

**South Lakeland District Council
Cabinet**

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**Draft Cartmel Conservation Area Management Plan
Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)**

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Wards: Cartmel
Forward Plan: Not applicable

Links to Council Plan Priorities: .

Working across boundaries – N/A

Delivering a balanced community – The application of a Cartmel Conservation Area Management Plan SPD in decision making will ensure the historic environmental qualities of Cartmel are retained and enhanced and this will support the attractiveness of Cartmel as a place to live, invest and visit.

A fairer South Lakeland – N/A

Addressing the climate emergency – The application of a Cartmel Conservation Area Management Plan SPD in decision making will ensure new development is sustainable, enhances the district’s green infrastructure, and promote local business.

1.0 Expected Outcome and Measures of Success

1.1 The approval of the proposed draft Cartmel Conservation Management Plan SPD will enable the Council to better enact its statutory duty under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 with regard to preserving and enhancing the designated heritage assets of the Conservation Area itself, the listed buildings and scheduled monuments therein and all locally important but unlisted buildings and structures within its boundary.

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 It is recommended that the Cabinet:-

(1) approves the draft Cartmel Conservation Area Management Plan for public consultation under Regulation 12 of the Town and County Planning Regulations 2012; and

(2) delegates authority to the Director of Strategy, Innovation, and Resources to make any changes considered necessary by Cabinet to the draft Cartmel Conservation Area Management Plan, prior to undertaking the public consultation on the draft document.

3.0 Background and Proposals

- 3.1 Conservation Areas may be designated and are protected under legislation in the Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990. Section 71(1) of this act states '*It shall be the duty of the local planning authority from time to time to formulate and publish proposals for the preservation and enhancement of any parts of their area which are conservation areas*'. Section 71 also requires local authorities to consult the public on proposals for the preservation and management of a Conservation Area, including those contained in a management plan such as a Conservation Area Management Plan (CAMP). The Cartmel Conservation Area was designated in 1969. A review and appraisal of the Conservation Area was carried out in 2008, by South Lakeland District Council (SLDC). The completed appraisal document was adopted by SLDC in March 2009.
- 3.2 This draft Plan is the product of a period of research and consultation across the Ward area, which meant that a wide variety of members of the public, residents and visitors alike, have contributed to the identification of the key features of the Conservation Area, and with the support of professional staff and consultants, have identified management strategies in order to preserve and enhance the Conservation Area's significance and character. Cartmel Village Society (CVS) has played a key role in the development of a Conservation Area Management Plan (CAMP) for Cartmel undertaking fieldwork in 2014-2015. This fieldwork was used to build an evidence base of the condition of the Conservation Area and the issues affecting its significance. Following this a steering group was set up and a CAMP commissioned in 2019, funded between Allithwaite and Cartmel Parish Council, the CVS and SLDC. The steering group commissioned Marion Barter Associates to draft a CAMP in 2019. SLDC has reviewed the work undertaken to date and is now in a position to consult on a draft version.
- 3.3 The objectives of the Cartmel CAMP are to:
- Set out guidance for protecting the special character of Cartmel Conservation Area
 - Produce a List of unlisted Buildings or Features of Local Architectural or Historic Significance that are of particular merit in the Conservation Area
 - Consider whether an Article 4 Direction to control permitted development is justified, and provide evidence
 - Provide a strategy for Buildings at Risk
 - Identify opportunities for environmental enhancement and the need for grant-aid
- 3.4 Under Regulation 12 of the Town and Country Planning Regulations, the draft CAMP will be subject to a minimum 6 week period of consultation early in 2022. It will be published and consulted on in accordance with the Council's Statement of Community Involvement. Responses to the consultation will be taken into account before reporting a final Brief for Cabinet to consider adopting as a Supplementary Planning Document. As the consultation requires professional conservation leadership and advice, the departure of SLDC's Conservation Officer for a new post in early February may cause uncertainty and possible delay to the timing of the consultation.
- 3.5 Once adopted, the Cartmel CAMP has the status of a Supplementary Planning Document. This means it is a material consideration when deciding any planning applications within or affecting the Cartmel Conservation Area.

4.0 Appendices Attached to this Report

Appendix No.	Name of Appendix
1	Draft Cartmel Conservation Management Plan SPD
2	Equality Impact Analysis

5.0 Consultation

5.1 As above, the production of the draft CAMP has been carried out by local professional consultants following a long period of community engagement and consultation with the Cartmel Village Society.

6.0 Alternative Options

6.1 The alternative to not approving this document would be to leave it as an unadopted piece of work, which would serve no real purpose in the development management process. It would also prevent the completion of the CAMP and undermine the Council's ability to exercise its statutory duties to preserve and enhance the designated assets in the Cartmel Conservation Area.

7.0 Implications

Financial, Resources and Procurement

7.1 There are internal staffing resources required in order to deliver consultation events, in partnership with the Cartmel Village Society. These can be covered by ordinary staffing budgets. However as the consultation requires professional conservation leadership and advice, the departure of SLDC's Conservation Officer for a new post in early February, may cause uncertainty and possible delay to the timing of the consultation.

Human Resources

7.2 There are no other HR implications apart from those identified above.

Legal

7.3 There are no legal implications, other than the adoption of the document as a SPD, which can then be relied upon in planning decision making. The recommendations are in conformity with the requirements of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

Health and Sustainability Impact Assessment

7.4 Have you completed a Health and Sustainability Impact Assessment? Yes

7.5 If you have not completed an Impact Assessment, please explain your reasons: N/A

7.6 Summary of Health and Sustainability Impacts

		Positive	Neutral	Negative	Unknown
Environment and Health	Greenhouse gases emissions		X		
	Air Quality		X		
	Biodiversity		X		
	Impacts of Climate Change		X		
	Reduced or zero requirement for energy,	X			

	building space, materials or travel				
	Active Travel		X		
Economy and Culture	Inclusive and sustainable development	X			
	Jobs and levels of pay		X		
	Healthier high streets	X			
	Culture, creativity and heritage	X			
Housing and Communities	Standard of housing	X			
	Access to housing		X		
	Crime		X		
	Social connectedness	X			

Equality and Diversity

7.7 Have you completed an Equality Impact Analysis? Yes (attached at Appendix 2)

7.8 If you have not completed an Impact Analysis, please explain your reasons: N/A

7.9 Summary of Equality and Diversity impacts

Please indicate: P = Positive impact; 0 = Neutral; N = Negative; Enter "X"					
Age	P		0	X	N
Disability	P		0	X	N
Gender reassignment (transgender)	P		0	X	N
Marriage & civil partnership	P		0	X	N
Pregnancy & maternity	P		0	X	N
Race/ethnicity	P		0	X	N
Religion or belief	P		0	X	N
Sex/gender	P		0	X	N
Sexual orientation	P		0	X	N
Armed forces families	P		0	X	N
Rurality	P	X	0		N
Socio-economic disadvantage	P		0	X	N

Risk Management	Consequence	Controls required
Failure to approve the Draft Cartmel CAMP SPD for consultation.	The Council cannot continue with the preparation of the SPD.	Approve the Draft Cartmel CAMP SPD for consultation
The consultation requires professional conservation leadership	The departure of the Conservation Officer	Filling the Conservation Officer post and

Risk Management	Consequence	Controls required
and advice. SLDC's Conservation Officer departs for a new post in early February.	may therefore result in uncertainty and possible delay to the timing of the consultation.	consideration of potential for obtaining interim professional conservation support until a Conservation Officer is appointed.

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Background Documents Available

Name of Background document	Where it is available
Cartmel Conservation Area Appraisal	https://www.southlakeland.gov.uk/planning-and-building/conservation/conservation-areas/
Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment Initial Screening Opinion of the Draft SPD	https://www.southlakeland.gov.uk/media/7766/sea-screening-for-draft-spd.pdf

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