

Committee	FULL COUNCIL
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To acknowledge the upcoming appraisal of the Halstead Conservation area

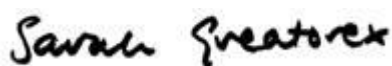
The Clerk has been contacted by a built heritage consultant at Place Services - Essex County Council, who is also one of two Conservation Officers at Braintree District Council's planning office, providing them with historic buildings and conservation area advice. He is currently undertaking an appraisal of the Halstead Conservation Area, with a view towards the production of a new appraisal and management plan document. The project is still in the early stages and once a draft is completed, there will be a period of public consultation.

He is researching the historic and architectural special interest of the area at present and was wondering if the Town Council had any views, opinions or areas of concern regarding the issues facing the Conservation Area, for example, its character, boundary.

While he has some records from Braintree DC regarding the extensions to the boundary in the past (1977 and again in 1986), there has been no appraisal of the Conservation Area since its designation in 1969. He has an appraisal of Halstead Town from the 1970s, but this is not related to the Conservation Area per se and deals with the Town's retail, commercial and residential opportunities. He has asked if the Town Council has any heritage related research and in particular, old photographs, that it may be able to pass on to him.

He has been invited to speak at a council meeting, but said he was unable to do that at present. He has also been directed towards the Halstead and District Local History Society and Museum, as they will have a great deal of information to offer him. He has already visited the Museum.

Recommendation : that HTC notes the upcoming appraisal of the Conservation area, and considers any issues it would like to raise.



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