

APPENDIX 4

CONSULTATION REPONSES

The draft Moody Street and West Street Conservation Area Appraisals went to simultaneous public consultation over a 6 week period between the 12th March 2010 to 23rd April 2010. The Conservation Officer and the consultant who wrote the Appraisals held two well attended 'surgeries' at Congleton Library on the evening of 22nd March and the morning of 23rd March.

COMMENTS	
1	Include allotments on Swan Meadow (behind Howey Lane) Mill, adjoining 19 th century workers cottages
2	Include woodland and allotments, as above
3	3-15 Howey Hill - terraced houses should be included within the CA extension
4 OBJECTION	Policy references need updating in the appraisal:: remove references to Cheshire Structure Plan and PPG 15. The boundary extension includes buildings of limited interest. Call for the removal of certain properties from the proposed boundaries.
5	Article 4 Directions need to be applied to properties within the conservation area to provide additional character protection Photographic surveys should be carried out Congleton Park, Park Road and a 20 th century chapel should be included in the extended area. Library display might have been left in-situ for a longer period of time for people to enjoy!
6	Leaflets to raise awareness of conservation are status, aspirations for long term management Survival of Staffordshire Knot pub sign?

ACTIONS- PROPOSED/TAKEN

COMMENT	
1& 2	Link between traditional housing and private allotments seems valid and illustrates social history of the area. Include allotments in the conservation boundary Redraw the extension boundary to exclude West Street car park, tennis courts and work sheds as these areas contribute little to character value. (see map for exclusions)
3	3-15 Howey Hill, are already proposed for inclusion in the Conservation Area extension
4	Removal of references to out of date policies and update including reference to PPS 5 which replaces PPG 15 during the consultation period of the appraisals.

	<p>Some of the properties in West Street considered to be detrimental to the Conservation Area are already contained within the original Conservation Area boundary. These areas have been highlighted as areas of significance and require flagging up for future enhancement. Others have some historic interest or make some positive contribution to the street scene, even if they have not previously been maintained in accordance with conservation principles. However, some areas of neutral or negative influence contained within the proposed boundary (see b above) have been reassessed in light of the objection and adjusted accordingly. (See new Conservation Area boundary map).</p>
5 & 6	<p>Article 4 Directions are not proposed initially, but could not be ruled out if the exercise of permitted development rights threatens character. Their use would require a full photographic survey and further consultation with affected residents.</p> <p>Leaflets will be produced and sent with letters informing owners within the new agreed conservation area boundary, once approved. This initiative will raise conservation awareness in the area and assist with long term management of the historic building stock.</p> <p>Congleton Park and Park Road are both separated from the Town Centre conservation areas by Mountbatten Way which forms a major character barrier. A separate conservation area would not be ruled out in the future, if resources permit, but extension of the existing areas does not seem appropriate in these circumstances.</p>