

FAO Planning Policy RBC

Local Plan Part 2: Land and Planning Policies Issues and Options consultation

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7. Design and Landscape Character

Question 41: : *Please make any comments you have about what should be included in the LAPP in respect of the landscape character, including whether there are any areas of locally valued landscape requiring additional protection.*

Ridge and Furrow should be afforded additional protection, particularly when it is identifiable within a settlement and contributes to a sense of place. In Keyworth, within the middle of the village, the Rectory Field provides the only public open space in the village centre. Added to this, the field comprises of visible ridge and furrow across its swathe and provides a unique feature in this built-up area of the settlement.

8. Historic Environment

Question 44: *Should we identify a local list of heritage assets within Rushcliffe Borough?*

Yes. In Keyworth we have already identified heritage assets that do not warrant listing in a national context or on standard criteria (quite often because there are plentiful examples nationwide), but impact positively in the local area and are of particular historic significance in relation to the development of that area. The list is included in the draft Keyworth Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Local communities should be encouraged to prepare local asset maps, so areas can be defined and given more protection against future unsympathetic development.

Question 45: *Please make any comments you have about what a local heritage assets policy should include or any other comments you have about the issue of locally listed heritage assets.*

A policy should identify what constitutes a local heritage asset – buildings, structures and landscape features included.

There should be a procedure for identification of assets to assess their value for inclusion in a local list.

A policy should identify criteria in a local, rather than national context, for choosing the heritage assets.

A system of appraisal and review should be implemented.

Information should be available for owners of assets for reference when carrying out works to the asset.

The policy should provide a means by which identified local assets can be judged by planners when considering planning applications; i.e the degree of harm / enhancement to the asset by an application.

Question 46: *Should we include within the LAPP policies on development affecting designated assets?*

Yes– policies are required for designated assets

There is a need for addressing the local importance of designated sites and acknowledging this through consultation with local interest Groups / stakeholders, local authority departments (e.g archaeology services) and through significant regard to observations by Historic England itself and to its statutory guidance. Appropriate weight should be given to the observations offered by these

groups when the planning authority and its conservation officer are reaching their decision on planning applications.