

**DESFORD CONSERVATION AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN - ADOPTED 13 APRIL 2010**

It is unfortunate that when the retaining wall was re-built, the concrete posts were not replaced. The new narrow galvanised posts lack the character of the white concrete posts utilised in other parts of the conservation area.

Consideration should be given to widening the narrow path that runs down Lindridge Lane to the Bird Sanctuary.

The wall to the rear of the winding wheel is being discoloured by moss. The overhanging tree foliage needs to be cut back.

The Co-op store terminates view up Lindridge Lane. The shop front treatment is too brash and prominent. Consideration should be given to reduce its visual impact in the street scene.

It is unfortunate that the outbuilding sited on this small holding is built in concrete blocks. This site has re-development potential.

The Red Lion Pub is a prominent building at the junction of Newbold Road/Lindridge Lane. The site has re-development potential. However, every effort should be made to retain the original buildings, although the flat roof extension need to be removed.

The properties in this area of Cottage Lane do not reflect the traditional character of the conservation area by way of their design, choice of materials and open frontages.

The lower end of Chapel Lane needs a nameplate installing.

The concrete block boundary wall fronting the Desford Free Church is an unattractive feature running along the footpath. The wall needs to be finished with render.

There are gaps in the trees sited around the curtilage of Pickard Recreation Ground which need to be replanted.

The haulage depot with its large open concrete forecourt is an unattractive feature. Its redevelopment should be considered.

The installation of heritage street nameplates and traditional cast iron heritage street lights would help enhance the conservation area.

The concrete tiles on this group of grade 2 listed buildings need to be replaced with Swithland slate.

The raised pavement's concrete retaining wall needs to be rebuilt in engineering bricks.

The block wall fronting the Bluebell Pub should be replaced with a traditional brick wall.

The railings to the sub station are unsightly. Their visual impact would be reduced if they were to be painted green.

Consideration needs to be given to the surface treatment fronting 52 High Street.

The Baptist Cemetry is an excellent small open space that would benefit with an information board.