

**COMMITTEE:** PLANNING  
**DATE:** 17 MAY 2010  
**SUBJECT:** Draft Companion Document: Conservation Areas in Eastbourne  
**REPORT OF:** The Planning Policy Manager

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**Ward(s):** All

**Purpose:** To seek authority to go out to public consultation on proposals for the draft Companion Document: Conservation Areas in Eastbourne.

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**Recommendation:** Members are asked to authorise public consultation on the draft Companion Document: Conservation Areas in Eastbourne.

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## **1.0 Introduction**

1.1 The purpose of the draft Companion Document is to set out the history of Eastbourne and includes a synopsis of the provisions for the protection of the Borough's 12 Conservation Areas.

## **2.0 Companion Document: Conservation Areas in Eastbourne.**

2.1 The document provides historical and policy context for the more detailed Conservation Area Appraisals and its aim is to avoid repetition of information in the more detailed Conservation Area Appraisals.

## **3.0 Consultation Plan**

3.2 Internal consultation has been carried out; the Conservation Area Advisory Group has also been consulted and overall they are supportive of the draft Companion Document.

3.3 Subject to approval of the recommendations in this report, it is proposed to carry out public consultation on the draft Companion Document in compliance with the Council's adopted Statement of Community Involvement. Consultation will be carried out with local amenity groups and historic societies via a letter drop, residents and occupiers of the Borough's Conservation Areas will be notified via a notice in the local paper (Eastbourne Gazette).

3.4 Copies of the document will be available to view and download on the Council's website at [www.eastbourne.gov.uk](http://www.eastbourne.gov.uk) and at the Council's main office at 1 Grove Road, Eastbourne during office hours for the whole consultation period. Copies of the relevant documentation will be sent to all statutory consultees and any other targeted groups where appropriate. A notice will be placed in the local newspaper

(Eastbourne Gazette) and on the Council's website at [www.eastbourne.gov.uk](http://www.eastbourne.gov.uk). This will advise where and when the document can be inspected, how copies can be obtained, what the closing date is, and where to send representations. The consultation period will last for 12 weeks.

3.5 A further report will then be brought to this committee, outlining the results of the public consultation and making final recommendations.

#### **4.0 Financial and Staffing Implications:**

4.1 The cost of the consultation will be met from within existing budgets and will largely consist of staff time.

#### **5.0 Other Implications**

5.1 There are no youth, sustainability, anti-poverty, equality or community safety implications as a direct result of the draft documents.

#### **6.0 Conclusion**

6.1 The Companion Document will avoid unnecessary repetition, thereby streamlining the process of Conservation Area Appraisal preparation.

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#### **Background Papers:**

The Background Papers used in compiling this report were as follows:

Eastbourne Borough Plan (2001 – 2011)  
Statement of Community Involvement (June 2009)