Annex 4

Consultees and summaries of responses to public consultation

Consultees

The Cliftonville Partnership Thanet Community Development Trust St Paul's Community Trust Dalby Square Project Dane Area Action Group Margate Civic Society Margate Conservation Area Advisory Group Margate Town Partnership Margate Renewal Partnership Grotto Hill Area Street Scheme Gordon Road Area Street Scheme Thanet Voluntary & Community Sector Forum Surrey Road Area Action Group Futures Group Cliftonville Ward Councillors

Responses by e-mail

6 positive responses to the designation

1 would like to include Gordon Road

2 see designation as a way for economic regeneration

1 would like to see the designation as the first of number of conservation areas in Cliftonville.

1 would like to support the refurbishment of the larger properties into large family apartments.

Public Drop-in sessions

35 attendees

23 positively support the designation of a Dalby Square conservation area

2 positively support the designation but would like to include Sweyn Road to Athelstan. Other areas to be put forward for designation including Norfolk Road

3 positively support the designation but would like to keep the area of land to the southern end of Dalby Square (the site of the former Warrior Crescent) an open space.

Ward Councillors

Cllr. Aldred Cllr Clark Cllr Hart Generally support the proposal with concerns/ reservations

1. The designation could be detrimental to the regeneration of the area.

2. It could have an effect on local business due to more strigent planning guidelines.

3. Would like to include St Pauls Church and St Michael and St Bishoy into the designation

4. Would like the car park to the north east of the square be screened by bushes.5. Would like to strongly stress their support for residents who wish to keep the land at the south of Dalby Square (site of the former Warrior Crescent) a green space quoting from the CABE survey of green spaces published March 2010 to support their views

Summary

All the responses received were positive towards the designation of a Dalby Square Conservation area.

There is a desire for the inclusion of more areas into the proposed conservation area.

A number of responses would like to see the designation as the start of a series of similar designations in the area.

Best practice in terms of heritage management directs towards small areas for designation where local residents can take pride and ownership within their immediate surroundings.

Through the support of grant funding from English Heritage a characterisation of the wider Cliftonville townscape is presently being undertaken. It is possible from these findings that there could be further proposed conservation area designations. In terms of the two churches; these can be viewed as structures which bear more relation to the Northdown Road character area. Both of these structures are currently provided designated protection in planning terms through their statutory listed status.

Some responses would like to preserve the green space (the site of the former Warrior Crescent)

This particular site has been designated as a site for housing development in the adopted Local Plan (2006)

Some see the designation as a positive support for regeneration; some express their concerns that more stringent planning controls within a conservation area would hamper business growth and deter landlords maintaining their properties due to perceived increases in costs.

Designation is not intended to prevent change or adaptation but simply to ensure any proposals for change are properly considered. It may also allow access to monies from English Heritage for a programme of repairs and enhancements through a Partnership Agreement grant scheme (See letter of support from English Heritage Annex 3) and the Heritage Lottery Fund through the Townscape Heritage Initiative schemes, which at present, Cliftonville is excluded from.