

SHOTTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Shottisham Conservation Area Appraisal

POINTS ARISING FROM PUBLIC CONSULTATION HELD ON TUESDAY
13TH OCTOBER 2015:

- The name of the document should be changed to Shottisham-cum-Sutton Conservation Area since the map includes properties and land in Sutton Parish such as part of Fen Meadow
- Section 8. The statement “The Churchyard is the largest publically accessible green space within the village” is incorrect since Shottisham has a large recreation ground and playing field
- Section 9. The village is not wholly “linear” as there is a nucleated section of the village around The Sorrell Horse
- There was broad agreement that service cables are visually distracting and should be placed underground
- There was agreement about the increased incidence of UPVC windows and discussion focussed on the relative merits of aesthetics compared with the practicalities of lower fuel bills for owners of such properties
- There was agreement on the desirability of hedges rather than fences to create a green corridor
- Red phone box: Residents did not identify a new role for the telephone box. With poor mobile signal within the village, there could be a case for retaining it as an emergency measure. Clerk to investigate.
- Important views: The view from the flight of steps leading to the church was identified but the wooden handrails have been replaced by metal ones because of the *practical* difficulty of maintenance.
- Conservation Area Management Plan: It was pointed out that the point made in the report about some intrusive 20th century developments are presumably a result of SCDC’s own planning regulations!
- Residents agreed that loose or bound gravel is the most suitable surface for driveways in terms of appearance but not always in *practical terms* since heavy rain can cause such gravel to be washed away
- Re 13.1 Alterations to existing period buildings are currently allowed under “permitted development”. A proposal to make owners of period

properties ask for planning permission to do so in future was given cautious approval.

- The council welcomed the current action of SCDC of publishing criteria for identification of non-listed heritage assets. There are currently 5 listed buildings in Shottisham but numerous unlisted buildings which make a positive contribution
- Thoughts on Open Spaces: It was noted that the playing field and recreation ground lie outside the Conservation Area but impinge on the view of the church from that direction. There are also important views around Fen Meadow, behind Cliff House and the area opposite the Trust Hall which should all be protected.
- Car parking: Residents agreed that on-street car parking detracted from the look of the Conservation Area but that there was little alternative for villagers in most cases. A community car park would be welcomed if SCDC could show flexibility in providing a site which would not cause further traffic problems in exchange for some limited street car parking. The area opposite the pub car park which had been put forward has poor access. **However, the council would like SCDC to consider a plan for a section of the Sorrell Horse field at the lower end to be made into a community car park. Support for this suggestion would be most welcome.**
- It was agreed that any future housing on the periphery of the village should be of sympathetic design.
- The meeting concluded by thanking the author for such a comprehensive report which despite its recommendations to restrict certain freedoms of householders has raised a number of points which will provide food for thought.