

Consultation proposals text (Lyndhurst)

Proposed additions to the conservation area:

- Gales Green and the northern entrance to Lyndhurst. This is a small area of development which has grown historically around the northern entrance into the settlement of Lyndhurst. It was traditionally a funnel out onto the Forest and is now a visual funnel into the settlement. It contains buildings dating from the 17th to the 20th centuries and an important public open space.
- Forest Gardens. This is an important very early 20th century formal planned residential development. It contains a number of houses which are individually of architectural merit, clustered around a planted green area.
- Victorian and Edwardian development in Romsey Road and Empress Road. This area is predominantly a Victorian and Edwardian development, which has survived relatively intact. It also contains the visually important listed Church of Our Lady and St Edward and the listed timber framed and thatched cottage 29 Romsey Road.
- Bolton's Bench and environs. This area links the existing part of the conservation area in High Street with the previously isolated part of the conservation area containing the cemetery. It provides a visual entry into the settlement from both Southampton and Beaulieu. It is an important public open space which has historically had strong links with the settlement and contains a number of buildings of architectural and historical interest on its southern boundary dating from the 18th to the 20th century.
- Victorian and Edwardian development on Southampton Road, Queen's Road and Princes Crescent. Part of this proposed area is already included within the existing conservation area. It is an important area of planned residential development from the late 19th and early 20th centuries. It contains many buildings of architectural merit within a green setting.
- There are also some additions on the periphery of the existing conservation area. These include: three buildings on Welland Road which are key to retaining the character of the rear areas of the northern side of High Street; Shrubbs Hill Gardens, a small enclave on the eastern side of Shrubbs Hill Road, and Chart House and its landscaped garden off Sandy Lane, which is an interesting example

of late 20th century, architectural design. These buildings and their settings compliment and enhance the existing conservation area.

Proposed exclusions from the conservation area:

There are three small areas recommended for exclusion from the conservation area:

- Rufus Court on Gosport Lane. This is a modern development which it is considered does not enhance the conservation area.
- Two buildings, Cornerways and Normanton, on the northern junction of Gospost Lane and Shaggs Meadow. These are considered to be character reduced and architecturally poor, due to changes to their fenestration and setting and do not enhance this part of the conservation area.
- Five properties to the west of Shrubbs Hill Road. This is a group of modern buildings, part of a larger area of more recent development, hidden behind the dense green boundary along Shrubbs Hill Road. They do not contribute or enhance this part of the conservation area.