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For the attention of Rebecca Duncan

Dear Rebecca,

Shrewsbury Park Estate Conservation Area Draft Character Appraisal and Management Strategy

Thank you for your letter to the Shrewsbury Park Residents' Association, dated September 2012, inviting comments regarding the Shrewsbury Park Estate Conservation Area Draft Character Appraisal and Management Strategy.

I am responding on behalf of the Residents' Association.

Firstly, I would like to thank the Royal Borough for prioritising the production of this document and for giving the Association Committee the opportunity to comment on an earlier preview version.

I would also like to thank you for writing to each household individually informing residents of the consultation process and the context of the document and inviting comments, also for making available hard copies of the draft by post and at Shrewsbury House.

In summary, the Association is keen to see this document in place as this will enable the Planning Guidelines for the Conservation Area to be redrafted with the necessary additional detail including about the different Laing house types found on the Estate. The Association has been assured that the Character Appraisal and Management Strategy is not the replacement Planning Guidelines and that it does not introduce any new controls to the Conservation Area.

With reference to the replacement Planning Guidelines, when this is drafted, I assume this would also be subject to a consultation process of its own.

The Character Appraisal and Management Strategy is a valuable and interesting reference document about the Shrewsbury Park Conservation Area and its environs. The document also provides a useful supplement to the current Planning Guidelines as it describes in more detail what makes the area special.

Given that the Association Committee had already commented on the earlier draft, there are relatively few comments on this draft. I was not intending to replicate the earlier comments here,



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but please do refer to them in your evaluation, as appropriate. New comments from the Association relate only to arising matters, as below:

Suggestions for changes are as follows:

1. Existing references to Shrewsbury House (Pages 16) could be amended to read as follows:

Shrewsbury House: the **Grade II Listed** 1923 new building is a.....

2. Existing references to Shrewsbury House (Pages 17) could be amended to read as follows:

~~Delete: In virtue of these considerations, Shrewsbury House may well be of Listable quality.~~

3. New references to the Air Raid Precautions (ARP) Bungalow at 28 Mereworth Drive, also known as 'Greengarth' and the Annexe could be added. Both of the buildings are certainly worthy of greater prominence within the document.

English Heritage noted the importance of these buildings locally in their reporting of Shrewsbury House, stating "that the Annexe and Greengarth 28 Mereworth Drive.....are of local interest".

In view of this endorsement by English Heritage, the Association would like to see both 28 Mereworth Drive and the Annexe referenced in the Character Appraisal as being locally listed and would ask the Royal Borough to include such a reference in the Appraisal.

If you have any queries with the above, please come back to me.

In conclusion, thank you for the work that has gone into the production of the draft and I look forward to seeing the final version in place that takes account of comments made during the consultation process.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Million
Chair, Shrewsbury Park Residents' Association