



Leicester  
City Council

CABINET

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**Supplementary Planning Guidance:  
South Highfields Conservation Area Character Statement**

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**Report of the Service Director, Planning & Sustainable Development**

**1 Purpose of Report**

To seek Cabinet approval to adopt the South Highfields Conservation Area Character Statement as supplementary planning guidance to the City of Leicester Local Plan.

**2. Summary**

South Highfields Conservation Area, comprising an area roughly bounded by Conduit Street, Sparkenhoe Street, Welland Street, Evington Road and London Road, was designated in 1981. Various environmental improvements have been made throughout the area since then. However, advice in Planning Policy Guidance 15, Planning & the Historic Environment, identifies the need for local planning authorities to prepare statements which identify those factors which make a conservation area an area of special architectural and historic interest, in order to ensure that soundly based decisions are made on planning applications that are likely to affect the interest and character of the area. Increasing emphasis is being placed on character appraisals by planning inspectors and English Heritage and statements are to be prepared for each of the City's 23 conservation areas.

A draft character statement for the South Highfields Conservation Area is attached. This has been the subject of a consultation exercise as described in the "Supporting Information" document.

**3 Recommendations**

CABINET is recommended to:

- 1) ADOPT the South Highfields Conservation Area Character Statement as supplementary planning guidance to the City of Leicester Local Plan.
- 2) APPROVE the deletion of Churchill Street, Connaught Street and Hamilton Street from the South Highfields Conservation Area and the area covered by the South Highfields Conservation Area Article 4 Direction.
- 3) APPROVE the deletion of Nos. 1a and 1-21 Welland Street from the area covered by the South Highfields Article 4 Direction.

#### **4 Financial Implications**

There are no direct financial implications.

#### **5 Report Author/Officer to Contact**

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#### **DECISION STATUS**

<b>Key Decision</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Reason</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Appeared in Forward Plan</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Executive or Council Decision</b>	<b>Executive (Cabinet)</b>