

Decision Maker: **Development Control Committee**

Date: **31st August 2010**

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

Title: **BROMLEY TOWN CENTRE CONSERVATION AREA
STATEMENT**

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Ward: Bromley Town

1. Reason for report

A "Conservation Area Statement" has been written for Bromley Town Centre. The next step in the process involves a period of public consultation. This document has no significant change in direction to the current Supplementary Planning Guidance but has been updated with regard to recent English Heritage Guidelines and also to provide some additional guidance with regard to the Bromley Town Centre AAP.

2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

Members are requested to authorise the commencement of a public consultation period for this plan.

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing policy. Unitary Development Plan 2006
 2. BBB Priority: Quality Environment.
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: No cost
 2. Ongoing costs: N/A.
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Planning
 4. Total current budget for this head: £
 5. Source of funding:
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 2
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours:
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Non-statutory - Government guidance.
 2. Call-in: Call-in is applicable
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): All Bromley residents who live in or use the Town Centre
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? No.
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments:

3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 A Conservation Area Statement has been prepared to replace the existing Supplementary Planning Guidance for Bromley Town Centre. The document, once adopted, will form part of the Local Development Framework and has been prepared in accordance with English Heritage guidance.
- 3.2 Residents will be notified of this proposed Conservation Area Statement and copies will be made available to them via the normal channels. A 6 week consultation period will take place to allow for representations. A public exhibition will also be held in the Town Centre (possibly the Glades or the library). After the public consultation a final draft will be prepared for Member's approval.
- 3.3 The Conservation Area Statement will be used by officers to determine planning applications in the Conservation Area, along with other planning documents and material land use planning considerations. It will also be used by the Council for planning appeal purposes.
- 3.4 The document will, as the AAP Inspector anticipated, complement the guidance given for individual opportunity sites within the Bromley Town Centre AAP.
- 3.5 The Council has 45 Conservation Areas and Conservation Area Statements for all of these areas will eventually replace the current Supplementary Planning Guidance.
- 3.6 A copy of the draft Conservation Area Statement will be available in the Member's room prior to the DC Committee meeting on August 31st.

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Statement, along with others, will be brought into the Local Development Framework process and can be used to support the Council's decisions at appeals.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Financial implications, legal implications, personnel implications.
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	