

Old Matlock Draft Conservation Area Appraisal

One written response from Matlock Town Council has been received and their comments are included below. Comments are noted with the Officer recommendation in italics below each point raised.

1 Representation

1. The Memorial in Knowleston Place Gardens (pictured on page 7) was moved there from the site where the bus shelter is now situated in Matlock Green. The wording on the Memorial actually refers to the wrought iron gas or electric light mantle that formed part of it, since lost. It was moved to the Gardens, when the original bus shelter was provided some years ago.
2. The two pairs of semi-detached houses pictured on page 18 are surely pre-war and not built in the 50s.
3. The significance of the Pic Tor War Memorial is mentioned on page 44. It was built in this position and not in the town centre in the 1920s for two reasons. Firstly, all the parish of Matlock could be viewed from its position on the hill top and secondly, it could be seen from any part of the parish. Regrettably, this is not the case today. Tree growth, mainly scrub has been allowed to grow on all sides. There was some minor pruning carried out last winter by the District Council. However, this was insufficient. I hope there is a case here to justify more clearance of trees to restore those views so that it can be seen as originally intended.

Officer Comments and Recommendation:

Comments : Noted as pertinent.

Recommendation : Amendments will be made to the document (pages 7, 18 and 44) as listed below:-

P7. Replace the existing caption in Column 1 – “Commemoration stone in Knowleston Place Garden recording the gift of the garden from John Knowles” to read “Former gas light plinth donated by John Knowles in 1867. This originally stood in Matlock Green (on the site of the current bus shelter)”.

P18. Replace the existing caption in Column 2 – “Two pairs of semi-detached houses on Stoney Way – circ. 1950’s. to read “Two pairs of semi-detached houses on Stoney Way – mid 20th century”

P44. Add text Column 1 after first paragraph “The Pic Tor War Memorial was erected in this position, and not in the town centre, so that all the Parish of Matlock could be viewed from its position on the hill top. Equally it could be seen from any part of the Parish. However accumulated tree growth, mainly scrub, has led to the loss of this original concept.”

Additional corrections

P.19 Replace the existing caption in Column 1 “A new house overlooking Bentley Brook” to read “A modern property overlooking Bentley Brook” as the property is not used for residential purposes.

P.23 Amend the date from 1904 to 1902 in the text and existing caption in Column 1 to read 1 “Red brickwork to end gable (and rear) of row of cottages – 1902. Other houses of a similar date display red brick to sides and rear”.

P.23 Replace the existing caption in Column 2 “A pair of red brick and rendered properties built on Stoney Way in the 1950’s/early 1960s” to read “A pair of red brick and rendered properties built on Stoney Way in the mid 20th century”

P.59 Replace text in last paragraph from “...a new house (designed in an industrial genre)...” to read “a modern property (designed in an industrial genre)...” as the property is not used for residential purposes.