
**Battlesbridge Conservation Area Appraisals and Management Plan
Schedule of additional changes**

In light of late comments received from the Rawreth Parish Council and to ensure consistency with Chelmsford BC it is recommended that the following additional changes are made to the Battlesbridge Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan. These changes are in addition to those set out in the Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan Committee Report and Appendix.

Changes recommended in response to comments from Rawreth Parish Council:

4. Council noted that the property “Telfords” is 18th century in origin, and not 19th as stated in the draft. A 19th century addition has been built, but the original building dates back to 1750.

Recommended Action: Amend figure 19 (page 20) to show ‘Telfords’ as 18th century (blue) rather than 19th century (green).

Comment:

5. Council commented that the salt marshes that once existed in Battlesbridge have disappeared with the alterations that have been made to the landscape of the river. Council feel that it is important to reinstate the level of the land, and the salt marshes.

Recommended Action: Amend paragraph 7.4 (page 14) to acknowledge the loss of the salt marshes and that work to help re-instate them would be beneficial.

Comment:

19. Council agreed that they would like to see planting of more Tamarisk bushes along the riverside. Tamarisk bushes are already visual on the north side of the river opposite the Chapel and opposite Mill House, but as they are estuarine species Council would like to see them re-introduced and a planting scheme carried out.

Recommended Action: Amend enhancement opportunity number 6 (page 37) to state that Tamarisk bushes are an estuarine species and would be suitable for planting more widely along the riverside.

Comment:

21. Council agreed that it would be beneficial to have the river dredged regularly to stop the siltation.

Recommended Action: Add a sentence to enhancement opportunity number 1 (page 37) stating that regular dredging of the river would be beneficial in avoiding siltation.

Changes recommended to ensure consistency with Chelmsford BC:

At the end of section 8.6 Enhancement Opportunities (page 38) add an additional 3 points:

“14. The pinch point created by the bridge causes traffic to back up and makes pedestrian routes uncomfortable and crossing dangerous. The options for improving traffic flow and safe pedestrian crossing could be considered by Essex County Council, with input from Chelmsford Borough and Rochford District Council’s.

15. The industrial area to the east, lies beyond the conservation area boundary but detracts from its setting. Opportunities for improvements to its appearance and screening should be considered.

16. Street furniture within the area is minimal, but of variable quality. A high quality coordinated range of lamp posts, bins, benches etc. would enhance the quality of the public realm”.