

Conservation Area Appraisals Programme – Update

It was intended that a report on how the conservation area appraisals would sit within the Local Development Framework and setting out a programme and priorities for their production would be available for the July meeting. Indeed, the LDS includes a reference to a report being prepared in July 2005 on the Council's approach to producing certain Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs).

However, this report is not available as it appears that initial advice from English Heritage may well be re-drafted. English Heritage had produced draft guidance for LPAs on the production of conservation area appraisals but further discussions are being undertaken. This English Heritage advice is important as it provides the national standard for these appraisals and it would be helpful if our approach reflected this. It is currently anticipated that the EH guidance will be finalised in time for a report to be produced for the September SPAP meeting.