

PUBLIC CONSULTATION
PORTSWOOD RESIDENTS' GARDENS CONSERVATION AREA
MANAGEMENT PLAN

This note summaries the more formal consultation procedures conducted by the group of residents preparing the Portswood Residents Gardens Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Plan. Considerable efforts were made to give everybody resident in the Conservation Area (CA) a chance to be informed about the Plan as it was developed, to ask questions, discuss it and be directly involved if they wished to be so.

The Subscribers to the PWG live in about 82% of the 95 properties (including the non-residential properties) in the Conservation Area. Non-subscribers were also kept equally informed about the plan, invited to meetings and exhibitions etc. The Trustees of the Gardens were also kept in touch and supported the consultation process. The Trustees further helped to publicise the Plan and consultation through their local newsletters which are published regularly.

PUBLIC MEETING 13 Jan. 2010 on "A Management Plan for PRGCA" to explain the nature of such plans, discuss how to take it forward and to learn from the experience of Oakmount Triangle CA. 32 attended, plus 2 SCC officers.

A REPORT ON THE MANAGEMENT PLAN by the Trustees was delivered to all households in the Conservation Area in late February 2010.

PUBLIC EXHIBITION 12 June 2010 on the History and Landscape of the PRGCA. Numbers unknown as this was part of a large centenary celebration with over 120 guests, and no record was kept.

PUBLIC EXHIBITION 4 July 2010. Exhibition as above. Visitors were also asked to comment on what they most valued about the CA and what their main concerns were about the future of the area.

PUBLIC EXHIBITION 8 July 2010. As 4 July. At least 42 attended over the two days (37 local residents, 2 from outside the area, 2 SCC officers and the SCC Leader.)

PARKING QUESTIONNAIRE August 2010. 52 questionnaires were circulated in two streets in the CA seeking views on a proposed Residents' Permit Parking Scheme. 36 responses received (30 of whom supported the proposals). Residents in a neighbouring street subsequently also asked to be considered for such a scheme, and this was supported.

PUBLIC MEETING 6 October 2010, with talks by SCC officers and residents about matters relevant to the Management Plan, questions and discussion. 35 attended.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY circulated to all households in the CA November 2010.

PUBLIC MEETING 29 November 2010 to update residents on progress and provide an opportunity for further questions and discussion. 22 attended plus SCC officers.

DRAFT CA CHARACTER APPRAISAL AND MANAGEMENT PLAN circulated by e-mail or hard copies in January 2011 to 57 households who had

expressed an interest, including several non-subscribers. Numerous informal comments received verbally or by e-mail.

PUBLIC DROP-IN SESSIONS 17 and 26 January for questions and discussion about the draft CA Character Appraisal and Management Plan. 10 and 8 attendees respectively, including 2 non-subscribers.

REVISED DRAFT CA APPRAISAL AND MANAGEMENT PLAN circulated by e-mail or hard copies to 62 households for information on 14 January 2011, together with a covering e-mail drawing their attention to significant changes since the previously circulated version. The document had been revised to take account of comments made by local residents (including at the drop-in sessions, meetings of the working group drafting the plan and at the Residents' Gardens AGM on 3 Feb.) and by the Council's Conservation Officer.

FINAL DRAFT AS SUBMITTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL CIRCULATED early February to over 70 households for information.