

14. (a) **PROPOSED CONSERVATION AREA: GREAT LONGSTONE (A.4138/MS)**

Introduction

- 14.1 In the National Park Plan, Great Longstone was identified as a possible candidate for a Village Scheme. In October 1992, Policy & Finance Committee approved an approach to the village (Minute 94/92). However, the Parish Council decided they did not wish to take part in a Village Scheme, but discussions continued on the basis of Conservation Area designation alone. The Board's change of practice on designations finally convinced the Parish Council that it was in their best interests to proceed. A letter from the Parish Council has requested Conservation Area designation as soon as possible.

Policy Objectives

- 14.2 Local Planning Authorities have a statutory responsibility under the provisions of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 to review their area from time to time to identify those areas of sufficient architectural or historic interest to justify designation as a Conservation Area and to proceed to carry out such designation.

Justification for Designation

- 14.3 Great Longstone is an attractive limestone village, basically linear in form. It widens out in the centre on either side of village greens and includes several Listed Buildings, particularly in the central area. Most buildings are of vernacular character and their location can be related to the medieval pattern of land ownership with plots at right angles to the main road. Twentieth-century building to the south has masked the historic form and Conservation Area designation will help to emphasise the importance and character of the earlier settlement.

Proposed Conservation Area Boundary

- 14.4 The boundary, as proposed, together with internal sub-divisions, is shown on Drawing No. 4138/2. It runs broadly North West to South East, extending northwards via the Hall and the Church to the northern road into the village, known as Beggarways Lane.

Village Analysis

- 14.5 Appendix A analyses the character and appearance of the area, forming the justification for designation. The appendix should be considered in relation to the map-based Drawing No. A4138/3 which will be on display at Committee.

14.6 **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. **That the Great Longstone Conservation Area be designated in accordance with Section 69 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990, as shown on Drawing No. A4138/2.**
2. **That the analysis of Great Longstone Conservation Area, as set out in Appendix A and supplemented by Drawing No. 4138/3 on display at Committee, be taken into account by the Board in considering policies and proposals for the Conservation Area.**