

Appendix 1: Havant Borough Urban Context and Character Appraisals

Introduction

- A.1 Havant Borough has some very distinctive and characterful areas that are easily recognisable, these include Havant Town Centre, Emsworth Town Centre and Bedhampton Conservation Area, amongst others. However beyond these, the urban areas are predominantly residential streets and estates and industrial and retail areas. We do not think of these areas as being particularly distinctive, however they are. This can be because of how they connect to neighbouring areas, interact with the landscape, topography, existing features and how their characteristics have evolved in response to these. It is important that the council, local community and developers recognises the best elements of local character and work together to preserve and strengthen these important aspects of local identity.
- A.2 This appendix looks at the urban context of Havant Borough and explores that elements are important to its character. It does this by considering the form of specific character sub-areas under five main headings. These are the areas identified in the Core Strategy:
1. Waterlooville (including Cowplain, Purbrook, Waterlooville, Wecock and Widley)
 2. Havant (including Bedhampton, Denvilles, Havant Town, Langstone and Warblington)
 3. Leigh Park (principally the four electoral wards of Barncroft, Battins, Bondfields and Warren Park)
 4. Emsworth
 5. Hayling Island
- A.3 The purpose of this consultation is for the public to collaborate on the production of this SPD, and in particular this section which refers to local area specific matters, to ensure the information contained in the adopted SPD are accurate and reflects local needs, aspirations and values.
- A.4 It must be noted that the character area information is not exhaustive. The information provided in the sub-area profiles is a summary and is not exhaustive. There may be site or street variations that should also be considered and taken into account in the design of new developments. Therefore, the council expects applicants to undertake a more detailed contextual analysis to take account of site specific details.

Methodology

- A.5 The sub-areas for Waterlooville, Havant and Leigh Park were defined by Hampshire County Council who has produced the Integrated Landscape Assessment of the County. Further information is available on the Hampshire County Council website <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/landscape-and-heritage/planning-the-landscape/landscape-character/hampshire-integrated-character-assessment.htm>. This incorporates the information contained in the Havant Borough Seascape, Townscape and Landscape Character Assessment, 2007. The assessment was based on three principal components: a historic appraisal of the urban areas; mapping of townscape character types; and an assessment of the character of the townscape and identification of Townscape Character Areas.
- A.6 The Hampshire Integrated Townscape Assessment focuses on large scale settlements only and does not include Emsworth or Hayling Island. In order to ensure there is a robust and complete evidence base, Havant Borough Council commissioned consultants Forum Heritage Service, who produced the County assessment, to complete the work, using the same methodology.
- A.7 Not all sequenced numbers and letters are referred to. These are either outside of the borough boundary or the urban area, as defined in the saved Local Plan policies.