



Respecting the past, shaping the future

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Praise for borough's conservation plan

Heritage campaigners fighting to preserve everything which makes Suffolk special have praised a borough council on its work towards conserving important areas of special architectural interest.

Suffolk Preservation Society described St Edmundsbury Borough Council's conservation area appraisal for the Victoria Street area of Bury St Edmunds as "concise and informative".

The society's comments came after the council held a public consultation on the document, which gives a summary of the area's key features and characteristics and is designed to guide future development. Describing the document as "easy to read", SPS has now called on more of Suffolk's local councils to follow St Edmundsbury's example when drawing up plans and policies for the future.

"As a society, we would like to congratulate St Edmundsbury on this document, which helps identify what makes the area special," said Richard Ward, society director. "It is concise, informative and easy to read and an example for others to follow.

"Much of the detail in the document should be applauded, as it shows that the sum of many small parts, such as boundary walls and planting in private gardens, can have an effect on character of the conservation area as a whole. As such, everyone who lives in the area can play an important role in preserving or enhancing it for the future – and we hope this document will offer them a guide as how best to do just that."

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Note to editors: SPS, founded in 1929, originally worked to protect the county's buildings and landscape. Today, the society has broadened its focus to help shape Suffolk's future, largely campaigning for sensitive and appropriate development, more and better quality affordable homes and to ensure sustainable infrastructures are in place to support the county's communities.

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