

Draft Ipswich Urban Character Supplementary Planning Document Consultation
Statement - January 2019

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The Ipswich Urban Characterisation Study Supplementary Planning Document project commenced in 2013, with the borough being divided into eight 'urban character areas'. The Call for Ideas was carried out in February 2013. The project has since been carried out in two stages, with five of the Urban Characterisation Studies being adopted in 2015, and the final three now in draft form and out to consultation.

Detailed below are therefore the comments from the 2013 Call for Ideas, and the comments received on an early draft of the remaining three documents, since amended and now out for public consultation (between 16th January 2019 and 27th February 2019).

Reponses received to the Urban Characterisation SPD Call for Ideas, February 2013

Respondent	Comment	IBC Response
Archaeological Officer, Suffolk County Council	<p>Following February's Ipswich Local Plan Newsletter, I would like to comment that consideration of Ipswich's archaeological remains and the archaeological/historical/topographical evidence for the long development of the town should be within the scope and content of the Ipswich Urban Characterisation Study.</p> <p>The below-ground archaeological remains give a time depth to understanding the development of the town, and many elements of the town and its streets as it is today were shaped from its earliest days (as an internationally significant Middle Saxon trading centre).</p> <p>Identification of sites of particular interest and the nature of deposits across the town would also guide developers and planners as to archaeological concerns.</p>	<p>We have worked with the County's archaeological officer to identify and highlight important archaeological aspects of the Study.</p> <p>The officer has been invited to prepare archaeological summaries corresponding to each of the character areas, which have been prepared in draft form along with maps illustrating the location / extent of finds.</p> <p>These will be incorporated in late drafts of the character area summaries, in the 'history' section.</p>
Private individual 1	<p>In response to your consultation I assume that the following will be part of the special character and distinctiveness of Ipswich:</p> <p>the attractive old town-centre and its human</p>	<p>The nature of the Study was explained to this correspondent, ie that it will not cover areas of the town centre already designated as Conservation</p>

	<p>scale the number and beauty of our parks the easy access to outstanding countryside, seaside and estuaries and their flora and fauna the Education Quarter and Waterfront businesses, etc.</p> <p>I think it is important that the town's manufacturing history, especially engineering (part of the family history of so many residents), is also included. It would have been good to feature some outstanding remaining buildings but I do not know of any. The volunteer-run Ipswich Transport and Engineering Museum does a first class job but in a poor location and it is just not good enough that the nearest agricultural models are at Stowmarket. I think the answer would be to move the Transport and Engineering Museum to a central location where the engineering section could be expanded.</p>	<p>Areas (although the complement with these areas is made clear in the Study).</p> <p>It will, however, cover areas of former industry, since these tend to lie in undesignated parts of the town. An example is the 'Valley' section which covers areas of former industry, the docks and the railway, especially in Stoke.</p>
<p>Private individual 2</p>	<p>The Portsmouth Urban Characterisation Study March 2011 is suggested as a good example to look at.</p> <p>It sets out objectives of the study as follows (1.7):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify areas of the city that have broadly similar characteristics; • inform the Portsmouth Plan(Core Strategy) and other documents in the Local Development Framework; • identify the key elements that contribute positively and negatively to the overall character of the city; • provide the basis for more detailed character assessments including Supplementary Planning Documents, Area Action Plans and Conservation Area Appraisals, and • provide a benchmark for monitoring the impact of future development 	<p>The Portsmouth Study was used as a basis for planning the document content together with similar studies for Brighton and Plymouth.</p> <p>Like these studies, it uses a 'character area' approach based on shared physical characteristics, rather than existing administrative boundaries.</p> <p>Its intention is to provide a baseline for Planning officers against which to judge the contextual aspects of planning proposals. It will also provide a resource for applicants, to inform design and the content of Design and Access Statements.</p> <p>It complements the existing suite of Conservation Area Appraisal documents, and will</p>

	<p>in 'Planning'</p> <p>Planning, Building control, Heritage, Local development framework, Submission City Plan, Major projects planning, Neighbourhood planning, Required standards for online applications, Planning Investigations and Enforcement, Planning Conditions, Planning Policy, National Park - planning applications, Telecoms apparatus, Planning awards</p> <p>'Heritage'</p> <p>News and consultations, Listed buildings, Conservation areas, Conservation areas - street directory, Historic parks and gardens, Conservation strategy, Frequently asked questions – Heritage, Heritage advice form</p>	<p>provide a point of reference for future Planning publications such as Development Briefs.</p>
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Comments provided on 2019 consultation drafts

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<p>Ipswich Conservation and Design Panel Member</p>	<p><u>On South East Draft Urban Character Study:</u></p> <p>I note that you choose to call the Tolly Folly in Felixstowe Road 'The Crown'. The pub was known as The Haven for many years and is currently being marketed as housing - as The Follies. The pub was built in 1928 and closed in October 2011</p> <p>Spitfire Sculpture I can't remember exactly where - which street the Douglas Bader Spitfire is located: probably Bader Close but NOT Malcolm Close which doesn't exist (Malcolm Road is the road through the development)</p> <p>The generic Upper Nacton Road is a little confusing (as the area includes the Rivers Estate). is the 'upper' end of an arterial road nearest the town, or nearest the countryside? perhaps Nacton and The Rivers would suffice?</p>	<p>These comments have been gratefully received, with some points having been addressed in subsequent revisions to the drafts.</p> <p>Comments made by the member of the Conservation and Design Panel were received after the consultation draft had been finalised and therefore still require action, which shall be addressed in the final Urban Character Study SPD.</p>

The old OS Map on page 4 has no caption or date (1927)

Page 5:

Ipswich Airport with the former Crane Engineering site to the rear 1972 – photo courtesy of David Kindred (the word rear could be replaced with 'on the right' (of the photograph).

I would perhaps have made more of Crane Fluid Systems and their development of their Nacton Road Foundry in 1921. Particularly the use of the bicycle as the most prolific form of transport to get to work - both to Cranes and later to Ransomes.

On North East Draft Urban Character Study:

An excellent document capturing the best features of this typical residential area. Thus the following comments are pedantic: Mention of the Military history could include the extensive use of Rushmere Heath (which at that time included the hospital site) for training prior to the Napoleonic Wars. There have been some 'archaeological' finds from this period.

A significant factor in the development of the area was the move of the hospital from Anglesea Road into the former Workhouse (Heathfield's).

The Character Area 'Bixley' page 29 clearly includes Heath Road and the two pages could perhaps be combined? Please re-read the final paragraph on page 31 (The Heaths). The golf course on Purdis Heath isn't in the Character Area (nor is it in the Borough) but it does provide a major boundary to the residential development (and it is The Ipswich Golf Club).

Page numbers are from the combined documents (SE, NE and WW) Finally (somewhat tongue in cheek). how can straight roads gently curve (page 25).