
	Inappropriate modern development
1	Overhead lines
	Street furniture (e.g. bins, bus shelters, seats)
	Road signs
	Loss of trees and hedgerows
2	Other

If you ticked 'Other', please explain below:

Number of respondents	Explanation	NFNPA Comments
1	Previously mentioned traffic calming features.	As above.
1	Lack of woodland and hedgerow/scrub management.	This is not a matter which conservation area management can directly address and where on Forestry Commission land would be appropriate for correspondent to raise, in relation to specific sites, with the Forestry Commission.

**Question 5:**

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

Please circle either YES or NO.

**YES / NO**

Character of proposed conservation area could be enhanced	
Yes – Number of respondents	No – Number of respondents
1	

If yes, how?

Number of respondents	Suggestion	NFNPA comments
1	More land management of non-private woodland and open areas.	This is not a matter which conservation area management can directly address and where on Forestry Commission land would be appropriate for correspondent to raise, in relation to specific sites, with the Forestry Commission.

**Question 6:**

**Do you agree with the proposed changes to the conservation area boundary?**

Please circle either YES or NO:

Agree with the proposed boundary	
Yes – Number of respondents	No – Number of respondents
2	

**Question 7:**

**Do you have any other comments about the character appraisal or proposed boundary changes? Please outline below:**

Question not answered / set out in accompanying correspondence – see below.

Other respondents - letters/e-mail/ telephone

## Both areas

From	Summary of view	NFNPA comments
Burley Parish Council	<p>Consider the draft document to be an excellent report.</p> <p>Concerned that extension of the conservation area to include the cricket ground may provide an obstacle to future rebuilding of the sports pavilion (but are aware of the need for a high quality building in this prominent location).</p>	<p>Support welcomed.</p> <p>The replacement of the sports pavilion would be subject to the normal requirements for planning permission and should a proposal be acceptable in planning terms then the quality of the building would indeed be important if the conservation area extension as proposed is designated.</p>
Member of public (Fritham)	<p>Pleased to observe new additions to Fritham.</p> <p>A number of helpful comments and historical information in relation to the character appraisal.</p>	<p>Support and comments welcomed and being taken into consideration in drafting of the final character appraisal document.</p>
Member of public (Fritham)	<p>Oppose inclusion of Eyeworth for following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Never been considered necessary in the past to make it part of conservation area; wasn't included in 1998 review; nothing changed since that date; proposals ill considered; no justification.</li> <li>2. Introduction of New Forest National</li> </ol>	<p>The previous review did not address opportunities for any significant extension of conservation areas. It is best practice to review conservation areas regularly in any event, and the purpose of this review has in particular been to assess whether it is considered that there are further areas which warrant designation.</p> <p>Much of the development of Fritham related to the building of the gunpowder works at Eyeworth.</p>

From	Summary of view	NFNPA comments
	<p>Park brings additional layer of control. Present levels of control extensive including Parish Council, New Forest District Council, bodies such as English Nature. Introduction of another layer of control would impose unnecessary burden of bureaucracy on residents.</p> <p>3. Site managed as a small estate with large number of trees requiring pruning. Would be impractical to operate restrictive tree controls.</p> <p>4. Do not consider operation of conservation area in Fritham satisfactory. Unrestrained business use and buildings permitted which are out of character.</p>	<p>Eyeworth is therefore an integral part of the history of the area where some buildings and structures from this time survive. Eyeworth is also of archaeological importance being the site of post medieval Forest keepers lodge and also the below ground evidence for the gunpowder works, considered to be of national importance. It is therefore considered that its inclusion in the conservation area is justified.</p> <p>The designation does not introduce another layer of control as the National Park Authority is the planning authority for this area.</p> <p>Conservation area designation does introduce additional control (over trees with a trunk diameter greater than 3 inches) 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 inspection. In addition if the applicant seeks to undertake work on a regular basis over a number of years then the Authority can agree this.</p> <p>The National Park Authority will investigate any issues notified which are in contravention of planning control.</p>
Member of public (Burley)	Detailed comments on Section 4.10 Castle Hill Lane and Honey Lane of character appraisal.	Comments noted and some amendments made to character appraisal.

From	Summary of view	NFNPA comments
	<p>Appraisal must be accurate, factual, objective statement – it contains expressions of subjective opinions.</p> <p>No buildings which are remarkable or of national county or local significance or classic examples within the conservation area.</p> <p>Area made up of mixed uses and mixed developments mostly within last 100 years and therefore juxtaposed to one another.</p> <p>Appraisal must be objective. Tenor would make impartial observer think Burley some quaint rural idyll where a uniformity of processes consistently followed.</p>	<p>As well as setting out the important characteristics of the area, the appraisal is also intended to give some guidance for new development.</p> <p>It is the mix of buildings and materials which make Burley special and their relationship to the New Forest landscape.</p> <p>It is considered that the appraisal addresses the varied character of the area by identifying a number of character areas and considers the wide range of dates of buildings, their types and materials and the changing land usage since the medieval period.</p>
Member of public (both areas)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Documents, as far as they go, well presented and interesting. No justification for large amount of effort and expenditure.</li> <li>2. Fail to explain why extension is required around Fritham.</li> <li>3. Land around Fritham owned by Forestry Commission. Owned and</li> </ol>	<p>It is best practice to review conservation areas regularly and to have a character appraisal in place supporting designation.</p> <p>Much of the development of Fritham related to the building of the gunpowder works at Eyeworth. Eyeworth is therefore an integral part of the history of the area where some buildings and structures from this time survive. Eyeworth is also of archaeological importance being the site of post medieval Forest</p>

From	Summary of view	NFNPA comments
	<p>managed by them for many years with same objectives. Why does National Park Authority think they can do better. Do not need more regulation.</p> <p>4. Why are public highway, gravel driveways, land between Janesmoor House and North Bentley included? Is track to south to be reinstated? What is actual purpose of extension around Fritham?</p>	<p>keepers lodge and also the below ground evidence for the gunpowder works, considered to be of national importance. It is therefore considered that its inclusion in the conservation area is justified.</p> <p>Conservation area designation does introduce additional control (over trees with a trunk diameter greater than 3 inches) 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 inspection. In addition if the applicant seeks to undertake work on a regular basis over a number of years then the Authority can agree this.</p> <p>The conservation area boundary has been extended to provide the context and setting for the historic settlement. Wherever possible easily identifiable features on the ground such as roads, tracks, hedges and footpaths have been used to delineate the area. In some locations where a hard boundary does not exist the edges of tree belts and scrub have been identified as the boundary.</p>
New Forest Association (both areas)	No specific comments and pleased to give general support for the proposals.	Support welcomed.
Forestry Commission (both areas)	Initially raised concerns about extensions and potential for increased regulatory requirement.	Conservation area designation does introduce additional control (over trees with a trunk diameter greater than 3 inches) but the intention is to ensure that

<b>From</b>	<b>Summary of view</b>	<b>NFNPA comments</b>
	<p>Implications discussed with NFNPA officers.</p> <p>Subsequently, note extensions proposed and their purpose. A stream lined process for managing notifications to be agreed.</p>	<p>important trees are not lost prematurely. Reasonable maintenance work always considered favourably and, following discussions with Forestry Commission, system for notification to cover standard work over a 10 year period to be agreed.</p>