

## *Bradford on Avon Character Assessment Consultation Responses - Oct 2007*

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	Bradford on Avon Town Council		Resolved that no comment be made.	Noted.	
Charles Routh	Natural England	Chapter 12	Section 12 omits the contribution that Green Infrastructure can play in enhancing the town.	This is a good proposal and the text will be amended accordingly.	Amend chapter 12.
Mr C Beaver	Nash Partnership		The document is comprehensive in its scope and I approve of the way in which the town has been divided into discrete character areas.	Comment noted	No change required
Mr C Beaver	Nash Partnership	Appendix I	The recently listed New Mills and Rubber Vaults building on the Kingston Mills site should be included in the chronological list of listed buildings.	List will be amended.	Addition to list
Mr C Beaver	Nash Partnership	Chapter 2	The Kingston Mills site closed in 1992 rather than 1994.	Text will be amended to refer to closure in 1992.	Amend text
Mr D Moss	Bradford on Avon Preservation Trust		No comments to make other than the maps seem admirably clear.	Noted.	
Mr Kurt Paulus	Friends of Woolley	Chapter 8	Additional sections of stone wall should be shown on the map.	The additional sections will be added to the map.	Show additional sections of boundary wall on map 9.

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Mr Kurt Paulus	Friends of Woolley	Chapter 8	The limestone wall field boundaries should be referred to as 'substantial'	The field boundary walls are fairly low and it would be incorrect to refer to them as substantial. The sentence will be amended to state 'Outside the conservation area boundary limestone wall field boundaries extend into the open countryside .....	Amend text.
Mr Kurt Paulus	Friends of Woolley	Chapter 8	Under 'Streetscape' replace the word 'surface' with 'paving'	The paragraph is intended to include all surface materials including those used to surface the lanes as well as the	No change.
Mr Kurt Paulus	Friends of Woolley	Chapter 8	Additional trees and tree groups should be shown on the map and some are in the wrong place.	The TPOs have been plotted using the information supplied by the Council's Tree Officer. Other trees and groups are plotted using aerial photographs. Since the draft document was published in October further work has been done to refine the position of the trees. It is proposed to add the group of yews just outside of the conservation area to the south west. The tree visible from Woolley Close will also be added as will a tree in the rear garden off Grange View. The trees to the north east of 105 Woolley Street will be shown as a group rather than as individual trees. While every effort is made to ensure that the trees and tree groups are plotted as accurately as possible, the maps are intended to convey a general impression of the area.	Amend map 9.
Mr Kurt Paulus	Friends of Woolley	Chapter 8	Add the wall at the junction of Coronation Avenue as a good example of a high stone wall.	In the context of this sentence the additional sentence would not make sense. The photograph of a wall is the one at the junction of Coronation Avenue and this can be made clear in the accompanying text.	Identify wall in the photograph as being on the junction of Coronation Avenue.

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Mr Kurt Paulus	Friends of Woolley	Chapter 8	Railings are not a typical feature of Woolley. The photograph showing a wall with railings should be replaced, possibly with a picture of a typical window.	This picture is of a wall in Woolley and is a good example of a front garden boundary. There is another photograph of a wall within this section so it may be appropriate to include a typical window instead.	Replace with photograph of typical window.
Mr Kurt Paulus	Friends of Woolley	Chapter 8	93 - 109 Woolley Street should be included as an example of the house / path / garden layout. Also add 81 - 109 Woolley Street under the 'Streetscape' section as an example of a group served by pedestrian paths.	These examples are not intended to be a definitive list, however 93 - 109 can be added as a further example under the appropriate sections.	Add 93 - 109 Woolley Street.
Mr Kurt Paulus	Friends of Woolley	Chapter 8	The text should note that the house / path / garden layout predominates in the northern half of the settlement. The 'Summary of Common Features' section should also be amended to reflect this pattern.	Agree, text will be amended, although it would be more accurate to say the north eastern part of the settlement.	Amend layout paragraph.
Mr Kurt Paulus	Friends of Woolley	Chapter 8	Key boundary lines and some buildings are not shown on the map.	Where boundary lines and buildings are not shown it is because they do not appear on the base map supplied by Ordnance Survey. It is not possible to make changes to the base map.	No change.
Mr Kurt Paulus	Friends of Woolley	Chapter 8	The paragraph on architectural form should include more information on building materials.	The character assessment includes a comprehensive section on materials in Chapter 9, Building Materials and Detail. Chapter 8 which includes the section on Woolley is primarily about townscape quality and the general character of the spaces.	No change.

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Mr Kurt Paulus	Friends of Woolley	Chapter 8	The fruit trees should be shown on the map as they make a big contribution to the character and views within the conservation area and the setting of the cottages.	The fruit trees are not significant enough to make a major impact from public viewpoints although the combination of open space and tree cover, including the fruit trees makes an important contribution to the setting of the conservation area. This is acknowledged within the text. Rather than identify each fruit tree the map will be annotated to indicate the areas of fruit trees.	Annotate Map 9 Woolley.
Mr Kurt Paulus	Friends of Woolley	Chapter 8	The streetscape section should refer to the characteristic cock and hen coping.	The photograph of a boundary wall will be annotated to indicate the cock and hen coping. A paragraph will be added to the general chapter on landscape about boundary walls and their characteristic features.	Add paragraph to Chapter 5 re boundary walls
Mr Kurt Paulus	Friends of Woolley	Chapter 8	The views from Woolley Terrace across the open space at 49 Woolley Street should be referred to within the	Agree. The map will also be amended to show an important view across this area of open space.	Amend text and Map 9.
Mr Kurt Paulus	Friends of Woolley	Chapter 8	Additional points for the text. The Woolley area is characterised by darkness and stillness at night. Particularly the open areas away from the road are protected by the buildings from both light spill and road noise.	This is a good point that applies to other areas, especially on the edge of the town. Seasonal changes are also important and therefore it is intended to include text on both of these points within the general chapters.	Additional text to Chapter 5 & 6.
Mr Kurt Paulus	Friends of Woolley	Chapter 8	The text should include a reference to the open spaces away from the road which provide important habitat for several species of bats and owls.	This is a good point that applies to other areas, especially on the edge of the town and therefore it would be appropriate to include a section on wildlife and habitat within Chapter 11, Green Spaces and Trees.	Amend Chapter 12.

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Mr Kurt Paulus	Friends of Woolley	Chapter 8	The Tree Preservation Order in the orchard to the rear of 69 Woolley Street covers the entire tree line. The text and map should be amended.	A map symbol has now been developed to show group tree preservation orders. The map and text	Amend Map 9 to reflect group TPO. Amend text as necessary.
Mr Kurt Paulus	Friends of Woolley	Chapter 8	There is an opportunity to improve the landscape and reinstate the wall relating to 49 Woolley Street.	Within the opportunities section a sentence will be added about reinstating boundary walls to their full height if inappropriate alterations have been made in the past.	Additional text to opportunities section
Mr Kurt Paulus	Friends of Woolley	Chapter 8	Encourage the restoration / management of traditional orchard features.	This may be difficult as the fruit trees are in private ownership however there will be a paragraph added to Chapter 12, Preserving and Enhancing Character referring to management of woodland and trees within the conservation area.	Amendment to Chapter 12.
Mr Kurt Paulus	Friends of Woolley	Chapter 8	Under opportunities add point about encouraging appropriate householder development.	This issue is already generally dealt with under Chapter 12 Preserving and Enhancing Character.	No change.
Mr Kurt Paulus	Friends of Woolley	Chapter 8	Further references to fruit trees and former orchards should be incorporated within the text.	There is a reference to former orchards under 'uses'. Fruit trees are also mentioned under 'landscape'.	No change.
Mr Seekings		Chapter 7	Add Horton's House as a 15th Century building	The chapter will be amended to reflect this fact.	Amend Chapter 7
Mr Seekings		Chapter 8	There should be a reference to the very recently discovered "stove rack and stove rack cottage"	This feature is not visually strong within the conservation area and it would be inappropriate to include it within this section which is about the character of the townscape and open	No change

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Mr Seekings		Chapter 8	Reference should be made in paragraph 2 to modern Victory Fields building in Frome Road on site of old gas holder. Paragraph starting "other buildings" should include reference to above new Victory Fields and should exclude reference to "former council depot"	The development on the former Gas Works site is referred to under 'architectural form'. Victory Fields is included in the open space covered by the Barton Farm section. The development of the former council depot refers to the development on the east side of the Frome Road - i.e. the cycle hire shop which has been built.	No change
Mr Seekings		Chapter 12	Add a new section on the Stove Rack	This section is not intended to mention specific cases that are not visually strong in the context of the conservation area.	No change
Mr Seekings		Appendix II	Amend references to Horton's House. The date 1515 has no known connection	The appendix will be amended to reflect this fact.	
Mr Seekings		Chapter 4	"Abbey House" should be amended to "Horton's House" and identified as 15th century rather than 16th century.	The chapter will be amended to reflect these facts.	Amend Chapter 4
Mr Seekings		Appendix I	Add Horton's House to 15th century list and delete from 16th century. Add Stove Rack to 19th century list.	Horton's House will be transferred to the list of 15th century buildings. The Stove Rack is not listed in its own right but it is protected as a curtilage structure to 14 Church St.	Amend Appendix 1

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Trudi Carver	Environment Agency		Supportive of the extracts within the text that highlight the centrality of the river Avon. Welcome better access to the river for maintenance purposes and the recreational benefit of the public. Also pleased that the river Avon and Canal have been recognised as providing important natural habitats and have been given status within the document. Recommend that any proposed development within the conservation area includes sustainable design and construction measures which comply with the Code for Sustainable Homes.	These comments are noted. The recommendation on sustainable design for new buildings will be mentioned in the final section- Chapter 12. However, more appropriate advice is within the Residential Design Guide	Amend section to mention sustainable new development as an issue to be addressed.