

ST AGNES CONSERVATION AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN SPD

DRAFT CONSULTATION STATEMENT

14 July 2008

1. Introduction

Under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 it is a requirement to prepare and publish a Consultation Statement for Supplementary Planning Documents. This is a reflection of the Government's desire to strengthen community and stakeholder involvement in the planning process.

This Consultation Statement sets out how the community has been involved to date in the development and production of the St Agnes Conservation Area Management Plan Supplementary Planning Document in order to ensure a transparent and open planning process, and clarifies what consultation will take place at the next stage of the process of adoption.

This statement will be made available during the formal period of public consultation, alongside the draft Conservation Area Management Plan and accompanying Sustainability Appraisal.

2. Pre-production

Section 71 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 places a duty on Local Planning Authorities to formulate and publish proposals for the preservation and enhancement of Conservation Areas.

The scope of the St Agnes Conservation Area Management Plan was developed from guidance produced by English Heritage and builds on the Conservation Area Appraisal for St Agnes which itself was produced in response to a number of pressures raised internally and externally, including area planners, Ward members, local residents and the St Agnes Parish Council.

3. The Consultation Draft

The Conservation Area Appraisal was completed by Carrick District Council in May 2008. Early consultation was undertaken with stakeholders and the community to identify issues and pressures that are affecting the character and appearance of the Conservation Area and help shape the policies and proposals which will ensure the preservation and enhancement of the Conservation Area:

- A community engagement exercise, with a workshop and walk-about

This was organised in accordance with the Council's Strategy for Community Involvement and a careful record has been kept from each event.

4. Consultation on the Draft Documents

The consultation draft Management Plan was prepared in May 2008 taking into account the issues and options arising out of early stakeholder and community engagement. This was circulated within Carrick District Council and to key stakeholders for comment. All comments received have been recorded and proposed changes/amendments will be documented prior to the public consultation.

In accordance with regulations 17 and 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) [England] (Amendment) Regulations 2004 the draft Management Plan SPD will be subject to a 6 week period of public consultation. It is expected that this will commence on 13th October and conclude on 28th November 2008.

On completion of the consultation period, and in accordance with regulation 18 of the Town & Country Planning [Local Development] [England] (Amendment) Regulations 2004 the Consultation Statement will be amended and updated to include all responses received; a summary of the main issues and how those issues have been address by the SPD. The draft SPD will be amended accordingly and a final version prepared for publication and adoption.

The final version of the SPD will be presented to Cabinet for formal approval as SPD to the Local Development Framework in January 2009.

The consultation programme will comprise:

- 1) Public advertisement
- 2) Copies of the draft SPD including the drat Statement of Community Involvement and draft Sustainability Appraisal available on the Council's website;
- 3) Copies available in the Planning Department reception, Carrick House main reception, Falmouth One Stop Shop and the St Agnes Parish Council Offices;
- 4) Copies available in the St Agnes library;
- 5) Letters to statutory consultees including full copies of the draft SPD;
- 6) Letters to resident and amenity groups within the Conservation Area;
- 7) Letters to all Ward members representing the Conservation Area.