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Lower Dovercourt Conservation Area

Name/Organisation	Comment	Action/response
Historic England	<p>Dear Sir/Madam</p> <p>Thank you for your consultation of 3 October 2022 requesting comments on the new Conservation Area Appraisals for Harwich Old Town, Frinton and Walton, Manningtree and Mistley, Brightlingsea, and Great Bentley. Historic England provides advice when our engagement can add most value. In this case we do not wish to offer advice. This should not be interpreted as comment on the merits of the application.</p> <p>We suggest that you seek the views of your specialist conservation and archaeological advisers. You may also find it helpful to refer to our published advice at https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/find/</p> <p>It is not necessary to consult us on this application again, unless there are material changes to the proposals. However, if you would like advice from us, please contact us to explain your request.</p> <p>Yours sincerely, Sheila Stones Inspector of Historic Buildings and Areas</p>	NA
Natural England	<p>Dear Sir/Madam</p> <p>Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.</p> <p>Natural England does not consider that the Tendring Conservation Area Appraisals & Local List Criteria Consultation pose any likely risk or opportunity in relation to our statutory purpose, and so does not wish to comment on this consultation.</p> <p>The lack of comment from Natural England should not be interpreted as a statement that there are no impacts on the natural environment. Other bodies and individuals may wish</p>	NA

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	<p>to make comments that might help the Local Planning Authority (LPA) to fully take account of any environmental risks and opportunities relating to this document. If you disagree with our assessment of these Character Appraisals/Management Plans as low risk, or should the proposed Plans be amended in a way which significantly affects the impact on the natural environment, then in accordance with Section 4 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006, please consult Natural England again. Yours faithfully Tessa Lambert</p>	
<p>P Parker</p>	<p>Good Afternoon It came as a great surprise to me, my Family, my immediate neighbours and, I would suggest, 90% of the residents of Dovercourt that there was already a smaller conservation area in place! However, I would comment as follows:- Suggested Boundaries Section 2.1 (Context and General Character) of the Appraisal and Management Plan specifically mentions “....., <i>the remainder of the settlement grew to the west and a defining feature of the Conservation Area is the consistent survival of this mid nineteenth and early twentieth century development</i>” . I believe that by omitting the inclusion of Hordle St., Hordle Place, Empire Road and Cliff Road, all of which have properties that fall within this time span, is a mistake. Although many of these properties have been extensively altered internally over the years, externally they retain the style and architectural designs in keeping with the era in which they were built. As they are on the West of the immediate boundary line of the conservation area, Kingsway, this should be a simple process. Threats Section 2.7 (Heritage at Risk) of the above document gives a list of buildings and locations which fall into this category. I would add that another factor to be very seriously considered is both the general condition of many properties with the area and the enormous amounts of rubbish which has accumulated outside and adjacent to these properties. I appreciate this is private land and therefore is the responsibility of the Landlord to clear, but if this is allowed to continue it negates the whole vision, benefit</p>	<p>Hordle Street etc were reviewed as part of the assessment in 2021 but were considered to not be preserved enough for inclusion (loss of windows, doors, roof tiles, and some pebbledash render etc) However, as per the Harwich Societies comments too, there may be scope for re-revision, however this is not recommended at this stage, and it is recommended that individual buildings of merit or any notable groups (for example on cliff road) are considered for local listing. Noted and agreed – maintenance is a threat to the area. This is noted within the management plan (4.5)</p>


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	<p>and concept of a conservation area. Landlords must be on board with the process or be enforced to comply with their responsibilities!</p> <p>Additionally the poor maintenance, up keep and weed / grass clearance from roads and alleyways within the conservation area must be addressed.</p> <p>If these problems are with us now in a current conservation area it does not bode well for a future area. Without the will emanating from TDC to ensure these changes happens, the project is worthless.</p>	
Tony Francis	<p>Ok.</p> <p>Can I ask when the renovation will start?</p> <p>I understand 400k was available. Is it still?</p> <p>The shingle on Dovercourt beach mounts up and up.</p> <p>It is not indigenous.</p> <p>It is believed ti be industrial waste from dredging</p> <p>How can TDC resolve this and return Dovercourt beach to it's former golden sands?</p> <p>Just some of my questions in pursuit of a successful job creating tourism project in Harwich and Dovercourt</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Tony Francis</p> <p>From: Tony Francis Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2022 1:23:27 PM To: planning.policy@tendringdc.gov.uk Subject: Dovercourt Lighthouses</p> <p>Dovercourt Lighthouses</p> <p>I understand that public consultants are being sought for the use of Dovercourt Lighthouse?</p> <p>Is there a guideline at all?</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Tony Francis</p>	<p>Not something that we can address within the CAAMP / sounds like a separate question on funding</p>

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Harwich Society	<p>Dear Mr Guiver</p> <p>Lower Dovercourt Conservation Area Appraisal and Local List Consultation</p> <p>The Harwich Society welcomes these policy initiatives to protect and enhance local heritage buildings, structures and areas. Our trustees have reviewed the proposals and make the following consultation responses about matters pertaining to the Harwich area::</p> <p>Lower Dovercourt Conservation Area Appraisal</p> <p>1. The Appraisal document provides a good overview about townscape and key buildings. Adjustment to the boundaries of the Conservation Area is desirable to take account of change that has occurred and to protect key remaining Victorian and Edwardian frontages. The Harwich Society recommends the Dovercourt Conservation Area boundary should be modestly expanded to include important features relating to early development at the seaward end of Kingsway which are important elements in the history of Dovercourt and pre-date many other buildings in the Conservation Area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the Queen Victoria statue (grade II listed),• the former Alexandra Hotel (now Alexandra House), the sole remaining example of an Edwardian hotel building on the seafront, visited by the King Edward VII when he unveiled the adjacent statue and the resulting in the street name Kingsway.• the historic cliff gardens which were the subject of a recent specialist ECC/TDC heritage report. <p>2. Conversely the Conservation Area boundary could be drawn in to exclude:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• where shown going mid way across the new TDC town square car park• nondescript new 21st century houses to the east of Dovercourt Station. <p>3. The text in Section 3 page 23 of the Appraisal is out of date re the Kingsway Mural which was repainted at the expense of The Harwich Society last year; it is in good order and is not weather worn.</p>	<p>Alterations made to map and in text:</p> <p>Revisions to boundaries page 13 Designations page 14 Character assessment page 30 Setting page 35</p> <p>Updated reference to mural page 23</p>
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	<p>4. In due course the Harwich Society would support extending the Conservation Area to encompass the Edwardian parts of the town immediately to the east and west of the town centre. In the meanwhile we would recommend local listing of key buildings in these areas.</p> <p>5. The report in Section 5 "Management Proposals" falls short on ambition and tapers off at page 46 where the important balance between tightening controls and assistance (advice and funding) should be discussed - but isn't. Guidance on restrictions and controls and, importantly, advice on undertaking the repair and maintenance of existing buildings and new development will be essential.</p> <p>6. Sadly every year traditional architectural features and finishes are removed from older buildings and some repairs and materials are inappropriate. Good enforcement and education is needed, Property owners and tenants need access to information about requirements and benefits of a Conservation Area and encouragement and guidance to contribute positively to the character of the area if planning changes to their buildings.</p> <p>Local List</p> <p>1. The Harwich Society strongly supports the Tendring District Council proposal for a list of buildings and structures of local importance in terms of heritage value. We are aware of buildings in Harwich and beyond of local value that have not made it onto the national list for their architectural character or historic significance. We also support the Stage 1 proposed criteria for assessment.</p> <p>2. We look forward to the opportunity to nominate key buildings and structures for potential inclusion on the local list as part of a Stage 2 process.</p> <p>3. There are character Victorian and Edwardian buildings of local architectural value within and beyond the conservation areas. In Dovercourt, as examples, we would highlight the Saunders-built Hanslip Ward block, the Mayor's Garden, Police Station, Garrison HQ and earliest parts of the Sunny Hill Estate might all be shortlisted for local listing.</p> <p>4. Local listing should be used to designate buildings of local historic interest, including those which display Harwich Society plaques relating to significant characters and events in the history of Harwich.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p>  <p>Richard Colley for The Harwich Society</p>	<p>This would need revisiting, as there have been many incremental changes to buildings, although as a group they may have merit.</p> <p>Further advice on maintenance has been signposted, with further reading in the appendix</p> <p>Noted, and certainly an aim for the future.</p> <p>Maps all updated, with another key view added to take in the statue of queen Victoria and sea/gardens beyond, reflecting boundary addition.</p> <p>Alexandra Hotel also added to page 26 of un-listed buildings, and description altered on p31. P33 also contains mention of the western extension to Cliff Park.</p> <p>Page 35 section on setting adapted to remove mention of Cliff Gardens</p>
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Public consultation	Concerns that were raised in person were: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enforcement• Maintenance and condition of Orwell Terrace	
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