

Committee(s):	Date(s):	Item no.
Planning and Transportation Committee	29 January 2017	
Subject: Postman's Park Conservation Area Character Summary and Management Strategy – draft Supplementary Planning Document		Public
Report of: The Chief Planning Officer		For Decision
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Summary</u></p> <p>A Character Summary and Management Strategy has been prepared for the Postman's Park conservation area. This analyses the special architectural and historic interest of the conservation area and set out existing policies and guidance relating to it.</p> <p>Members are asked to agree the draft Postman's Park Conservation Area Character Summary and Management Strategy and agree to it being made available for public consultation as part of the process of adoption as a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members approve the draft text of the Postman's Park Conservation Area Character Summary and Management Strategy SPD, appended as Appendix A to this report, and agree to it being issued for public consultation for six weeks in Spring 2018. 		

Main Report

Background

1. Section 71 (1) of the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 requires the local planning authority to "*formulate and publish proposals for the preservation and enhancement of any parts of their area which are Conservation Areas.*"
2. The London Plan, adopted March 2015, encourages the identification and recording of heritage assets through character appraisals or conservation plans.

3. The City Corporation has prepared character summaries for conservation areas, under the umbrella document '*Conservation Areas in the City: A General Introduction to Their Character*' (1994). Combined Character Summary and Management Strategy Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) have been adopted for 18 conservation areas and will be prepared for the remainder.
4. The Local Development Scheme (LDS) sets out the planning policy documents to be prepared and the timetable for preparing them. The most recent update of the LDS was approved by your Committee in June 2017 and includes a programme to complete Character Summaries and Management Strategies for the remaining conservation areas which have no document, and to revise and update existing character summaries. These are being prepared in line with current Historic England guidance on the appraisal and management of conservation areas.
5. The City Corporation's Local Plan was adopted by Court of Common Council in January 2015. Policy CS12: 'Historic Environment' seeks to preserve and enhance the distinctive character and appearance of the City's conservation areas, while allowing sympathetic development within them. The draft SPDs are consistent with the approach outlined in the Local Plan.

Current Position

6. The draft Postman's Park Conservation Area Character Summary and Management Strategy is attached to this report – see Appendix A.
7. The draft SPD updates the previous statement (prepared in 1999) with a new format, consisting of entries on each element of the conservation area. Within each entry, a character summary explores the special interest of each element by analysing its historical, spatial and architectural character; a management strategy sets out policies and guidance relating to each element. Opportunities for enhancement are noted where appropriate.
8. It is intended that the Character Summary and Management Strategy will be adopted as an SPD.
9. SPDs must be prepared in accordance with procedures set out in relevant regulations and public consultation must be in accordance with the City's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI), adopted in 2012. The draft SPDs have been prepared having regard to the

matters specified in Section 19 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004) and prescribed in Regulations 8 and 10 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

10. It is proposed that the Character Summary and Management Strategy will be the subject of a public consultation exercise for a six-week period in Spring 2018 in line with the relevant Regulations and the City's SCI. This involves publishing a draft version of the SPD together with a consultation statement (setting out the persons consulted when preparing the draft SPD, a summary of the main issues raised and how those issues have been addressed in the SPD) and carrying out public consultation.
11. At the end of the formal consultation period I will report back to your Committee on any comments received and how these have been incorporated into the final version of the SPD recommended for adoption.

Corporate & Strategic Implications

12. The Postman's Park Conservation Area Character Summary and Management Strategy supports the Strategic aims of the Departmental Business Plan, relating to the sustainable design of the streets and spaces and the protection and enhancement of the City's built environment. These aims are met by promoting the protection and enhancement of the Postman's Park conservation area.
13. An Equality Impact Assessment has been carried out for the draft SPD and no equality issues were identified. This can be found in Appendix B.
14. A Sustainability Appraisal Screening Report has been carried out for the draft SPD, which has concluded that a full Sustainability Appraisal / Strategic Environmental Assessment is not required, subject to statutory consultees' confirmation. This can be found in Appendix C.

Implications

15. There are no financial, risk, legal, property or HR implications arising from the proposed SPD consultation and adoption process.

Conclusion

16. Members are asked to agree the draft text of the Postman's Park Conservation Area Character Summary and Management Strategy SPD for public consultation in Spring 2018.

Appendices

- Appendix A – This Appendix will be circulated electronically and available on the website. It will also be presented at the meeting.
- Appendix B – Postman's Park EQIA Test of Relevance
- Appendix C – Postman's Park SEA Screening Report

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