

Management changes recommended by the appraisal include:

- Design guidance for development in the Bushey High Street Conservation Area;
- The tightening of enforcement controls in the area so as to better manage advertisements on shop fronts;
- The possible introduction of a Controlled Parking Zone on Bushey High Street, subject to the support of local residents and businesses;
- Improvements to the pedestrian environment and a reduction in 'street clutter'; and
- A possible Tree Preservation Order protecting the trees within the grounds of Bushey Hall School.

How can I give my views?

We are planning to have a small display at the Bushey Museum and Art Gallery, which will be available for you to view throughout the consultation.

Council officers will be at the Bushey Museum and Art Gallery to answer questions and discuss plans on the following dates: 16 and 24 October 2008, from 4pm to 7pm.

You can also give you views in writing.

Please write to us at:

Policy and Transport Team
Planning and Building Control Unit
Hertsmere Borough Council
Civic Offices
Elstree Way
Borehamwood
Herts. WD6 1WA

Or email us at:

local.plan@hertsmere.gov.uk

Please note that the closing date for responses is Monday 17 November 2008 at 5pm.

The full version of the Bushey High Street Conservation Area Appraisal is available to view at Civic Offices, the Council's Bushey Area Office, Bushey Library, and Bushey Museum and Art Gallery.

A PDF version of the full document is also available to download online from:
www.hertsmere.gov.uk/planning

What will happen after consultation?

Once we have received all your comments we will consider these and make any adjustments considered necessary. We will also notify you of any boundary changes that affect your property.

Bushey High Street Conservation Area

Public Consultation - 13 October to 24 November 2008



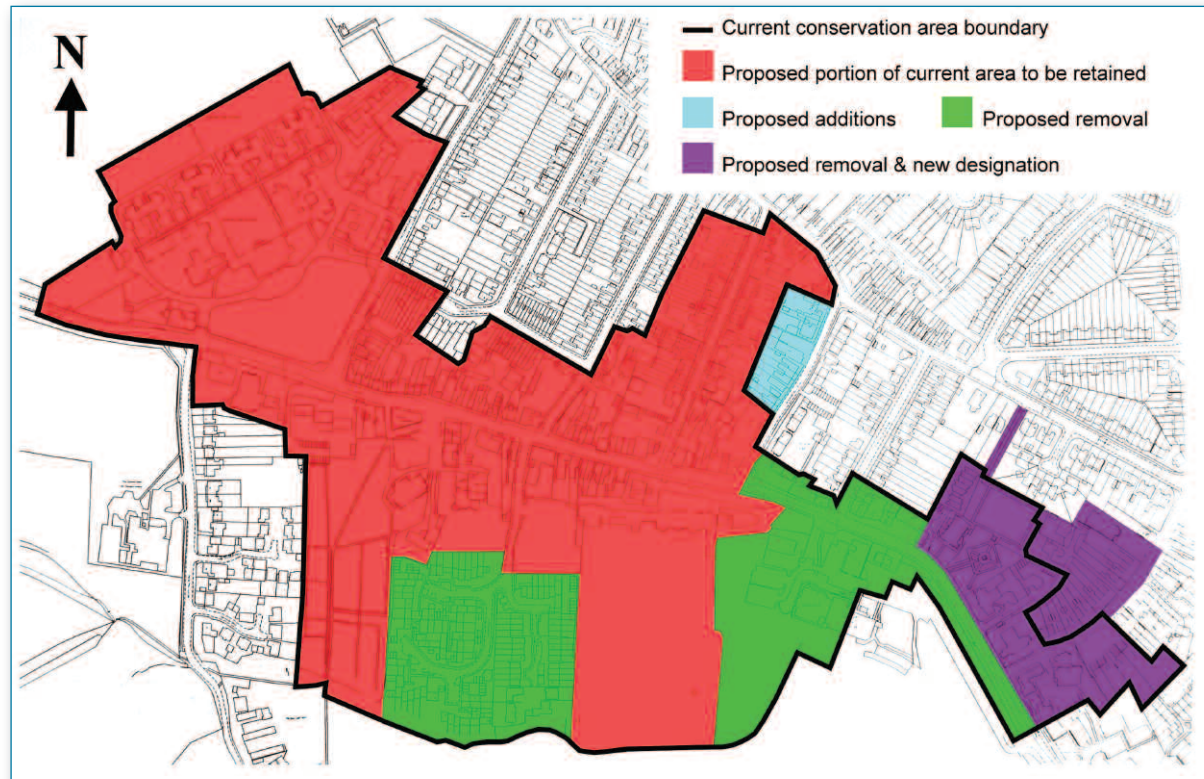
The Council is planning to make some changes to the Bushey High Street Conservation Area boundary. Before any improvements are made we would like to hear from local residents, businesses and anyone else who has an interest in the area.

Where did these plans come from?

The plans for improvements have come about as a result of an assessment of the Conservation Area carried out by our conservation consultants, the Built Environment Advisory and Management Service (BEAMS), part of the Hertfordshire Building Preservation Trust. This assessment looked at the reasons why Bushey High Street Conservation Area should be protected as a historically important part of the Borough and the ways in which this historic character could be preserved and enhanced for future generations. The process of doing this was to look at different areas or 'character zones' within the Bushey High Street Conservation Area and analyse each in detail, taking in what were considered to be good, neutral and bad features. It was as a result of this analysis that possible improvements were identified.

What boundary changes are planned?

The main improvements identified by this assessment, known as the Bushey High Street Conservation Area Appraisal, concern a number of changes to the Bushey High Street Conservation Area boundary.



These are:

- The removal of all properties east of 128 High Street on the corner of Bournehall Road on both sides of the road, including Bushey Golf and Country Club and Melbourne Road, from the Conservation Area;
- The removal of the Kemp Place and Montague Hall Place estates from the Conservation Area;
- The inclusion of the area along the west side of Bournehall Road between Bournehall House, Bournhall Road and Tynecote, Herkomer Road within the Conservation Area; and
- The creation of a new Conservation Area at the east end of High Street, including almost all properties along the north side of High Street from the Congregation Church to Pearl House and a larger part of Melbourne Road than currently included within the Bushey High Street Conservation Area.

Please see the map opposite for a visual representation.

We believe that these changes will enhance the Conservation Area through the removal of those areas that are not considered to enhance the Conservation Area and the retention or addition of areas that embody important periods in the historic development of this area. Before we do this we would like to know your opinion. Are the areas that we are planning to remove more worthy of protection than we think? Are there any other areas adjoining the Conservation Area that we have overlooked? Or are you happy with the Bushey High Street Conservation Area boundary as it is at present?

What management changes are planned?

In addition to the boundary changes, the Conservation Area Appraisal also recommended ways in which the Conservation Area could be better managed by Hertsmerer Borough Council and our partners, including the highways authority, Hertfordshire County Council.

We feel that Bushey High Street Conservation Area has the potential to become even more attractive; and we feel that we can achieve this by changing the way the Area is managed. For example, as well as tightening enforcement controls, the Council could consider the possibility of providing financial assistance for shopkeepers in the Area who wish to enhance the appearance of their shop fronts. But before we make any changes we would like your input. Are you aware of any other important areas for improvement? Do you have any innovative ideas for managing the Conservation Area? Or do you feel that the changes we are suggesting deal with issues that are not really problematic?