

Riber Draft Conservation Area Appraisal – Public Consultation Responses

Two written responses and four verbal responses have been received. The respondents are listed and their comments included below.

1	Written Representation
	<p>Local Resident from Swiss Cottages</p> <p>Considers that the village well and pond should be included in the Conservation Area. The location of the village well and pond is shown on the 1784 Enclosure Map although they are not identified on this map. The pond is identified on the 1848-49 Tithe Map and both the pond and the village well are clearly marked on the 1st Edition OS map 1880 and 2nd Edition OS map from 1899.</p> <p>The village pond existed as a pond in 1971 when the area was originally designated as a conservation area but the well had been filled in and was not evident. The location of the well was (possibly) identified by older residents and dug out and restored by former residents of the village circa 1998-99.</p> <p>Given that the village well and pond were an integral part of the village of Riber since at least 1848 then it seems that their omission from the original conservation area was an oversight. They both should clearly be included within the conservation area following the current review.</p> <p>The resident has included a pdf of the boundary with a suggested amendment.</p>
	Officer Comments and Recommendation:
	<p>The comments received are noted.</p> <p>Recommendation: That the village well and pond are included within the Riber Conservation Area.</p>
2	Written Representation
	<p>Local resident from Riber Manor</p> <p>Congratulates on a succinct, beautifully written document, which was a pleasure to read. His letter includes a number of historic points which should be retained on file for future consideration.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dew pond have sometimes been filled by farmers e.g. on Riber Road by the beginning of Hearthstone Lane. 2. There is a 'walk in' well on Riber Road opposite The Lodge. This was cleared out by a former resident and returned more or less to an original appearance. It was important to the hamlet. 3. When clearing away earth which had settled on the lane around the front of the Manor House, substantial stone flags were discovered. These stone flags had well-worn grooves made by carts / carriages. There was a rumour that this lane had led to an inn but we could find no evidence of this. However the lane must have had some purpose. In the 1980s the dry stone wall in front of the Manor House fell down and on being re-built it was discovered that the base of the wall was as wide as a billiard table. 4. There is an imposing line of lime trees, one end in the Manor House front garden and the other end in front of Riber Hall Farm.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. A new roof was put on the whole of the west wing, but it meant that the whole of the west wing enjoyed a ridge with a straight line. This therefore destroyed the undulation which indicated clearly the scope of the original 16th century building. In 1963 the end part of the west wing, nearest to the gates was used as a byre. The room above had been a hay-loft, the aperture through which hay was lowered by means of a pulley is still visible. 6. With permission, the corrugated iron garage was changed to a matching grit-stone building. This was constructed from a grit-stone railway bridge in Belper, purchased to achieve a good match. Our well in the Manor House courtyard still produces water in spite of having been covered over for many years. 7. Visitors are always thrilled to see the 200+ year old Druids Chair just to the left of the Manor House gates. This is all that remains of the Crumlech formerly on Druids Hill. There had been another chair and a stone table top resting presumably on stones or boulders. It had been buried for some time, parts broken and used for walling and ended up in the farmyard at Riber Hall Farm, a date in the 18th century scratched upon it. Mrs Marchant (<i>presumably an earlier resident</i>) gave it to the zoo as a tourist attraction. On closure of the zoo it was purchased so that it can remain in Riber. 8. The gates of the Manor House were beautifully made by a smith in Doveholes. They carry not only my coat of arms but also those of the Woolly family. 9. In 1963 the locals referred to the end of the village i.e. The Lodge and the top of Carr Lane as "Town end". It is interesting to note demographic change. In 1963 Riber was comprised almost entirely by elderly retired widows. Now mostly there are people in the prime of life, reasonably affluent. 10. One of the features of Riber Manor is the external staircase well (stairwell). This stands out from the house at the rear and for its time was innovative. They (architects who have visited) say that it is one of the best preserved in the country. The 'Oak Room' is also of interest. Built in 1633, like the stairwell, royalist emblems were carved in the panelling on the restoration.
	<p>Officer Comments and Recommendation: The comments received are noted.</p> <p>Recommendation: Retain notes on CAA file for future reference</p>
3	Verbal Representation
	<p>Local residents - 2</p> <p>Queried whether the former quarry, where the small stone building is located, could be included in the conservation area. This has now become a wildlife haven, but has historic connections as it was the quarry where stone was extracted to build Riber Castle.</p> <p>Officer Comments and Recommendation: Comments noted</p> <p>Recommendation: That the former quarry be included in Riber Conservation Area.</p>

4	Verbal Representation
	<p>Local resident</p> <p>The caption to the photograph on page 13 of the Conservation Area Appraisal which reads “Sandi Cottage” is in fact the adjacent property “Sunnyside Farm”.</p>
	<i>Officer Comments and Recommendation:</i>
	<p>Comments noted</p> <p><i>Recommendation:</i> That the text caption is amended in the document to read “Sunnyside Farm”.</p>
5	Verbal Representation
	<p>Local resident</p> <p>Would like to bring attention to the fact that in the 1860s the medieval barn was demolished at the rear of Riber Hall and a side barn erected by John Smedley in lieu of rent, when he lodged at Riber Hall whilst the Castle was being built. There are initials ‘GEA’ which refer to George and Elizabeth Allen (Woolley family) at the rear of Riber Hall. The resident also noted that the small stone building to the south of the former quarry is known as the Smithy and it lies on ‘Smithy Lane’.</p>
	<i>Officer Comments and Recommendation:</i>
	<p>Comments noted</p> <p><i>Recommendation:</i> Retain notes on CAA file for future reference</p>
6	Verbal Representation
	<p>Local resident</p> <p>Considered that the IT format on the website, split into a number of chapters was an unwieldy way to present the information</p>
	<i>Officer Comments and Recommendation:</i>
	<p>Comments noted. It is difficult due to the number / size of photographs included to reduce the document to a size where it can be easily accessed via the website. However, this will be investigated further with IT Services.</p> <p><i>Recommendation:</i> Further investigation with IT Services.</p>