

London Borough of Wandsworth

CONSULTATION ON DRAFT CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISALS – RESPONSES ANALYSIS

April 2023

Wandsworth Town Conservation Area

A public consultation regarding the Conservation Area Appraisal (CAA) for **Conservation Area** received 10 responses: 8 from members of the public and 2 from **local society etc.** 6 responses were in favour, 1 responses were neutral, and 3 responses disagreed with the draft CAA.

Respondent	Agree/ Disagree/Neutral CA	Agree/ Disagree/ Neutral Local List of Buildings	Respondent comments	Officer comments	Changes required to the CAA draft?
1	Agree	Disagree	Ewart Studios / Capital Studios, Ford House, 59-61 Armoury Way are eyesores and should not be listed. The Ram quarter development is a public access failure of large proportions - absolutely lifeless in the dark, cold areas around the overly tall residential blocks, and madness that you have blocked off-road cycle access through there along the Wandle. What you should Conserve is river access - pedestrians and cycles all along the Wandle to the Thames. Shame on you for ruining the town with dominant traffic highways.	Noted regarding disagreement of Local List additions – these sites have been identified as having architectural and historic value/interest and illustrate the history and development of the Conservation Area, contributing to its story and character. Views of Ram Quarter development noted. Desired access to river noted – the majority of river access is outside of the CAA and would likely form consideration of any future redevelopment of Southside Shopping Centre. Noted regarding concerns for traffic. The dominance of traffic is noted as an issue within the document - TfL/Highways have signalled interest to rework the gyratory system though a timeline has not been established at time of authoring this Appraisal	None required
2	Agree	Don't know	Could the old Huguenot graveyard and the grass area along Birdhurst road in the East	The respondent's comments are noted but this is outside the remit of this document.	None required

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			Hill area be a focus for biodiversity? Planting more than just grass in order to increase the biodiversity. Thyme could be a great option, the bees love it and it would be in keeping with a burial site. You could mow the grass verges by the walkway on Birdhurst road (not where the trees are but the other side of the path and plant wildflowers there. I know both areas are separated by a road but it could form a lovely biodiversity network. I know there is not much green space in the area so it would be nice to really focus on what is there to enhance the area.		
3	Disagree	Disagree	.	.	No
4	Agree	Agree	.	.	No
5	Disagree	.	.	.	No
6	Agree	Agree	Hi, my two questions to the team are 1) is there any progress in the project to divert traffic away from Wandsworth Town Centre that you can share with residents? 2) Do you have any influence/ decision making power in this project? I know that Wandsworth Council has put aside fundings towards this project for more than a decade	The respondent's questions are noted and will be passed to Transport and Highways Operations and Street Scene teams. TfL/Highways have signalled interest to rework the gyratory system though a timeline has not been established at time of authoring this Appraisal	

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			<p>now, is there anything you can do to give this a push since it is part of a Conservation Area now? I live in front of the W.G Child & Sons shop and the constant traffic on Wandsworth High Street seems nothing less than a motorway, at all times of day and night. It would be wonderful if residents could enjoy cafes, shops and restaurants in the area instead of feeling like we are in the middle of a motorway rather than a town centre in a conservation area. It would be good just to be able to open the windows safely. I did that once and all my window seals turned black on the inside of the flat in a couple of days. I definitely don't want my lungs to breathe in that dirt all day long, so I am forced to keep the windows shut. Like myself, many other residents of this conservation area, I am sure. Anything you can do to bring forward this comment and give it the importance and urgency it deserves, will be highly appreciated.</p>		
7	Don't know	Agree	There is a lot of information affecting a lot of people - it's difficult to make a decision	The respondent's comments are noted, and we'll use shorter links in the letters.	None required

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			Please use shorter links when sending un-clickable links by post - the links in the letter are very long		
8	Agree	Agree	The Memorial Hall is a lovely building, but the area in front of it, Chapel Yard, is horrible, uneven, and dangerous. I think this needs addressing by the council as part of this plan. It's all very well having historic setts, but not if they're impractical and dangerous for people walking on them.	The respondent's comments are noted.	None required
9	Disagree	Disagree	.	.	No
10- SGN Mitheridge Ltd			<p>Common Projects SUPPORT that the CAA recognises that the Gasholder was present until recently. Figure 12 of the CAA includes a historic photograph of the gasholder; however, the Council should include an additional historic photograph of the gasholder from Fairfield Street, and Common Projects request for these to be included in the CAA.</p> <p>The additional historic photograph to be included within the CAA is located within Appendix 1 of this letter.</p> <p>Within the Wandsworth Town CAA, comments on increasing awareness and</p>	<p>Supported noted. Photograph noted and document will be reviewed to determine if inclusion is appropriate.</p> <p>Noted regarding support of text about aspiration to reveal / access Wandle, but please note gas works site is outside of the Conservation Area</p>	None required

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			<p>visibility of the River Wandle are of relevance to the Gasworks site: “The River Wandle should form an important element at this point but is largely hidden from view. There is great potential to increase public awareness and visibility of the river.”</p> <p>As part of the submitted Planning Application, ref. 2022/3954, Building A1 has been located within the north-west corner of the site as a focal point to mark the River Wandle and the newly proposed bridge over the river to seamlessly connect the site and the wider Wandle Delta area. The proposal for Building A1 delivers high-quality contemporary design that successfully responds to the townscape character of the Wandle Delta and Wandsworth delivering appropriate massing in an existing cluster of tall buildings that will successfully act as a wayfinding marker for the River Wandle and town centre.</p> <p>Common Projects therefore SUPPORT the wording within the CAA, recognising the potential to increase public awareness and visibility of the river, for which the proposals for the Wandsworth Gasworks site will achieve.</p>		

