

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW

Meeting:	Unitary Development Plan Advisory Panel - 18 th March 2004 Development Control Committee – 17 th March 2004 – For Information Only
Date:	As above
Subject:	Harrow School Conservation Area: Draft Conservation Area Character Study Including Planning Policies
Responsible Chief Officer:	Chief Planning Officer
Relevant Portfolio Holder:	Portfolio Holder for Planning, Development, Housing and Best Value
Status:	Part 1
Ward:	Harrow on the Hill
Enclosures:	Appendix 1 – draft character study

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report introduces a draft Conservation Area Character Study for the Harrow School conservation area, produced after a comprehensive review of the area. It is proposed that this document is now made the subject of a public consultation process.

2. Recommendations (for decision by the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Development, Housing and Best Value)

- 2.1 That the Panel recommends that the Portfolio Holder:

Agree the contents of the draft Harrow School Conservation Area Character Study, including the proposed planning policies and proposals for the conservation area, Appendix 2 of this report, for public consultation purposes;

REASON: In order to fulfill the Council's obligation under Section 69 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990, which carries the continuing duty that every local planning authority is to consider whether it should designate and review the boundaries of conservation areas from time to time.

3. Relevant Previous Decisions

- 3.1 The Harrow School conservation area was designated in 1968.

4. Relevance to Corporate Priorities

- 4.1 This report addresses the Council's stated priority of enhancing the environment of the borough.

5. Background Information

5.1 The draft study includes information on the history, archaeology and development of the area, analyses what gives it its special character and appearance and sets out policies for its protection and proposals for its enhancement. The draft study is attached as Appendix 1. There are a number of historic photographs in the study and we would propose to replace some of these with modern images of some more of the key buildings in the area, such as the Vaughan Library and Harrow School Chapel.

6. **Consultation**

6.1 This report seeks to agree public consultation for the character study. The study will be distributed to local amenity groups, the members of CAAC, English Heritage, Harrow School, St Mary's Church and residents and their comments invited upon the study. There will be a period of consultation of at least 3 months and following this a meeting with interested parties will take place in order to discuss the study. Changes to the document following the consultation will be made and reported back to the UDP Advisory Panel in order to progress the document towards adoption as SPG by Cabinet.

7. **Finance Observations**

7.1 None

8. **Legal Observations**

8.1 None

9. **Conclusion**

9.1 In summary it is considered that the draft Conservation Area Character Study will encourage a greater understanding of the area and lead to better informed planning decisions. The draft study should be the subject of public consultation.

10. **Background Papers**

10.1 None.

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