

Bedhampton Conservation Area – Statement to Cabinet 11.9.19

Board member were invited to a briefing at 4pm on the 17th July, by the Chair through Democratic Services. The purpose of that briefing was to ensure that all members had the papers they needed and that they understood the map that was going to be the point of reference for the board meeting. To aid members the recommendations were within the Management Plan on pages 60 to 69.

Mr Harris also explained the order of the meeting regarding people who were going to present or make a deputation to the Board. Members were also advised that Cllr Gary Robinson and Ms Murphy - from the firm of consultants who had been engaged by the Friends of Bidbury Mead, to carry out an appraisal of the conservation area - had been invited to join the meeting, meaning they would sit at a table and be able to engage in the meeting, through the Chair.

The board meeting opened, we had more than 300 pages of documents including appendices, and a very detailed, notated map to refer to; that we had had the opportunity to visit the site using a detailed map some visits with assistance of conservation officer prior to the meeting.

To assist Cabinet I am reporting on the board meeting of 17th July to this Cabinet meeting, Cabinet members may like to hear how the Scrutiny Board felt about the Appraisal of the Conservation Area at Old Bedhampton. My understanding of the position now, as far as Scrutiny is concerned, we did not accept the officer recommendation and, by default, chose the do nothing option. Cabinet will see from the minutes of the Board meeting the Board made no positive recommendation for change. Thank you.

Cllr Dianne Lloyd, Chair of the Operations & Place Shaping scrutiny board