

What are the issues facing Hethe today?

Hethe is a well cared for settlement, in terms of its buildings, open spaces, trees and surrounding landscape. We would like your opinion on how they can be managed to preserve and enhance the special character.

- Do you agree with the proposed boundary changes in Hethe?
- Do you agree that the buildings and structures proposed for inclusion on the list of local heritage assets are worthy of celebration? Are there any other structures worthy of inclusion?
- Where should additional protection to important street scenes be provided by removing permitted development rights for unlisted buildings through Article 4 Directions?
- Are there specific actions that the Council, the Parish Council, the County Council or others could take to further preserve or enhance the special character?

What does 'Local Heritage Asset' mean?

Government guidance encourages local planning authorities to identify undesignated heritage assets and to have regard to any harm to their significance that would be caused by development. The term 'local heritage asset' or identifies buildings that make a particularly positive contribution to the architectural or historic interest of the village.

It does not mean that listed building consent would be required for works to the buildings themselves.

Cherwell District Council is seeking views on the Conservation Area appraisal

The draft appraisal can be viewed at:

The exhibition and public meeting at
Hethe Village Hall,
Hardwick Road
Hethe
OX27 8EY
on

Tuesday 27th March 2018

Exhibition 4.00-6.00pm

Public meeting 7.00-8.00pm

From 27 March 2018, the appraisal document will be available to view at Bicester Library, Cherwell District Council Offices at Bodicote House and on the Council's website:

www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/126/conservation-and-heritage

Please let us know your thoughts:

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Responses to be received by
Friday 27th April 2018



Hethe Conservation Area Re-appraisal

Cherwell District Council are re-appraising the conservation area in Hethe. A number of changes to the boundary are proposed.

A full review of the character and appearance of the area has been written.

Why a Conservation Area Appraisal?

Hethe Conservation Area was designated in 1988. The Council has a duty to review its conservation areas from time to time and to produce an appraisal to reflect current issues.

- It analyses the special character and appearance that it is desirable to preserve or enhance
- It proposes buildings for inclusion on the list of non-designated heritage assets
- It proposes a number of boundary alterations

Why Hethe?

Hethe Parish is a small rural, agricultural settlement 4.5 miles north of Bicester. The original shrunken medieval settlement was established near a ford of a tributary to the River Ouse known as Hethe Brook, or the Wundred Brook. The village then moved and developed on higher ground either side of the brook. The conservation area centres on the historic core which includes the Main Street through the village which undulates as an elongated s-curve and the Green. The architecture is made up of prominent farm houses, barns and other vernacular buildings alongside the Church.

We invite you to comment on the document and attend the exhibition and/or public meeting on
Tuesday 27th March 2018
Consultation runs until
Friday 27th April 2018

Proposed boundary extensions to Hethe Conservation Area

