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Dear Jonathan

South Newnham Neighbourhood Plan – Submission Consultation

I refer to the consultation on the South Newnham Neighbourhood Plan and thank you for affording the County Council the opportunity to comment.

Further to the representations made by the County Council in July 2023 in response to the Regulation 14 consultation I have received further comments from colleagues in the Cambridgeshire Historic Environment Team relating to heritage assets. These are made to ensure there is consistency and clarity in how different types of heritage assets are described and presented in the Neighbourhood Plan with the aim of avoiding any undue ambiguity.

1. The positive identification of all the nationally listed buildings within the ward (previously only 2/2A Grantchester Road was mentioned) has been confirmed with the inclusion of a map and a list. Appendix B has been renamed from 'Non-designated Heritage Assets in South Newnham Neighbourhood' to 'Heritage Assets in South Newnham Neighbourhood' to reflect this addition. The County Council supports this change. However, the draft document now risks conflating nationally listed buildings, Cambridge City Council Buildings of Local Interest (BLIs) and other non-designated assets within the text, by referring to them all collectively throughout as 'Local Heritage Assets'. This may become problematic as the Policy SNNP8 is explicitly to support 'Policy 62 (Local Heritage Assets) of the Local Plan by identifying those "newly identified Local Heritage Assets" in South Newnham to which that policy will apply'.
2. Paragraph 7.6.1 states that there are '17 Grade II listed buildings' within South Newnham. This translates to LB1-LB6 within the table and Map 5. Some of these contractions are not clear. For example, 78 Barton Road (Wolfson college) and its gateway are listed separately on the national list as NHLE 1126245 and 1126246 but are amalgamated as LB2 in the Neighbourhood Plan. Similarly, the 10 gas lamps on

Millington Road and one on South Green Road are amalgamated as LB5, whereas the single gas lamp on Clare Road is LB6. Although they are all accounted for, for the avoidance of doubt we recommend they should be entered individually.

3. At paragraph 7.6.1 (page 50) a text correction is due where the number of 'Local Heritage Assets' proposed to be identified as such under the policy (as newly identified by the NDP, over and above nationally listed assets and the existing BLI list) has been increased within the text from 8 to 12, but the tabulated list immediately below now only has items H1-H7.
4. In addition to the tabulated list, H1-H7 are also included at Map 5 'Local Heritage Assets' and are listed on the 'key' to the map. The Gonville & Caius College Cricket Pavilion on Clare Road was already a BLI and has now been included; this is now listed in the table at 7.6.3 as BL12 but shown on Map 5 as BL13. Map 5 also additionally incorrectly identifies H6 (St Marks Vicarage) as a carpark, not the actual building. H4 (Gas Lamp on Grantchester Meadows) and H5 (Stink Pipes on Grantchester Meadows and South Green Road, Selwyn Road, Fulbrooke Road, and besides Paradise House) are missing from the map entirely.
5. The existing BLIs in South Newnham are now all accounted for in the NDP. Some of the groupings are a little hard to follow but factually correct. BL1-12 in the NDP corresponds to 22 BLI entries on the Cambridgeshire Local Heritage List LHLP portal which includes 27 actual buildings.

I trust that this will be of assistance to the Neighbourhood Forum as it progresses the Neighbourhood Plan and we would of course be happy to discuss this with them in more detail. Please feel free to contact the Historic Environment Team (HistoricEnvironmentRecord@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) if you wish to discuss this matter further.

Yours sincerely



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