

**Comments received on the Draft Tewkesbury Conservation Area Appraisal**

**Appendix 2**

Name of person or organisation submitting comments	Comment received	Action
<p>1. S Goodchild</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The boundary includes the west bank of the Severn which is outside the county boundary</li> <li>2. Upper Lode House, the lock and surrounding areas should be included</li> <li>3. The open grounds of the battlefield, a nationally significant event, should be protected by conservation area status</li> </ol>	<p>The boundary does not include land outside the borough boundary.</p> <p>This area is in the parish of Forthampton</p> <p>The open grounds of the battlefield comprise a significant area and are already protected by virtue of the registered battlefield designation. Government advice on planning policies for conservation areas and registered battlefields is contained in PPS5. When considering a planning application PPS5 makes no distinction between conservation areas and registered battlefields. They are both considered to be designated heritage assets and therefore are subject to same policies. When considering an application for development which would affect a battlefield, local planning authorities must take into account the historic interest of the site when determining whether or not to grant permission.</p> <p>The extension of the conservation area to include the battlefield would result in additional controls on properties that would not benefit the registered battlefield. The Victorian cemetery is included as it affords views towards the Abbey.</p>

2. Tewkesbury Battlefield Society	Almost all of the registered battlefield, including the most significant and least despoiled parts, lies outside the conservation area. The battlefield should be included as was proposed in the Heritage Protection Bill,	See comments under 1. Current Government guidance is contained in PPS5.
3. Tewkesbury Historical Society  Tewkesbury Historical Society (continued)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The area should be expanded to include the whole parish</li>   <li>2. Compromise extension to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spring Gardens</li> <li>• Cotswold Gardens</li> <li>• Rope Walk</li> <li>• Chance Street School</li> <li>• The Hospital</li> <li>• Rails Meadow</li> <li>• Open spaces up to Priors Park (caravan site and rugby club)</li> <li>• Lower Lode Lane including the council offices</li> <li>• Land to the north-east of Lincoln Green Lane as far as Southwick Park to protect undeveloped land</li> <li>• Land along the north-east side of the A38 from the Stonehills roundabout including Stonehills, Queen Margaret's Camp, the cemetery as proposed, the former council houses and villas</li> <li>• Villas on either side of Ashchurch Road</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<p>A conservation area must be an area of architectural or historic interest – not all of the parish would meet this test.</p> <p>Spring Gardens was cleared in the latter half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century so no longer meets the test for designation. Cotswold Gardens is much altered so has not been included but Rope Walk and Chance Street School retain much of their original features and so the boundary has been revised to include them. The hospital has been swamped by late 20<sup>th</sup> century development so is of limited architectural and historic interest so remains outside the conservation area. Rails Meadow car park has no architectural or historic interest. Lower Lode Lane. Land to the north-east of the A38 is essentially the battlefield and addressed under 1 above. The cemetery has been included for its Victorian interest and as part of the battlefield. The former council houses and villas were considered for inclusion at the draft stage but like Cotswold Gardens they are much altered so the boundary here remained unchanged. The villas on either side of Ashchurch Road are part of the settlement of Newtown rather than Tewkesbury so it would not be appropriate to include in a Tewkesbury conservation area.</p>
4. Tewkesbury Civic Society	Agree with the extension to include the cemetery but recommend the inclusion of the Spring Gardens area, Rope Walk, Chance Street school and Cotswold Gardens	For the reasons outlined in the paragraph above Spring Gardens and Cotswold Gardens have not been included but Rope Walk and Chance Street school have.

5. Peter Finnigan	Agrees with the extension to include the cemetery but would like the Rope Walk and Cotswold Place (Gardens) included. Spring Gardens and the hospital site should be included to control future development	See above for Rope Walk and Cotswold Place (Gardens). Spring Gardens and the hospital site do not meet the criteria for inclusion but any development here would have to consider the impact on the setting of the conservation area anyway.
6. Mr Treen	The whole parish or The Ham/Healing's Mill, Spring Gardens car park, Rails Meadow car park, Tewkesbury Hospital, any area of Chance Street/Oldbury/Cotswold Gardens not already in, villa buildings on the Ashchurch Road and original parts of Priors Park	These are much the same as Tewkesbury Historical Society so the same actions have been taken. The Ham and Healing's Mill are already in the conservation area.
7. Abbey Lawn Trust	An important statement done with great thoroughness, nothing to contribute by way of criticism or complaints	No action required.
8. Derek Benson	Agreed that the boundary should be amended as proposed in the draft appraisal	No action required
9. Gloucestershire PCT	The hospital site should not be included in the conservation area	The hospital site has not been included in the conservation area as it is of limited architectural and historic interest.