

HERTSMERE BOROUGH COUNCIL
CORE STRATEGY DPD
STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND BETWEEN

HERTSMERE BOROUGH COUNCIL (HBC)

AND

HERTFORDSHIRE GARDENS TRUST (HGT)

VERSION 1
2ND FEBRUARY 2012

INTRODUCTION

HBC has been in correspondence with HGT (representor number: 4009) in respect of concerns raised in HGT's representations with regard to the sections of HBC's Core Strategy DPD relating to the natural environment.

HBC considers that the approach to the natural environment set out in Chapter 5 and Policy CS12 of the Core Strategy is justified, effective and consistent with national policy. However, in order to address HGT's concerns HBC has resolved to make a number of minor changes to the Core Strategy. These are:

- Additional wording in supporting text to be inclusive of all appropriate references to those settings, gardens, structures and buildings of particular historic interest in both Chapter 2 on the Spatial Vision and Chapter 5 on the historic environment
- Additional reference to the register of statutorily protected assets held by English Heritage
- Update to the number of Conservation Areas in the Borough

HBC and HGT have agreed these changes (as set out in detail below) through this statement of common ground. HGT has confirmed that they no longer have any objections in relation to HBC's Core Strategy DPD on the provision that these changes are made.

RESOLUTIONS

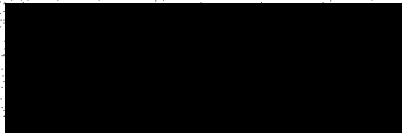
Minor changes to Core Strategy:

N.B.: Deletions are struck through; insertions are underlined.

- **Paragraph 2.19** – Other localities in the Borough also feature historically and architecturally important areas and buildings. Hertsmere has over 330 listed buildings, gardens or structures, 15 Conservation Areas and four Scheduled Ancient Monuments. This historic fabric contributes to the character of the Borough's towns and villages. A new local list contains over 350 properties of locally important buildings.
- **Paragraph 5.16** – Although 80% of the Borough is designated as Green Belt, the character, and distinctiveness and settings within of its towns and villages are critical local assets. Protecting the historic fabric of the local community is an integral part of the wider protection of the environment and the 2005 householder survey revealed the protection of listed buildings and conservation areas to be a top priority amongst local residents.
- **Paragraph 5.17** – There are presently over 330 buildings, gardens or structures in the Borough together with 156 Conservation Areas, all of which receive additional protection through the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990. Building and structures which are either listed (Grade I, II or II*) or located in a Conservation Area are subject to additional statutory controls to control alterations and extensions. Separate consent is also required for the demolition of Listed Buildings or buildings in a Conservation Area. Both the Council and English Heritage hold a register of statutorily protected historic assets. The future of protected buildings is often best secured through the continuation of the original use but the Council recognises that heritage assets have to adapt to survive and remain financially viable.

AGREEMENT

Signed by:



On behalf of Hertsmere Borough Council

Dated 3 FEBRUARY 2012



On behalf of Hertfordshire Gardens Trust
(Conservation & Planning Officer, HGT)

Dated 3 FEBRUARY 2012