

The Clerk to Brereton Parish Council 1 Ironbridge Drive Holmes Chapel Cheshire CW4 7DD Our ref: 1701 Your ref: 9.4.15

Telephone: 07500 121974

11th May 2015,

Dear Parish Clerk,

Re: Designation of Brereton Neighbourhood Development Plan –Pre-submission Consultation

Thank you for consulting Historic England at pre submission stage.

The area covered by the Neighbourhood Plan includes a number of designated heritage assets; by way of assistance we have attached a list of these assets for you. In line with national planning policy it will be important to ensure that the strategy for Frodsham safeguards those elements which contribute to the significance of these assets so that they are available to be enjoyed by future generations.

You're planning and conservation team at Cheshire East Council are best placed to assist you during the development of the Neighbourhood Plan, and, in particular, how the strategy and policies might address the areas heritage assets. Consequently we do not consider a need for Historic England to be involved in the development of your plan.

I was however struck by the lack of evidence and policy relating to the historic environment in your pre-submission plan, the only relevant policy appears to be ENV09 relating to the change of use of listed buildings, there ought to be more scope to recognise, celebrate and protect Brereton's rich heritage through the NP process.

If you have not already done so, we recommend that you also speak to the staff at your local Historic Environment Record. They should be able to provide further details of designated heritage assets along with locally important buildings, archaeological remains and landscapes. Some Historic Environment Records may also be available on-line via the





Heritage Gateway (www.heritagegateway.org.uk). You should also consider the merits of involving local voluntary groups such as a local Civic Society and/or Historical Association(s) in the production of your Neighbourhood Plan

Historic England has produced a number of advice documents that your community may find helpful when identifying those features that make the neighbourhood distinctive and how to go about ensuring that the areas character is retained. You can access our web based advice on Neighbourhood Planning at: http://www.historicengland.org.uk/advice/planning/plan-making/improve-your-neighbourhood

Given the many listed buildings within the plan area, the forum might also consider the potential to adopt a specific policy to protect and enhance important aspects of setting based upon a historic landscape and views analysis; this is now becoming common practice in many NPs, particularly those affected by housing growth. I note the landscape values plan at Appendix C; however the current plan lacks a robust views/ vista analysis to evidence enforceable setting protection policies. Historic England's guide to assessing setting can be downloaded at: https://www.historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/setting-heritage-assets/

If you require clarification on any of the points raised in this letter please contact me.

Yours Sincerely

Darren Ratcliffe RIBA Historic Places Adviser





Listed Buildings - Grade I and II*

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