

The Crawley Conservation Areas and Non-Designated Heritage Assets Review

A Heritage Assets Review has been undertaken to support the Local Plan and update the council's heritage evidence base.

The consultant's study will be published on January 6th 2021 as part of the background evidence supporting the Local Plan consultation.

This is because some of the Assessment recommendations in respect of Areas of Special Local Character and Historic Parks and Gardens have been incorporated into the submission draft 2021 Local Plan. This reflects the fact that these designations currently have no formal basis other than their identification in the Local Plan.

Other proposals arising from the above Review will be consulted upon separately and in parallel to the Local Plan. These include:

- Recommended revisions to existing Conservation Area boundaries,
- New Conservation Areas,
- An updated list of Locally Listed Buildings

This is in order to allow for detailed consideration of the consultation responses to help inform recommendations for subsequent Cabinet and Portfolio Holder decisions respectively in due course.

This separate consultation is likely to commence in late January 2021 with the intention that any changes can be implemented in time for them to be reflected in the final version of the updated Local Plan.

Alongside this work and as set out in the council's 2020-2023 Local Development Scheme, the Council's Strategic Planning Team intend to undertake a series of Character Area Assessments, which will be prepared at a range of scales across the whole borough.

These Assessments will provide a more robust understanding of the local context and an analysis of local character and identity to guide and dictate the form of new development.

A detailed programme for this work will be prepared, with priorities including areas where considerable change is anticipated, and the importance of considering the protection of assets within an area.

A full summary of all the consultants' recommendations is available on request, please contact Ian Warren in Strategic Planning.