

# COUNCIL CABINET 21 APRIL 2008

**ITEM 17** 

Report of the Corporate Director Regeneration and Community

# Railway Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan

# SUMMARY

1.1 This report is to obtain approval for the publication of the Railway Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan, following receipt of public consultation responses, and to obtain authority to extend the current Conservation Area Boundary.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That the revised Railway Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan be approved for publication.
- 2.2 To delegate authority to the Director of Regeneration and Community to agree any final minor changes to the text of the Railway Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan for publication.
- 2.3 To authorise the proposed extensions to the Railway Conservation Area.

#### REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To approve the revised document prior to it being published.
- 3.2 To approve extensions 2 and 3,as described in paragraph 4.3, to the Rail Conservation Area.

#### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 A previous report on the Draft Railway Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan was considered by the Council Cabinet on the 5 September 2006. Due to delays in the City Centre Eastern Fringes Area Action Plan limited consultation was undertaken. There was an opportunity to review and further develop the previously approved Draft Railway Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan so a report was considered at a Cabinet Member Meeting on the 8 August 2007, which resolved as follows:
  - to approve the revised Draft Railway Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan for the purposes of public consultation, subject to the inclusion of cycling provision.
  - to delegate authority to the Director of Regeneration and Community to agree any final minor changes to the text of the Railway Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan for publication and consultation.
  - subject to these amendments, to authorise the publication of the Railway Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan for 6-week consultation period by the end of October 2007.
- 4.2 Public consultation was undertaken and a well attended event was held at the Midland Hotel on 26 September 2007, to consult with local residents and businesses. There was a number of consultation responses received at the event and during the consultation period from local residents as well as organisations which meant that approximately 170 different comments were made. These have been considered and the document has been amended where possible to take these into account.
- 4.3 The Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Section 69 (2) outlines the Local Authorities duty to review conservation area boundaries to see if any further parts should be included within the conservation area boundary. Within the Draft Railway Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan possible conservation boundary extensions were explored and four separate areas were proposed to be included within a new boundary. These extensions either include Victorian buildings that have very strong railway associations or areas that provide a setting to the adjacent industrial buildings. These are as follows:
  - The triangular piece of land directly behind Midland House on the southeast corner of the conservation area, south of the office buildings, accesses by Hulland Street via London Road.
  - Buildings to the north of London Road opposite the junction with Midland Road, especially the listed and locally listed buildings and those that end the view along Midland Road,
  - Victorian buildings to the north of the conservation area near to the arched bridge, which is located at the junction of Siddals Road and Station Approach and include the Alexandra Inn.
  - 4. Listed railway workshops and offices including the Roundhouse, located in triangular piece of land to the north east of the station, bordered by Pride Parkway to the north, the station platforms to the west and accessed from the southeast by Roundhouse Road from Pride Park.

Following public consultation two (numbers 1 and 4 above) are now not being proposed. The reasons for this is that Network Rail strongly objected to the proposal to extend the conservation area in these two locations notwithstanding that there would not be any extra, over and above the existing, restrictions on any forthcoming development proposals within these areas. Those that are being proposed to be included within the Railway Conservation Area Boundary (numbers 2 and 3) can be seen on the map attached (Appendix 2). The two areas proposed to be included contain on the whole Victorian buildings of merit that relate to the railway industry and contribute to the streetscene.

4.4 A copy of the document can be inspected on CMIS and copies of the publication will be available for discussion at the meeting.

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Background papers: List of appendices:

Council Cabinet papers from 5 September 2006 and 8 August 2007 Draft Railway Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan

September 2007.

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1 – Implications

2 - Map to show areas proposed to be extended following public

consultation on the Draft Railway Conservation Area.

http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Bulletin.aspx?bulletinID=57

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#### **Financial**

1. The costs of preparing the Conservation Area Appraisal and taking it through public consultation will be met from the existing revenue budget.

# Legal

2. The requirement to prepare and publish proposals for the preservation and enhancement of the character of conservation areas is contained in the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 and is an obligation under BVPI 219.

#### Personnel

3. None.

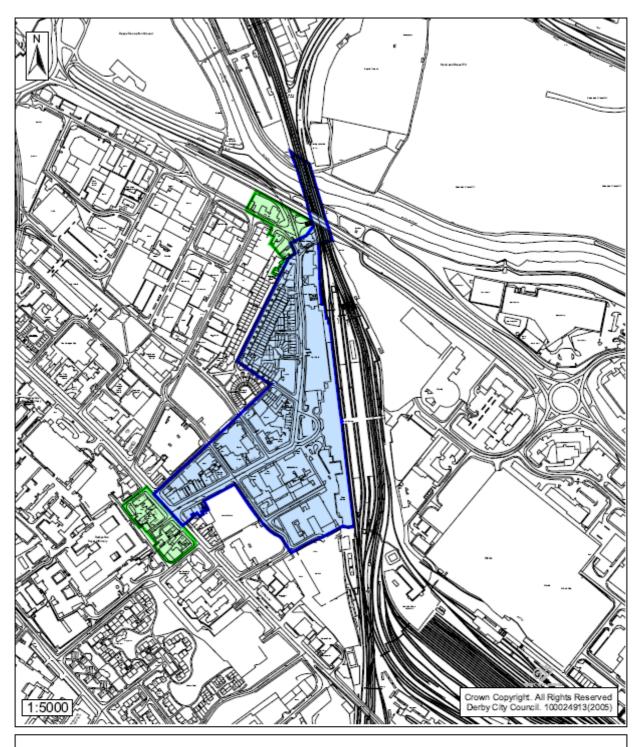
# **Equalities impact**

4. The Conservation Area Appraisal raises no equality issues.

# **Corporate Priorities**

5. The Conservation Area Appraisal will contribute towards **Leading Derby towards a** better environment and Creating a 21<sup>st</sup> Century city centre.

# **APPENDIX 2**



Map showing suggested extensions to the boundary of the Railway Conservation Area.

Conservation Area boundary



Conservation Area extensions

Map 7