

Consultation Summary

Steyne Gardens

As part of the review of Conservation Areas in Worthing, the Council consulted on the following document:

<https://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/media/Media.170531.smx.pdf>

This report summarises the representations received and the Officers' responses.

Proposed Steyne Gardens Conservation Area

The Council received **12** representations (11 reps submitted via the online consultation form). These included:

- **1** written representation from Historic England (statutory consultee)
- **2** written representation from Friends of Denton Gardens
- **9** representations from local residents

The issues raised in these representations are presented below, along with Officers' responses to these comments.

Historic England

Issue	Response
We support the identification of the two distinct character areas for this conservation areas as the special interest of these areas is clearly different. We also consider the rationale for the boundary changes are clear.	The Council welcomes the response from Historic England and notes that Historic England supports the proposed extension to Steyne Gardens Conservation Area.
It may be appropriate for those buildings identified as positive contributors to be included on the Local List.	This action will be reviewed in due course.
In addition, as the open spaces make such an important contribution to the special interest of this conservation area, identification of measures to enhance their character and appearance may be a useful addition in the management plan section. In line with this, we are aware from the Worthing Society that there may be	See recommendation at 7.12 of the Conservation Area Character Appraisal.

forthcoming development proposals for Denton Gardens and its Art Deco Shelter.	
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Special architectural and historic interest

Question 1:

In general has the draft Character Appraisal adequately identified the Conservation Area's special architectural or historical interest?

- Yes - 11 representations
- No - 0 representations
- Not answered - 0 representations

Any additional comments?

No responses received.

Question 2:

Do you think the Conservation Area has any other aspects of special interest which should be included in the appraisal?

- Yes - 2 representations
- No - 9 representations
- Not answered - 0 representations

Any additional comments?

No responses received.

Character and appearance

Question 3

In general, has the Appraisal adequately identified the good and the harmful features of the Conservation Areas?

- Yes - 11 representations
- No - 0 representations
- Not answered - 0 representations

Any additional comments?

No responses received.

Question 4

Do you think the Conservation Areas have any additional good features which should be identified in the Appraisal?

- Yes - 2 representations
- No - 9 representations
- Not answered - 0 representations

Any additional comments?

Issues raised and officer response:

Issue	Response
Is the Splash Point Memorial Garden included?	Splash Point Memorial Garden is included in the proposed extension to Steyne Gardens Conservation Area. The memorial falls within the southern part of Character Area 2.
Essential maintenance and extension of flower beds to support pollinators.	Management recommendation at paragraph 7.12 of the Conservation Area Character Appraisal has been added. This comment has been forwarded to the Councils' Parks Service for their consideration.

Boundary of the Conservation Area

Question 5

Do you agree with the proposed boundary for the conservation area?

- Yes - 10 representations
- No - 1 representations
- Not answered - 0 representations

Any additional comments?

Issues raised and officer response:

Issue	Response
Can you clarify what "brick paving" means as showing in York road and Alfred place? Will these roads become pedestrian only?	This refers to the historic red brick pavements that exist in parts of the conservation area, including along York Road and Alfred Place. This paving contributes positively to the conservation area and should be retained. There is no known proposal to pedestrianise these streets. The Map will be updated to clarify the description of the pavements.
I support the extension of the conservation area to protect Denton Gardens and the other areas.	Support is noted.

Conservation Area Management

Question 6

Do you agree with the management proposals set out in the draft Character Appraisal?

- Yes - 11 representations
- No - 0 representations
- Not answered - 0 representations

Any additional comments?

No responses received.

Question 7

Are there any other actions that you consider are needed to preserve or enhance the conservation area?

- Yes - 4 representations
- No - 7 representations
- Not answered - 0 representations

Any additional comments?

Issues raised and officer response:

Issue	Response
<p>Sympathetic street furniture within the boundaries of the conservation area. Removal of street clutter and unnecessary signage within the conservation area.</p>	<p>Noted. This has been addressed at paragraph 7.3 of the Conservation Area Character Appraisal.</p> <p>The Council will notify West Sussex County Council of the amended boundary to Steyne Gardens conservation area.</p>
<p>Steyne Gardens has a lack of public seating. It provides a pleasant area to sit away from the immediate seafront in shaded areas but has few benches. Many older people prefer sitting in the shade which is not possible on the seafront so Steyne Gardens is ideal. Rectifying this maybe with sponsored benches as in other areas would be of great benefit to the gardens.</p>	<p>A note has been added at paragraph 7.12 of the Conservation Area Character Appraisal.</p> <p>This comment has been forwarded to the Council's Place & Economy Team to be considered as part of the Council's commitment to caring for our open spaces within the town.</p>
<p>Adequate funding from WBC to maintain green spaces to a good standard.</p>	<p>This comment has been forwarded to the Councils' Parks Service for their consideration.</p>
<p>Turn the old gas works site on Lyndhurst Road into parkland.</p>	<p>The former gas holder site has been allocated (Policy A9) for residential development (150 residential units) within the Worthing Local Plan (adopted in 2023).</p>

Further Comments

Issues raised and officer response:

Issue	Response
<p>A long cherished ambition of Friends of Denton Gardens has been to protect for posterity these historic and treasured gardens for the people of Worthing to enjoy. Extending Steyne Gardens Conservation Area to include the Gardens will do this. Well done.</p>	<p>Support is noted.</p>
<p>Wholly support the inclusion of Denton Gardens, Beach House Grounds and Beach House Park. These are important historical sites having served the town for the last century. They are much loved and used green spaces by residents and visitors in the heart of our town. Their inclusion will help protect them from inappropriate development into the next century, when their value can only increase with growing urbanisation.</p>	<p>Support is noted.</p>
<p>Repair and reinstatement of the original red block street paving within the conservation areas would be distinctive and visually impactful in this important area as would be the installation of heritage street name signage.</p>	<p>Noted. Refer to paragraph 4.88 of the Conservation Area Character Appraisal. This is a matter to be referred to West Sussex County Council.</p>
<p>Good documentation and detail</p>	<p>Noted.</p>