
Stonehouse Neighbourhood Development Plan

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Dear Rachel

Many thanks for getting in touch with us on your neighbourhood plan. We always encourage earliest liaison, especially where an area may have more than local significance as far as its estate of heritage assets is concerned, where there are significant heritage issues, or policy proposals have the potential to impact on the historic environment.

Our records suggest that your Plan area has 3 Grade II* and 57 Grade II Listed Buildings and 1 Conservation Area. There are no designated Heritage Assets At Risk.

Your scoping of your Plan agenda seems to suggest that you have most heritage related matters covered and I am not sure what specific issues you would appreciate some feedback on. It is not for us to set your agenda but to introduce you to consideration of how an understanding of your local heritage can help achieve Plan objectives. This could be ensuring that heritage is generally protected, through generic policy or assessment of potential development sites, or investigating how heritage can add value to social or economic aspirations.

There seems to be a range of concerns about the High Street for example. How can an understanding of what makes the area special be used to address them and reinforce local distinctiveness and attractiveness at the same time? And even if land for housing in the area has already been allocated through the Local Plan process, how can an understanding of local character assist in ensuring that its design is contextually relevant and sensitive to the historic environment.

Looking at the documents made available reference is made to existing sources of information (eg Stonehouse Design Statement, IHCA Conservation Area Statement) which obviously provides a useful baseline. In terms of a wider character assessment there are a number of methodologies available and Placecheck is one which we refer to (<http://www.placecheck.info/>). You may find it useful to look at the website and see if it is the right vehicle for you.

Much advice is available on our website and I would encourage you to begin there if you haven't already. I have also attached a list of information sources and a heritage "checklist".

Other neighbourhood communities have undertaken character assessments of their areas. You may find it useful to look at the plans for or liaise with the community in Clutton in Bath & North East Somerset as a relatively nearby example of how that community carried out an exercise to understand its local character.

I would encourage you to continue to liaise with Stroud District Council and hope that its own historic environment team would be able to provide you with specific advice as necessary. I regret that as I deal on behalf of Historic England with all neighbourhood planning matters in the whole of the south west I am unable to become involved in detail in all plans and must focus on those which, as intimated above, generate issues of greater than local importance. I should add too that unfortunately it is not our role to duplicate or substitute for support which is expected to come from local authorities.

But by all means get back to me if there are specific or focussed heritage issues where handling might benefit from a broader perspective. In the meantime, I wish you luck in the continued preparation of your Plan.

Kind regards

David

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Subject: Stonehouse Neighbourhood Development Plan

Dear David,

Please find attached a letter regarding the Stonehouse Neighbourhood Development Plan together with attachments on the Plan's Vision and objectives, an overview of the Plan at November 2015 and a summary of emerging policies.

Stonehouse Neighbourhood Plan Working Group would welcome your comments and advice,

Regards

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Rachel

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