Consultation Statement: Hamble-le-Rice Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Strategy Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)
June 2026

Introduction

1. The draft Conservation Area Appraisal was published for consultation between 30 April - 2 June 2026. This statement details the consultation on this document during the consultation period and the responses received.

2. This statement has been prepared in accordance with regulation 12(a) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

Background on the draft Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Strategy Supplementary Planning Document

3. The draft SPD reviews the existing Conservation Area and uses this information to put together management proposals to improve and enhance it.

4. The SPD is a revision of the appraisal from 2008.

Public consultation on the draft Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Strategy Supplementary Planning Document

5. The Council published the SPDs for four weeks public consultation from 30 April - 2 June 2026. The Council also consulted on a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Screening Statement. This considered the impact of the SPD on the environment. It concluded that there is no requirement for a full SEA and further Appropriate Assessment.

6. Notification of this consultation was sent to everyone who had signed up to the Council's Local Plan email updates. This included statutory consultees, residents and developers. A specific email was sent to the statutory agency requesting comments on the Screening Statement.

7. The document was available online via links on the Council webpage. Paper copies of the document were also available to view at the Borough Council's offices, Eastleigh House and Hamble Parish Office

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Responses on the SPD and Screening Statement

Number and type of responses

8. A total of 4 responses were received via email. British Horse Society commented on the content of the SPD as well as Hamble Parish council.

9. Both, Historic England and Natural England commented on the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) screening statement and no amendments are required. They don't have any other comments on the content of the SPD.

10. The table below provides a summary of the issues raised. A more detailed response to each comment is included in the Appendix.

Issues raised

Summary of issue	**Council's response and recommended changes**
Omission of Historic Multi-User Access in Section 4 (The Character of the Conservation Area	Route is adopted by the Highway Authority No change.
Lack of Clear Guidance for Developers on Network Fragmentation	Outside the scope of the Conservation Area Appraisal. No change.
Failure to Mandate Multi-User Active Travel Design	Outside the scope of the Conservation Area Appraisal. No change.
Inadequate Protection against Highway Risks from Development Traffic	Outside the scope of the Conservation Area Appraisal. No change.
Para 4.18 – Views - HPC suggests a different text to this paragraph.	Agreed. New text: Views of the river from the village are limited, the best being from Hamble Green at the top of Green Lane, from Satchell Lane between the flats north of the RAF Yacht Club and from along Hamble Foreshore. There is also a good view from the last bend in the High Street. Public views of the river are best from the Quay/Foreshore and the riverside walk adjacent to the marshes next to Avery's Field and Common Creek. There are numerous locations on River Hamble with views into the conservation area with the open water between Hamble Point Marina and the Royal Southern Yacht Club being the best. Policy DM35 protects the open views and its special character with Mooring Restriction Zones, known as Blue Areas.

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Para 4.21 – Open Spaces - HPC suggests a different text to this paragraph.	Agreed. New text: Within the Conservation Area the village centre is a tight-knit settlement of streets and buildings with little significant open space apart from The Square (mainly car parking), St Andrew's church graveyard or Hamble Green. The river is a large open space within the Conservation Area and it is a significant recreational area that gives important public access to it, hence it is protected by Policy DM35. Outside the village centre the Quay/Foreshore, Donkey Derby Field and Avery's Field are significant open spaces.
Para 4.28 – New Technologies - HPC suggests a different text to this paragraph.	Agreed. New text: On buildings in the Conservation Area, particularly the listed buildings and in their settings, solar panels and heat pumps will only be permitted if not facing a public view with panels and integrated into the design. Heat pumps should be behind properties, out of public view, and not cause disturbance to neighbours on the ground.
HPC wishes the word 'Proposal' to be removed from the final document as it is just a suggestion or ambition and does not give the specific guidance HPC wishes to protect the Conservation Area.	'Proposals' removed from title and from paragraphs in section 4.
Signs and advertisements – HPC would like to reinstate and include this guidance in the final document.	Reinstate the following text: Shops in The Square – signs and advertisements. The shops on the south side of The Square make an important contribution to the life and character of the area. The collective visual quality of the fascias and signage could be improved. It is proposed that special

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	advertisement control policies are prepared and adopted to enhance this part of the area.

Changes to the draft SPD

11. The following changes were made in the final draft versions of the SPD:

General Changes

a. Agreed to amend paragraph 4.18., 4.21 and 4.28.
b. Reinstate improvement 3, page 18 of the previous document - Shops in The Square – Signs and advertisements.
c. Agreed to amend other minor corrections such as typos.

Screening report

12. Both Natural England and Historic England agreed with the conclusion in the screening report that a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) or Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) were not needed. No further work was required to assess the final document.

Appendix - Schedule of comments on the Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Strategy Supplementary Planning Document and EBC responses

Number and Type	Document	Comments Summary	Specific Relevant Points/Suggestions	EBC comment	Change req.
Response 1 Natural England	Screening Statement	Agree with conclusions about environmental impact	A full SEA or Appropriate Assessment is not required	Welcome response	No change or further assessment required
Response 2 Historic England	Screening Statement	Concur with assessment of environmental effects and additional guidance	A full SEA or Appropriate Assessment is not required	Welcome response	No change or further assessment required
Response 3 British Horse Society	Hamble CAA	1. Omission of Historic Multi-User Access in Section 4 (The Character of the Conservation Area) 2. Lack of Clear Guidance for Developers on Network Fragmentation 3. Failure to Mandate Multi-User Active Travel Design 4. Inadequate Protection against Highway Risks from Development Traffic	Amend Section 4, strengthen management proposals and incorporate inclusive design standards.	These changes were not supported. They are outside the scope of the Conservation Area Appraisal.	No change.
Response 4 Hamble Parish Council	Hamble CAA	Rephrasing paragraph 4.18, 4.21 and 4.28. Reinstate improvement 3 page 18 of the previous document - Shops in The Square – Signs and advertisements Other minor corrections.		Agree with the suggestions.	Text change.