

CABINET DECISION NOTICE

Tuesday 10 March 2020



The following decision(s) were taken by Cabinet at its meeting held on **Tuesday 10 March 2020**
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1. MENTMORE CONSERVATION AREA DESIGNATION

(a) Decision(s)

- (1) That the responses to the consultation referred to in the Cabinet report be noted.
- (2) That the Conservation Area boundary change, referred to as option 1 in the Cabinet report, be approved and adopted.
- (3) That the Management Plan be adopted.

(b) Reason(s) for Decision(s)

The Council is under a statutory obligation to review Conservation Area boundaries from time to time. The justification for approving option 1 is included within the Conservation Area Appraisal document and summarised in the Cabinet report.

(c) Alternative Options Considered

To defer the adoption of the proposed revised boundary. Cabinet felt however that the current boundary and documentation (being the 1978 review), did not reflect current national advice regarding the significance of the relationship of individual elements such as planform, buildings, archaeology, spaces, trees, views and setting and how these elements combined to create a cohesive "whole".

It was felt that the "whole" would be devalued if only some of the fundamental elements were excluded. In the case of Mentmore, the importance of the designed and functional landscape to the history and development of the estate were fundamental to its significance. These important factors were not reflected in the existing Conservation Area boundary and needed to be incorporated in order to secure a robust and defensible designation.

It was felt that these factors overrode the objections. Cabinet heard representations from individuals in favour of the revised boundary proposals and from those who opposed the proposals, including the Local Member.

(d) Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Environment and Living.

(e) Conflicts of Interest / Dispensation(s)

None.

CALL-IN TIMESCALES

Any requests for call-in must be received by the Democratic Manager by 5pm on Thursday 19 March 2020. The request must be made by the Chairman of the relevant Scrutiny Committee or any 3 Members of that Scrutiny Committee.

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