

A public consultation starts today, 21st September, on the Swindon Railway Conservation Area Appraisal & Management Plan (CAAMP).

Earlier this year heritage consultants Purcell completed a review of the Railway Village and Works Conservation Areas. Having completed their research and consultation Purcell have produced a draft planning document 'the Swindon Railway Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan' (CAAMP) and **we would like to hear your views.**

This document sets out the vision for the future of Swindon's Railway Conservation Area and a framework to guide change as required by the Planning and Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas Act 1990. It will be used to:

- Raise awareness and inform people about Swindon's railway history
- Help preserve and enhance the special architectural or historic interest of the area
- Guide new development within or affecting the area through the planning process

It recommends that:

- the 2 separate conservation areas be merged into one which we propose to rename the 'Swindon Railway Conservation Area'
- the boundary of the conservation area be extended to include:
 - o along Station Road and the area around the station
 - o The southern side of Faringdon Road between Fleet Street and Milton Rd
 - o The Health Hydro block
 - o The Pattern Store site and adjacent carpark (Designer Outlet West)

This public consultation will run for 6 weeks from Monday 21st September to Monday 2nd November 2020

How to get involved

You can view the draft CAAMP on the Consultations webpage on SBC website at:

https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20019/consultations_and_surveys along with a map showing the 'before' and 'after' boundaries of the Conservation Area(s).

Hard copies of the draft CAAMP will be made available at Swindon Central Library for reference during the consultation period. Please note that access will be subject to Swindon Libraries' COVID-19 restrictions, and may be through a pre-booking appointment system.

Comments should be marked 'FAO CA Review Comments' and emailed to conservation@swindon.gov.uk

Next steps

Following final amendments to the document in response to any comments received during the consultation, we will seek approval from the Council to adopt the final draft CAAMP as a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).

Useful information

Historic England information on Conservation

Areas: <https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/hpg/has/conservation-areas/>

The existing Railway Village and Railway Works conservation area appraisals are available here: https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20059/land_and_premises/373/find_out_about_conservation_areas

This project was funded through the Swindon Heritage Action Zone. To find out more go to:
https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20030/planning_and_regeneration/1016/the_swindon_heritage_action_zone/2

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