

## APPENDIX E

### Schedule of changes to Christ Church Conservation Area Appraisal following public consultation

5.1.7, p33	The Town Hall complex (which includes the Grade II listed Town Hall, the Town Hall extension along Prince Street, Prince Street Clinic, the former Police Station and the remaining parts of the former Carnegie Library on Church Road), together with St. Thomas RC Church and the former Christ Church School, form a cluster of civic buildings on Great Georges Road. The scale of the church and the Town Hall complement each other, though the former school is dwarfed. When viewed from Church Road, the complex includes the former library and police station.
8.6, p77-78	<u>8. Town Hall Complex and car park to the rear</u> The Town Hall civic complex, which includes the Grade II listed Town Hall, the Town Hall extension along Prince Street, the Prince Street Clinic, the former Police Station on Church Road and the remaining parts of the former Carnegie Library also on Church Road make an important contribution to the character of the Conservation Area. These buildings are suffering from a lack of maintenance and repair, varying levels of usage and require a programme of repairs to be implemented. The buildings should also targeted for re-use and enhancement to prevent further deterioration through lack of use.

## Public Consultation Results

### Summary

During the 6 week consultation period running from 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016 until 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016, regarding the revised Christ Church Conservation Area Appraisal and the new Waterloo Park Conservation Area Appraisal, the Council received a total of 8 responses; comprising 4 email responses and 4 completed paper questionnaire consultation e-forms.

Of the 8 responses received, there were: five consultation responses regarding Christ Church Conservation Area and two responses concerning Waterloo Park Conservation Area. In addition, there was one response regarding heritage matters

in general and the 3 Waterloo Conservation Areas, including reference to the Seafront Gardens.

Within this six week consultation period, a drop-in event session was held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, between 5-7pm at Waterloo Town Hall, inviting residents, local business and stakeholders to come and have their say on the two appraisals. A series of display boards highlighting the essential character and special interest of the Conservation Area provided a summary of the content of the two appraisals, including pictorial and historical map information showing how the two areas had developed and evolved over time.

100% were generally happy with the chosen venue of Waterloo Town Hall, although some access issues with the event being held on the first floor were mentioned.

All those who responded were in the 40 or over age group.

Over 80% respondents were able to speak to a Conservation Officer and they all felt they had their questions answered.

A summary of the main points raised are as follows:

- Welcome the revised appraisal given that the Conservation Area has been identified 'at risk'.
- Preparation of a Management Plan is required in due course
- The collection of 'Civic Buildings' on Church Road, Great George Road, Prince Street and Queen Street are in a poor state of repair, un-used or in occasional use. These include: the Grade II listed Town Hall, the Town Hall extension along Price Street, Prince Street Clinic, the former Police Station on Church Road and the remaining parts of the former Carnegie Library, also on Church Road.
- These civic buildings make an important contribution to the Conservation Area and should be highlighted in the appraisal as key buildings which need to be targeted for investment, repair, re-use and enhancement.
- Reinstating original and historic features, such as gate piers and introducing a uniform palette of traditional materials for the roads and pavements would enhance the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.
- Historic images of the properties within the area would be a very useful indication of how the streets used to look, and provide a useful guide regarding repairs and reinstatement of original features.
- The array of different lampposts within the area detracts from the character of the area. A consistent style, sympathetic to the historic character of the area would be beneficial and enhance the streetscene.
- Old Christ Church, which is a Grade II\* listed building has recently been identified as a 'Building at Risk' on the national 'at risk' register.

- Welcome the fact that Potters Barn has been identified as one of the contributing factors regarding the Conservation Area being 'at risk'. Questions whether the water fountain within the courtyard area could be relocated to a safer environment to avoid vandalism.
- Investigate potential external funding sources and opportunities to address the challenges highlighted in the appraisal to tackle key buildings and raise awareness.
- The event was a useful and informative opportunity to speak face-to-face with the two Conservation Officers, and view and ask questions regarding the information presented on the display boards.