

	<p>Number and Nature of Responses</p> <p>27 Responses were received to the on-line survey: Historic England, Tring Town Council, Tring Historical Society and The Chiltern Society also submitted general remarks and an email response was also submitted.</p> <p>Comments were fairly positive, though one respondent considered the Appraisal had been produced to aid developers rather than preserve the character of the Conservation Area. A number of particularly helpful comments were provided in relation to proof reading of the documents.</p>
Q1	When looking at the conservation area as a whole, please tell us to what extent you agree or disagree with the following statements
(a)	There is the right balance of uses within the conservation area
(b)	The buildings are generally in a good condition
(c)	The area feels safe
(d)	There is enough parking for owners and visitors alike
(e)	New Development has generally been successful in preserving the character of the conservation area
	26 people answered Q1(a) and 24 people answered Q1(b) 26 People answered Q1(c) 26 People answered Q1(d) and People Answered Q1 26 (e)
	85% of respondents (22) strongly agreed or agreed that there is the right balance of uses with 1 disagreeing and 3 neither agreeing or disagreeing. 79 % of respondents (19) strongly agreed or agreed that the buildings are generally in a good condition, with 21% of respondents (5) neither agreeing nor disagreeing. When considering if the area feels safe 85% strongly agreed or agreed 1 respondent disagreed and 3 respondents neither agreed nor disagreed. When considering if there was enough parking 8% of respondents (2) agreed. 62% of respondents (16) disagreed or strongly disagreed with the rest neither agreeing nor disagreeing. In terms of new development 50% respondents (13) strongly agreed or agreed that new development has generally been successful in preserving the character of the conservation area. A further 35% of respondents (9) neither agreed or disagreed, whilst 15% respondents (4) disagreed or strongly disagreed.
Q2	If you 'disagree' or 'strongly disagree' with any of these statements in Q1, please tell us why
	16 people answered this question.
	All 16 highlighted issues in relation to the lack of parking in particular in relation to the Tring Triangle/ Western Road area. There were also 2 comments noted about the design and in particular the materials used in new builds and some of the shopfronts.
Q3	When looking at the details which make up the character of the conservation area, how important are the following to you?
	26 people answered the sections within this question.
	The answers were as follows:

	Very important	Fairly important	Not very important	Not at all important
The original timber windows and doors of traditional buildings	15	8	2	1
Traditional shop fronts	18	8	0	0
The rear elevations of historic buildings	7	10	8	1
The continued use of matching materials for extensions	17	9	0	0
The colour and type of signage used on shop fronts	17	6	3	0
The colour of paint on brickwork and render	15	10	1	0
The survival of traditional floor surfaces (such as stone cobbles)	12	11	3	0
Views across the Conservation Area	16	8	2	0
Roof features, such as chimney stacks	9	13	3	1
Mixture of old red clay tiles and slates	12	10	4	0
Absence of roof lights to front elevation roof pitches	7	10	8	1
The lack of satellite dishes	14	8	1	3
The trees	19	7	0	0
The private garden spaces	13	10	3	0
<p>In general, most elements of the conservation area were seen as very important or fairly important. The areas of disagreement were confined to the appearance of the rear of buildings 9 considering these lack importance, the absence of rooflights to the street frontages again with 9 considering these unimportant and to a lesser extent the roof materials and chimneys with 4 response each considering them of lesser importance.</p>				
Q4	Please add any other details which you consider important to the conservation area			
	8 people answered this question.			
	The responses were varied but generally fell into categories of highway works in particular traditional street signs, lighting and clutter in general. Complaints were also made about the noise from the A41. The other broad area of response was the green spaces both within and outwith the conservation area, preservation of these spaces and access to them.			
Q5	Which of the following would be your priorities for improving Tring Conservation Area? (Please select up to three from this list)			
	<p>The number of people selecting an item from the list is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16: Improvements to parking 16: General improvements and repair of buildings 14: Landscaping to the public realm 12: Street furniture (benches, letter/postboxes, rubbish bins, etc.) 			

	6: Street lighting 4: Improvement of signage to shops 4: More heritage interpretation – information boards, blue plaques, etc. 2: Street signage																		
Q6	Please add any other comments which you consider important to improving the conservation area																		
	9 people answered this question.																		
	In general, there was a desire to improve the public realm. In particular the pavements, road surfaces and as noted previously the management of parking and car movements through the town centre. With this there was a desire to reduce street clutter and signage where possible. A second major concern was the quality of shopfronts within the town and improvements that could be made to them. Further points raised were to ensure that appropriate materials were used for new buildings and that some problem buildings most notably the scaffolding on the modern block of the natural history museum be removed.																		
Q7	The Conservation area has been sub divided into areas which have a particular character, could you tell us whether you agree with this analysis																		
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	There was no disagreement with this proposal.																		
Q8	If you disagree with the proposed sub-division of the conservatio area into two character areas in Q7 please tell us why.																		
	4 people answered this question.																		
	There was no disagreement but it was noted that it appeared unclear as to the necessity of this. 3 respondents thought that it made no real difference and did not add to the process. The final point raised was should there be a 3 rd area which concentrated on the shopping core leaving the other 2 areas to cover the mainly residential streets.																		
Q9	The Approasal has proposed three amendments to the boundary of the conservation area. Can you tell us whether you agree or disagree with the suggested changes.																		
	25-26 people answered this question.																		

	Strongly agree	Agree	Nether agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Extension 1: Home Farm, White Cloud House, North Cottage and Thrift cottage	11	9	2	2	2
Extension 2: Woodland Close	7	11	4	2	1
Extension 3: Western Rd and Cemetery	10	10	3	1	1
	In general there was strong support for the extensions the most positive being for Home Farm area 77% (20 responses) and the least positive for Woodland Close 72% (18 responses). There appeared to be little objection to the extension the most coming for Home Farm with 4 objections and the least for Western Road with 2 objections.				
Q10	If you have any suggestions for further areas that should be included in the existing Conservation Area, please specify the area(s) below with your reasons as to why they should be considered for inclusion.				
	There were 9 responses to the question . The responses related in general to the area of Tring Park and the fields and buildings located within the historic park to the south of the A41. There was also an object to Woodland Close being included.				
Q11	Please add any further comments relating to the Tring Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan Here:				
	There were 12 responses. These varied from praising the document to 1 stating it was a waste of time and money. 3 further comments were made objecting to the inclusion of Woodland Close 1 respondent and Home Farm extensions 2 respondents. Other matters noted were the need to revise and update elements in general proof reading. A further comment was made on the need to better highlight the importance of Church square and to undertake further works to this area.				