APPENDIX B

Draft document consultation comments, responses and action table

Comment	No.	Response	Action			
1. KEY FEATURES IDENTIFIED IN THE CHARACTER APPRAISAL AND MANAGEMENT STRATEGY TO BE PRESERVED AND ENHANCED						
General support for <u>all</u> 'Key features' identified in the document	14	Support welcomed	No action required.			
Surfacing & Footways						
 Appraisal fails to mention the older pavement styles and materials throughout the conservation area, particularly cobbles. 	6	Noted	References to these details have now been included.			
 Replacement of cobbles should be with a similar material. 	1	Noted	It has been agreed with Hampshire County Council (HCC), as Highway Authority, that original historic materials within			
Historic cobbles in High Street should remain	6	Noted	adopted carriageways and footways or footpaths will be retained in situ where possible. If these need to be removed,			
Historic cobbles should be re-used	3	Noted	they will be considered for reinstatement where safe and fit for			
Historic stone kerbs in the High Street should be preserved	2	Noted	purpose. As a last resort replacement materials will be used that match the original materials as closely as possible.			
Pavement in Southampton Hill is dangerous and should be renewed	1	Noted	This issue will be raised with the Highway Authority who is responsible for the safety of footways. A large part of Southampton Hill is not within the Conservation Area and therefore further assessment is required.			
Some pavements in the village are too narrow	1	Noted	This issue will be raised with the Highway Authority who is responsible for the safety of footways. However care will be taken to ensure that the character of the Conservation Area will not be affected by inappropriate changes.			
Setting and Landscape						
 The landscaped setting of the village should be preserved 	1	Noted	No action for Conservation Area Character Appraisal (CACA). Relevant to draft Development Sites & Policies Plan.			

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2. OPPORTUNITIES IDENTIFIED IN THE CHARACTI AND APPEARANCE	ER APP	RAISAL AND	MANAGEMENT STRATEGY FOR ENHANCING CHARACTER
General support for all opportunities for enhancement set out in the document	2	Support welcomed	No action required.
Continuation of the environmental improvement works undertaken in 2007 to include the northern end of the high street and the green space adjacent to 3 south street;			
Support for improvements to the green at the bottom of West Street inc: tree planting, removal of Bollards, seats etc	5	Support welcomed	Retain reference in document. Any changes to the street and green space will be subject to more detailed public consultation to ensure an appropriate design. Any changes will be subject to
The green is kept "rural" by the villagers. A town garden which would be out of character and is not wanted.	1	Noted	securing funding.
Improvements To Street Furniture, Inc; Seating Bollards, Lighting Columns			
Lighting throughout the village needs to be uniform	3	Noted	No Action. Upgrading of lighting is currently underway throughout the borough as part of Hampshire County Council Street Lighting Public Finance Initiative. The Borough Council has already identified the importance of appropriate design within Conservation Areas as part of this programme of works.
Redundant signs should be removed		Noted	A review of signage will be undertaken as part of the future management strategy. This will carried out in conjunction with

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			HCC to determine which signs can be removed, when and how this will be funded.
Street Lamps causing an obstruction should be wall hung		Noted	This issue will be raised with the Highway Authority who is responsible for ensuring footways remain safe and free of obstruction.
Bollards should be set further from the pavement edge in South street to avoid vehicle damage		Noted	This issue will be raised with the Highway Authority who is responsible for ensuring the safety of users of the highway. There are standards for set back and it is important to ensure that the footway is not compromised for space by moving the bollards and that their purpose in reducing speed through narrowing is also not compromised.
20mph should be extended further up west street which would also remove unsightly signs and improve views		Noted	This issue will be raised with the Highway Authority who is responsible for ensuring the safety of users of the highway.
Improvements to Surfacing Including Footpaths, Private Drives, Footways, Carriageways and Crossovers			
Improvements to footways should have regard to the historic nature of materials used & should always preserve & make safe what is already there	1	Noted	It has been agreed with Hampshire County Council, the Highway Authority that original historic materials within adopted carriageways and footways or footpaths will be retained in situ where possible. If they need to be removed, they will be considered for reinstatement where safe and fit for purpose. As a last resort replacement materials will be used that match original materials as closely as possible.

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Redevelopment of 8-10 Southampton Hill			
Support	3	Support welcomed	The Borough Council will work with the owners of the site to ensure that the design of any future redevelopment is of high quality and appropriate to the sites context on the edge of the conservation area.
Securing Replacement of Inappropriate Architectural Detail on historic Buildings			
Support	3	Support welcomed	The Borough Council will work with the owners of property to ensure that the design of any future alterations is of high quality and appropriate to the character of the Conservation Area or listed building status.
Improving the visual Impact of the Tanneries buildings			
Support	2	Support welcomed	The Borough Council will work with the owners of the Tannery buildings to ensure that the design of any future alterations is of high quality and appropriate to the character of the conservation area.
Drawaged additions to Legal List			
Support	3	Support welcomed	The Borough Council will proceed to locally list those buildings identified.

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3. PROPOSAL TO CONTROL HARMFUL ALTERAT PLANNING APPLICATION	IONS TO	D BUILDINGS	BY USING AN ARTICLE 4 DIRECTION TO REQUIRE A
Support for use of article 4 direction	15	Support welcomed	The Borough Council will proceed to prepare an article 4 direction.
Against use of article 4 direction	1	Noted	There appears to be broad support for the imposition of an article 4 direction. The direction does not mean that changes to properties cannot be made, rather that they are subject to control such that the Council can ensure that alterations are appropriately designed having regard to the character of the conservation area.
4. VIEWS OF THE VILLAGE FROM THE SURROUNDING AREA OR WITHIN THE VILLAGE ITSELF YOU CONSIDER TO BE IMPORTANT			
Agree with views as identified in the document			
• Agree	1	Noted	No action required.
Wider Views			
 Setting and views of the village from surrounding hills 	2	Noted Noted	Views identified have been considered and where appropriate added to the document text and map.
 The view from the top of the hill at Highlands Road looking west is spoiled by the large industrial building dominating the skyline (Kites 	1		

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Croft)			
 View from A27 looking westward from junction of A27 	1		
 View across the A27 to the abbey 	2		
 View looking over the water meadows towards the back of the church from the road to Stubbington 	2		
 Views of the landscape setting of the village including 	1		
View of the village from A27 from Fareham	1		
Views from the land around Tithe Barn	2		
Views from the canal walk	1		
 the belts of trees on the valley sides 	1		
View from Ranvilles Lane of West Street	1		
Views in the Village			
Views within the square	2	Noted	Views identified have been considered and where appropriate
Views at village entrances	1		added to the document text and map.
 Views looking down West Street including the Church 	3		
 View of the trees including a large oak tree with the "Sarcen Stones" on West Street 	1		
 Views around the church and the square 	2		
Established sight lines are important	1		

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Views of the canal	1		
Views of Bettons Carpet Shop from the Square	1		

5. GENERAL COMMENTS RAISED			
The document itself			
General support for the quality, content and layout of the document as a whole	11	Support welcome	No action required.
Paragraph 5.1 and 5.2 repeat	2	Noted	Document corrected.
 No mention of Parish Room, tin church, telephone box, war memorial or finger post signs 	1	Noted	References added.
 Support for managing development section of character appraisal 	1	Support welcome	No action required.
Additional guidance concerning appropriate development would be helpful	3	Noted	No action. The document identifies within the management strategy how the planning process will consider alterations to buildings. Additional guidance will be considered separately either through the forthcoming Design Supplementary Planning Document or specific conservation area and listed building guidance material
Not enough emphasis on the character of The Square	1	Noted	The importance of the High Street and The Square is mentioned in a separate section (p20/21) and referred to in other sections. No change.
The sheeps knuckle wall at the top of West St should be mentioned	1	Noted	Reference is made in paragraph 14.18.

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The document is over complicated and uses jargon which deters reading and comment	1	Noted	There is a balance between being overly technical and complicated and too basic such that meaning can be lost. Given the weight of responses supporting the quality content and layout of the document it is considered that the balance is reasonable.
No evidence that the north end of the High Street was as wide as The Square	1	Agreed	No action. The document does not assert that this was ever the case.
Bellfield estate should be included	1	Noted	No action. The Bellfield estate does not possess the special architectural or historic interest necessary to be designated as part of the conservation area.
A key to the map symbols is required	1	Agreed	This error has been addressed.
Tin tabanacle on South Street should be mentioned, surprise it is not listed within the group listing of South St.	1	Noted	Reference added. Further investigation needed with regard to the possibility of listing.
Some historians now believe that what was called the New River was never intended to be a canal, but was merely a drainage channel, and that the 'lock' was a shared gate and fish trap.	1	Noted	Footnote added to ensure this alternative theory is referenced in the document.
Traffic and parking and highway issues			
Too many cars parked in the Square	1	Noted	The provision of accessible parking is important to the
The character and appearance of the square is harmed by many long stay parked cars	2		economic well being of the village. It is acknowledged that it can affect the visual quality of the square, particularly the
The amount of parking in the square is harmful to its character and appearance	1		extent of white lining and other traffic related street furniture. The future management of the square and other streets will need to be subject to more detailed and focussed consultation through Hampshire County Council as the Highway Authority in conjunction with the Borough Council.

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The Traffic island at the bottom of Southampton Hill unsightly	1	Noted	This will be considered as part of the future expansion of environmental improvements from the High Street/ The Square.
 Traffic congestion is a problem, additional provision should be made to the rear of houses in Mill Street Parking of cars on West Street & narrow 	1	Noted	The future management of streets will need to be subject to more detailed and focussed consultation through Hampshire County Council as the Highway Authority, in conjunction with the Borough Council.
pavement on East Street is a problem			The historic development form did not take account of the
Traffic congestion is a problem	1		future emergence of cars and the level of car ownership, which has resulted in significant on-street parking. There is no
Wooden bollards should be kept in South Street	1	<u> </u>	realistic alternative. Developing the land to the rear of Mill
 Bollards should be extended at southern end of South Street 	1		Street for parking would be contrary to planning policy and would harm the character, appearance and setting of the
No observation of Yellow Lines	1	<u></u>	conservation area; it would not solve the parking congestion in other streets.
Disregard of speed limits	5		
 Further traffic restrictions required in the Square East Street, South Street and West Street to reduce unnecessary traffic 	1		These issues will be raised with the Highway Authority. The future management of streets will need to be subject to more
Extension of 20mp limit into Southampton Hill and other areas	2		detailed and focussed consultation through Hampshire County Council as the Highway Authority, in conjunction with the Borough Council.
The square should be a precinct	1		Many of the issues raised will be taken into account when
 Speed limit should be reduced on Mill Lane and traffic calming measures introduced to enhance the area / increase road pedestrian safety. The heavy goods vehicles & proximity of the road and the speed of the traffic causing damage to the listed Place House Cottages. 			considering the extension of the environmental improvement scheme from The Square.
 The pavement from the pub, in front of Parish Rooms, are badly rutted and uneven. 	1		
 car parking outside of the shops is not very good, there have been so many near missed accidents 			

The bus turning into Southampton Hill from East Street is dangerous for pedestrians	1		
Comment	No.	Response	Action
West street should be 20mph limit	1		
Traffic lights should be re-sequenced to make passage through the village slower	1	-	
There should be residents parking scheme introduced in East Street	1	-	
 Village used as a rat run from Stubbington to Warsash 	2	-1	
Clear car park sign posting required	1	 	
Planning and development related matters			
The strategic gap must be maintained.	1	Noted	No action. The strategic gap is located within the countryside whereby Core Strategy Policy strictly controls development, subject to certain types necessary for agriculture, forestry and horticulture. Any such development must also be of a high standard of design, appropriate to the character, appearance and setting of the conservation area and must ensure that the principles of the Strategic Gap are not eroded.
 Additional provision for car parking should be made at Barry's Meadow 	1	Noted	Expansion of Barry's Meadow would involve the partial loss of valuable amenity and open space.
 Conservation area must not be preserved in aspic 	2	Noted	No Action. The intention of the management strategy is to conserve not retain 'in aspic'.
Support for conservation of trees	1	Support welcome	No action.
The parish rooms should be a listed building	2	Noted	The Parish Rooms are considered to be of sufficient interest to justify addition to the council's local list. If further investigation reveals national interest, then an application to English Heritage will be made.

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Advertising should be controlled	2	Noted	Advertising is controlled through The Town and Country
The use of estate agent boards should be enforced against in inappropriate locations	1	Noted	Planning (Control of Advertisements) (England) Regulations. The special interest of listed buildings is protected by legislation. Consideration will be given to the need and applicability of an Area of Special Control Order, which allows for further control over advertising.
New development should respond to the form and materials of the older buildings of the village	2	Noted	No action. Planning policies require the Local Planning Authority to pay special attention to the desirability of preserving a listed building or its setting or any features of special architectural or historic interest which it possesses; of preserving or enhancing the character, appearance, and setting of Conservation Areas; In this way new development is likely to be acceptable if it responds to the form and materials of the older buildings. However, it is not possible to rule out entirely a different approach if it meets the policy criteria.
There should be no more development in and around the village	1	Noted	No action. Planning Policies allow for development within urban areas, which includes the Conservation Area subject to specific
Areas of the village that fall outside the conservation area should be considered for further housing within certain guidelines to retain character	1		guidance and criteria as set out above. Around the village, the land is located within the strategic gap and countryside whereby Core Strategy Policy strictly controls development, subject to certain types necessary for agriculture, forestry and horticulture. Any such development must also be of a high standard of design and be appropriate to the character and setting of the Conservation Area and ensure that the principles of the Strategic Gap are not eroded.

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The Abbey Garden centre should be encouraged to improve the dilapidated and overgrown greenhouses to the south	1	Noted	To be considered as part of the revised Titchfield Abbey Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Strategy.
Care should be taken when considering applications that may impact on the outlook from the Abbey and the area around it.	1	Noted	Core Strategy Policies cover development in such locations. However important views and spaces will be considered as part of the future revision to the Titchfield Abbey Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Strategy.
 The use of slim double glazed units and other new energy saving technologies should be considered in historic buildings 	1	Noted	No action. Submission of details and techniques will be considered having regard to conservation and listed building policies.
There is a lack of variety in retail establishments	1	Noted	The particular type of retail establishment is a reflection of market trends and cannot be specifically delivered by the planning process. The square is recognised as a local centre within the Core Strategy, which allows for retail and other uses.
There should be no development on Barry's Meadow	1	Noted	Existing Planning Policy does not support new development on public open space. The management of the open space will however allow for new play equipment or facilities appropriate to the open space.
Areas for improvement			
Sub station should be screened	1	Noted	This will be investigated to determine whether the land owners will allow for some planting or other measures to help screen its impact.
More seats in the square.	1	Noted	The future management of streets will need to be subject to more detailed and focused consultation through Hampshire County Council as the Highway Authority, in conjunction with the Borough Council. It recognised that there is divided opinion on the benefits and dis-benefits of providing seating.

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Provision of a seat beside the Canal	1	Noted	This issue will need to be investigated further with regard to land ownership. The canal runs through privately owned land and it is not clear whether space exists within public rights of way that would enable seating.	
Tree planting should be undertaken inside and outside conservation area	1	Noted	Where land is owned by the Borough Council or Hampshire County Council, the potential to plant trees will be explored. Where land is privately owned, the planting of trees will be subject to personal preference, but it is recognised that they add value to the character of the conservation area.	
Improvements to the green space on Southampton Hill, including seating	1	Noted	This issue will be explored with the Borough Council's Parks and Open Spaces manager. Any proposals will be expected to be subject to further public consultation.	
 Village should be promoted more as a historic attraction 	4	Noted Noted	Noted community and the Borough Council or 0	This issue will need to be explored further with the village community and the Borough Council or County Council if more
 A map of places of interest should be included in the village 	1		advertising is proposed or signage is to be erected on Councilland.	
 New stone in the square weathering badly, original slabs of higher quality 	1	Noted	This will be investigated by the Hampshire County Council as the Highway Authority.	
Bus shelter in square underused and unsightly, place for young to congregate	1	Noted	Any alterations or changes to the bus shelter will be considered as part of the extension of the environmental improvements in the future and will be subject to more detailed and focussed consultation through Hampshire County Council as the Highway Authority in conjunction with the Borough Council.	

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The cobbles across the pavements especially each side The Queens Head Public House are very slippery when wet.	1	Noted	Where cobbles are deemed to be dangerous, It has been agreed with Hampshire County Council, the Highway Authority that original historic materials within adopted carriageways and footways or footpaths will be retained in situ where possible. If they need to be removed, they will be considered for reinstatement where safe and fit for purpose. As a last resort replacement materials will be used that match original materials as closely as possible.
Cobble crossovers dangerous to pedestrians	1		
Canal needs maintenance of vegetation	1	Noted	This issue will be passed on to the responsible owners. It is understood that maintenance falls to the Environment Agency.
 New fingerposts needed (on wooden posts) to show canal footpath on Bridge Street. 	1	Noted	New signage, if on a recognised right of way will be under the control of the Highway Authority. This request will be passed to the relevant section for action.
 MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) which has been put in Recreation Ground across from the A27should be placed in Barrys Meadow 	1	Noted	This issue will be explored with the Borough Council's Parks and Open Spaces manager.
 Community Centre was built out of keeping with the Conservation area buildings and there may be scope to upgrade its external appearance. 	1	Noted	Any upgrade will be subject to need and funding. Where alterations are sought, Planning policies will require an appropriate design and use of materials.
Pollution from cars is damaging old buildings	1	Noted	The level of pollution is subject to the level of traffic and car engine technology, which is outside of the control of the Borough Council. Any measure to restrict traffic will be subject to more detailed and focussed consultation through Hampshire County Council as the Highway Authority, in conjunction with the Borough Council.
Other comments	1		
 Grateful for the wild grass and seeds project on the A27. 	1	Support welcomed	No action.
 Tradition of Christmas trees on the houses should be maintained 	1	Noted	No action.

 Dislike of smokers on the pavement, not support seating outside the pub in the summer. 	1	Noted	Any additional seats within the public highway will be subject to more detailed and focussed consultation through Hampshire County Council as the Highway Authority, in conjunction with the Borough Council.
 The benches in the square, South Street and the churchyard are a danger. Youths congregating can be intimidating 	1	Noted	It recognised that there is divided opinion on the benefits and dis-benefits of providing seating. The future management of streets and spaces will need to be subject to more detailed and focussed consultation through landowners, Hampshire County Council as the Highway Authority and with the Borough Council.
 There is local nuisance in West Street from local authority housing, care needs to be taken selecting occupiers 	1	Noted	This issue is outside the scope of this consultation.

COMMENTS FROM ORGANISATIONS			
Fareham Society	-		
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 West Street - p:22 para 14:18 for accuracy it is felt that following the mention of the large sarsen stones, should be inserted the words 'Relocated from the Kites Croft site which is the North West of the village' 	-	Agreed	Information added.
Page 25 bullet point 10 - include additional bullet point to underline the open and undeveloped rear gardens behind many of the frontage buildings which are typical of the historic development plan of the village	-	Noted	This issue is covered by the 3 rd bullet which identifies the historic development pattern of the village originating from the medieval period.
 page 27 para 17.8 bullet point 4 Add to last sentence, after street furniture 'Road surfaces' Opportunities for Enhancement 	-	Agreed	Add after highway management.

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 page 29 Add to third box of table - Improvements 'where appropriate' to surfacing etc 	-	Agreed	Wording added.
 page 26 para 17.6 The society hopes to see a shop front design guide policy as part of general design guidance within the emerging local plan - to apply to shop fronts in historic areas 	-	Noted	This has been identified as being included in the future Design Supplementary Planning Document.
English Heritage	-		
informative and a potential catalyst for action by the Council and local community,	-	Noted	No action.
 the Appraisal and Management Plan form an important part of the evidence base for the Council's Borough Local Plan and a material consideration in planning decisions 	-	Noted	No action.
I expected to find more mention of the listed buildings within the village, but with such a preponderance of designated buildings I appreciate that this would significantly increase the size of the document and could divert focus away from the Conservation Area as an asset in its own right.	_	Noted	No action.
 Suggest a link to the National Heritage List for England as a footnote to paragraph 14.1 (http://www.heritagegateway.org.uk). 	-	Agreed	Footnote added.

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The inclusion of the Management Strategy very usefully demonstrates a logical progress from the overall character to the key features to preserve and enhance to how that will be achieved. This progression could helpfully be explained at the outset of the Strategy to clarify the relationship of the Strategy to the Appraisal.	-	Agreed	Addition made.
 Paragraph 17.8 is particularly important. The first bullet point very usefully makes the essential, in my view, link between the policies of the Borough Local Plan that provide the drive and direction for the conservation of the character of the Conservation Area and the Appraisal that identifies that character. 	-	Noted	No action.
include within this list a requirement for an applicant to provide a heritage statement explaining how their proposals will conserve or enhance the Conservation Area, in accordance with paragraph 128 of the NPPF	-	Agreed	Requirement added.
supports for use of Article 4 Directions	_	Support welcomed	No action.
 "recommended" in paragraph 18.2 should be "proposed 	-	Noted	Sentence tense changed to state that an Article 4 will be served.
 "may consider" in paragraph 20.1 should be "will consider" 	-	Agreed	Words replaced.
 The identification of opportunities for enhancement is welcome. 	-	Noted	No action.

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Environment Agency	-		
Pleased that the character of the River Meon is acknowledgement an important contribution to the area.	<u>-</u> -	Noted	No action.
Titchfield Village Trust	-		
The strategic gap (Titchfield Abbey Conservation area) should be maintained. The proposal to turn the largest part of it into a country park while allowing a care home development would seem an ideal solution retaining the open space in perpetuity for the people of the borough and as the strategy says 'setting it apart from the surrounding urban area.' We are in danger of becoming Solent City if spaces like this are not preserved.	-	Noted	No action.
Titchfield History Society	-		
Some historians now believe that what was called the New River was never intended to be a canal, but was merely a drainage channel, and that the 'lock' was a shared gate and fish trap. A useful introduction to the discussion is John Mitchell articles in the Hampshire Field Out Newsletter 52, Autumn 2009. Four more articles can be found in Titchfield: An Ancient Parish, the history society 2012.		Noted	A footnote has been added to reflect the potential factual change.
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Fareham Local History Group	-		
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 Research on the canal published by Hampshire field Club disputing it was a canal which should be reviewed 	-	Noted	A footnote has been added to reflect the potential factual change.
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Southern Water	-		
No Comment	-	Noted	No action.
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