

Thorverton Conservation Area Consultation

Summary of Representations



A total of 20 responses were received during the consultation (2nd February -16th March 2015), including one submitted a few days late, on proposed boundary changes to the conservation area boundary and the creation of an appraisal and management plan document.

Opinion was split on the Millennium Green, with some respondents requesting its inclusion. The Millennium Green Trust, after careful consideration, decided it would not benefit from conservation area status, as this may impede upkeep through the need for prior notification for trees. The Millennium Green Trust was happy for the Millennium Green to not be included in the conservation area, as it is proposed to become Local Green in Mid Devon's Local Plan Review 2013-2033 when it is adopted.

There was a mixture of opinion for the inclusion of The Lodge and The Rectory on School Lane and the inclusion of the car park and dwellings on Lynch Road. The majority of respondents were happy with the inclusion of The Lodge and The Rectory on School Lane, while it was a split of opinion (3 representations for and 3 against) for the field behind School Lane. It was noted by a few that there is a sweet chestnut in the boundary of this field with 7 The Glebe that is thought to be around 500 years old and has a Tree Preservation Order (which covers the whole of Glebelands, The Vicarage and the field behind School Lane). There was a mixed opinion for the car park (3 representations for and 4 against) for the car park to be included, including a representation from the Parish Council against the Car Park's inclusion.

There were two requests to retain the buildings along Dark Lane and two to retain the buildings to the south of Bullen Street. Four respondents requested the retention of the gardens and fields to the north of Silver Street while half of the respondents wanted the fields opposite the sheep dip to remain in the conservation area. There was some confusion on the status of these fields, which were referred to as an 'Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty' (AONB). Although an attractive and appealing area, it is not a designated AONB.

The problem of replacing older style windows with new uPVC windows was raised as an issue and it was felt that retaining original window styles could not be achieved with conservation area status. To stop this erosion of character, an Article 4 Direction could be placed on the conservation area. The impact of overhead power lines detracting from the conservation area was also raised, and a greater commitment to undergrounding of overhead power lines was requested. The issues of cars parking on cobbles and leat kerbs

and damaging them was also raised, as was the issue of service trenches being dug across cobbles with the cobbles then not being reinstated after works had been completed.

Comment	Yes/Include	No/Exclude
The Lodge, School Lane	8	1
The Rectory, School Lane	7	2
Fields north of Dinneford Street	10	-
Gardens/historic orchards north of Silver Street	4	-
Thorverton Millennium Green	5	1
Car Park	3	4
Fields on School Lane	3	3
Dwellings on Dark Lane	2	-
Buildings south of Bullen Street	2	-

“One of the glories of Thorverton is that of its surrounding meadows, a constant reminder of our continuing farming history”

“Thorverton is a unique and beautiful Devon village which needs to be protected from further development outside the existing conservation area”

“Archaeological investigations should always be required before development in the village and its environs”

“The cobble area in front of ‘Abbotsford’ and the cobbles on which the listed K6 Telephone Kiosk stands are both special and historic features”

“The Lodge is not shown on the tithe map of 1840, although another much smaller building is shown in the same position. Since the building is a very attractive thatched cottage it is not likely to be spoiled by any owner. It is not listed”

“The character of the Conservation Area is threatened most by the constant replacement of timber windows with plastic ones. The issue is not addressed at all by Conservation Area status”