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Planning Committee
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REPORT OF:

Director of Environment, Street
Scene and Parks

Agenda – Part: 1

Subject:

**ANNUAL REVIEW OF WORK OF THE
CONSERVATION ADVISORY GROUP
2005/06**

Wards: All

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is for Members information and is an annual review summarising the contribution made by the Conservation Advisory Group (CAG) over the municipal year 2005/06 to built heritage and other environmental initiatives.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the report be noted, for information.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 The Conservation Advisory Group (CAG) in Enfield has been established for very many years and comprises six members of the Council and eleven co opted members from a number of local groups. The Group's remit is to consider and advise the Council (particularly the Planning Committee and Cabinet Member for the Environment) on development affecting conservation areas, ancient monuments and listed buildings, the preservation or enhancement of heritage features and areas, the improvement of heritage features and areas, and the designation of conservation areas.

3.2 The table attached as Appendix A summarises the issues in which CAG has been involved in the Municipal year 2005/06 and

demonstrates how CAG have contributed to facilitating and driving forward built heritage and other environmental initiatives in 2005/06.

- 3.3 The statistics show that CAG has considered in detail and tendered advice on over one hundred and forty applications during the last municipal year, adding value to the quality of decisions taken on the most environmentally sensitive sites. The Group has also monitored the decisions taken on six hundred and seventy applications in the last year. Most of these applications were considered in detail and commented on by the relevant individual local study groups represented on CAG. CAG has maintained a steady level of input into a broadly similar number of applications during 2005/06 as in previous years.
- 3.4 In addition, CAG has maintained a strong input into :-
- Conservation Area Review, contributing extensive local knowledge to the preparation of the conservation area character appraisals (enabling the Council to meet new Best Value Performance Indicator 219b)
 - issues affecting the public realm and streetscene, such as street lighting, highway tree management and footway surfacing proposals in environmentally sensitive locations
 - contributing to the consideration of the details on the redevelopment of Enfield Town Centre
 - monitoring key appeal decisions in conservation areas.
- 3.5 The figures reflect the work the Group have done over the past year on the Enfield Design Awards (EDA). The EDA is a biennial scheme promoted by CAG in partnership with the Council and encourages a wider awareness of good design in the built environment and the positive impact it can have on everybody's life. The EDA 2005 was the second time the scheme has been run and the quality of entries and the outstanding support (more than double the numbers for the EDA 2003) has clearly shown the success of the scheme. The Group also supported the local operation of the national Civic Trust Awards 2006.
- 3.6 Figures for issues raised by CAG Members in Open Session are up on previous years. These include a wide and diverse range of matters including enquiries related to the monitoring of change at major heritage sites and reporting potential contraventions of planning legislation for investigation by the Enviro Crime Unit.
- 3.7 CAG has spent time continuing to review the organisation and working practices of CAG itself, for maximum efficiency and effectiveness, including securing an amendment to CAG's membership and terms of reference to enable CAG to expand its active membership and skills base and ensure that its terms of reference are up to date and reflect the full range of its current field of operation.
- 3.8 CAG has become engaged with the LDF process, and contributed to the process of formulating the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI).
- 3.9 The work of CAG is consistent with the Enfield First objectives, particularly Aim 5, 'Supporting the delivery of excellent services' and

5e) to 'provide effective community leadership and increase public participation in the Council's decision making processes and local initiatives. The proposal is also consistent with Aim 1 of this initiative 'A Cleaner and Greener Enfield' and 1f) to 'protect and enhance the character and quality of Enfield's buildings and access to green spaces by preparing a new Local Development Framework'.

Background Papers

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APPENDIX A

**NUMBER OF REPORTS CONSIDERED BY CAG
MUNICIPAL YEAR 2005/06**

NATURE OF REPORT	2005/06	2004/05	2003/04	2002/03	2001/02
APPLICATIONS DISCUSSED	142	137	142	162	114
DECISIONS MONITORED / NOTED	670	611	622	415	343
NEW RIVER LOOP RESTORATION PROJECT (LOTTERY FUNDED)	0	2	2	4	5
EDMONTON HERITAGE ECONOMIC REGENERATION SCHEME	1	2	1	2	1
CONSERVATION AREA REVIEW (CHARACTER APPRAISALS, ARTICLE 4, MANAGEMENT PROPOSALS, CHARACTERISATION STUDY, DESINGATION CRITERIA)	7	10	0	5	1
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS (BOUNDARY BROOK / LIVING RIVERS PROJECT, HISTORIC FINGERPOST RESTORATION PROJECT, EDMONTON INITIATIVES)	3	8	6	8	4
BUILDINGS AT RISK (ENGLISH HERITAGE REGISTER UPDATE)	1	1	2	3	2
DESIGN AWARDS (ENFIELD DESIGN AWARDS, CIVIC TRUST AWARDS)	8	1	12	1	2
ENFIELD TOWN PHASE II	4	2	3	0	2
ADDITIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO STATUTORY AND LOCAL LIST (STATUTORY LIST : MAIDENS BRIDGE, THE RIDGEWAY,).	3	3	3	6	4
HIGHWAY AND STREETSCENE SCHEMES PFI STREET LIGHTING, HIGHWAY TREE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY, GENTLEMANS ROW FOOTWAY RESURFACING, ENFIELD TOWN FOOTWAY RECONSTRUCTIONS).	7	5	3	5	4
NEW BUS ROUTES AND SHELTERS THROUGH CONSERVATION AREAS	0	0	0	1	4
ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS IN OPEN SESSION	115	89	81	88	50
APPEAL DECISIONS (27/28 THE TOWN FASCIA, ARCHWAY HOUSE FRONT GARDEN PARKING, 82 THE RIDGEWAY REDEVELOPMENT).	4	1	2	2	1
PARKS ISSUES	0	0	2	2	3
REVIEW OF WORK OF CAG & MEMBERSHIP ISSUES (ANNUAL CAG MONITORING REPORT 04/05, AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION AND REMIT, CALENDAR ISSUES)	3	2	5	4	2
LONDON OPEN HOUSE	1	0	1	1	0
NEW AND DRAFT GUIDANCE, LEGISLATION AND POLICY (DCMS CONSULTATION, REVISIONS TO OF SELECTION FOR LISTING).	1	3	4	5	1
PRE APPLICATION SCHEMES (SIGNAGE AT EDMONTON POLICE STATION)	1	2	2	2	0
RECRUITMENT UPDATES	0	0	4		0
ENFORCEMENT (FEEDBACK FROM ENVIRO CRIME PLANNING SUPERVISOR)	0	3	1	0	0
ARCHAEOLOGY (GLAAS QUARTERLY REVIEW)					
LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT SCI)	2				
TOTAL ITEMS	973	882	898	716	543