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TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

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ROYAL BOROUGH OF KINGSTON UPON THAMES : PROPOSED CONSERVATION
AREA NO. 4 : SOUTHBOROUGH ESTATE, SURBITON (CP.5.4.1)

To consider formally designating part of Southborough, Surbiton as a Conservation Area. On the 22nd November, 1978 the Committee considered the possibility of designating part of the Southborough area of Surbiton, shown on Plan RBK/1, as a Conservation Area, and resolved -

- (1) the report be adopted for the purposes of public discussion and it be further considered in the light of any observations received, prior to any formal designation of a Conservation Area; and

- (11) the GLC and other appropriate authorities be consulted on the action proposed.

The GLC were formally consulted under Section 277 of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1971 and non statutory consultations undertaken with Kingston upon Thames Society, Kingston upon Thames Archaeological Society, Elmbridge Borough Council, Southborough Residents Association and Kingston Branch of the R.I.B.A. All households within the proposed Conservation Area, together with those properties abutting it, about 280 homes, were consulted by letter.

(1) Greater London Council

The next meeting of this Authority's Historic Buildings Committee is to be held on Thursday 25th January, following which it is hoped its views will be made known. However, the officers of the GLC's Historic Buildings Section have verbally welcomed this proposal.

(2) Elmbridge Borough Council - Borough Planning Officer -

"My only comment is in respect of part of the boundary in Ditton Road. The tree screen adjacent to 'Shrewsbury House' appears important in the street scene and I think that the boundary could be drawn to include this feature. If these trees are already protected by a Tree Preservation Order, their inclusion would not, of course, be so important in terms of protection, but would perhaps emphasise their role in the visual amenities of the area".

Some 22 trees on the boundary of 'Shrewsbury House' School, with Ditton Road, are included in the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames Tree Preservation Order (No. 8) 1978, which has been confirmed without modification.

(3) Kingston upon Thames Society - Secretary

"We hasten to endorse the proposals to designate the area shown on your plan as a new Conservation Area and note that the Society had two years ago proposed that substantially the same area should be declared a Conservation Area."

(4) Kingston upon Thames Archaeological Society

Views still awaited.

(5) Southborough Residents' Association - Secretary

"My Association wholeheartedly support the concept of a Conservation Area on the Southborough Estate, as delineated on Drawing RBK/1, as a first step towards the early inclusion of the old Southborough Park as well in such an area, and look forward to implementation of the proposals without delay".

(6) Kingston Branch of R.I.B.A. - Secretary

" I have now had the opportunity of discussing this with some of the committee members who feel generally that it would be a very worthwhile action and something which the branch would support wholeheartedly. We have not yet had a committee meeting at which this item can be tabled, but I feel that this will be the general reaction".

(7) Local Residents

Of the 280 households which were consulted some 65 replies have been received, together with a petition from 11 households, a response rate of 27%. 74 were in favour of the proposal with 2 against.

Of the two objections, one, whilst accepting that the control of demolition relating to all buildings in the Conservation Area was acceptable, objected to the six weeks' notice which would be required to be given to this Authority before work commences on any trees. This took away his current right to act on trees immediately.

The second objector felt that in the Corkran Road area the boundary lines had been drawn on an arbitrary basis and he could see no reason for leaving out the major part of both sides of Corkran Road, or of Ashcombe Drive, and of all of the land between, down to Woodlands Road. The officers remain of the opinion that the boundaries which were drawn were the most appropriate taking into account the core of late Victorian architecture which was the principal reason for proposing designation.

A suggestion has been made that the playing fields of 'Shrewsbury House' should also be included within the area. It is felt that when applications are made to develop this site, because it will abut a Conservation Area, any development which could have an effect on it would be the subject of critical examination in any event.

The statutory procedure for designating Conservation Areas requires that the notice of the designation (with particulars of its effect) must be published in the 'London Gazette' and at least one local newspaper, with the date of the Council's resolution being the date of designation. In addition under Section 277(9) of the 1971 Act the designation of the Conservation Area must be registered in the Local Land Charges Register of this Council.

It is **RECOMMENDED** that the Borough Secretary be instructed to formally designate the areas shown on plan RBK/1 as a Conservation Area and carry out the statutory requirements associated with this, provided that no adverse comments are received from the Greater London Council's Historic Buildings Committee.