

Response	Resident of Woodham Walter	Objection to principle of conservation area	Objection to boundar of conservation area	Objection to Article 4	Proposed changes to the Character Statement	Summary of Comments
001	Y	N	N	N	N	Important to preserve the unique characteristics of the village. Proably agree with introduction of Article 4 Directions but unsure of architectural significance of these properties.
002	Y	N	N	N	N	To preserve the character of the village.
003	Y (John Tompkins)	N	Y	N	N	Broadly agree with the boundaries of the Conservation Area but consider that the property known as 'Whitegates' should be included. First class character assessment which accords with the views of the VDS team. Dissapointing that the only remaining 'Arts and Crafts' building in the village has been approved for redevelopment but the inclusion of the site would give greater control over future developments to safeguard the historical setting of the heritage asset Grade II* St Michael's Church and the significant views over Bell Meadow and from other parts of the central village area.
004	Y	N	N	N	N	Lived in Woodham Walter for many years and would like to keep it as it is.
005	Y	N	Y	N	N	It is a lovely place to live and should remain that way so the Conservation Area is supported, however it is felt that the field at the rear of Rectory Road should be included.
006	Y (Ken Rennie, Watendlath, Rectory Road)	N	Y	N	N	Woodham Walter is an area of historic and architectural interest with exceptional character and appearance involving buildings differing in style across the ages. It is also an important agricultural asset. Object to the boundary of the Conservation Area as it is felt that the surrounding farmland, woodland and common land should be included as they define absolute boundary envelope proposed. The character statement states that these areas are not of historical interest, however these encompass centuries of such interest, to mention one: Woodham Walter Hall and Estates. How can conservation be managed without the inclusion of these areas? It is not unusual to have areas, even towns in total defined as conservation areas where applicable.
007	N (Sally Bull, Barnfield, Spring Elms Lane, Little Baddow)	N	N	N	N	Village has special character and appearance which is unique and should be preserved. Support the application of the Conservation Area.
008	Y	N	N	N	N	This is an attractive and old village centre which without protection could be damaged or lost.
009	Y (8 Rectory Road, Woodham Walter)	N	N	N	N	No comments
010	Y (Frank Herrmann, West Bowers Hall, Woodham Walter)	N	N	N	Y	Lovely village that needs support for its future. Agree with the Article 4 Direction as long as planning applications are dealt with without delay. Correction to the character statement - Fort Cottage extension built in the <u>LAST</u> century.
011	Y (Eric Whitfield, Tudor Rose, Rectory Road, Woodham Walter)	N	N	N	N	The overall appearance of the area, reflecting its long history, rather than individual buildings that justifies the designation. Woodham Walter fully meets the statutory definition for a conservation area. Planning legislation makes it clear that local authorities should give special attention to such areas and their enhancement.
012	Y	N	Y	N	N	More should be done to preserve our villages (on the whole) to prevent developers from ruining any surrounding countryside/farmland, then clearing off. Too often objections and concerns of existing residents are ignored and developments are forced upon them as if they have no voice. All of the surrounding countryside and farmland should be afforded the same conservation protection. The proposal is excellent as it is a step in the right direction.
013	Y (D. Weedon, Redbriek Cottage, The Street, Woodham Walter)	N	N	N	N	To help retain some of the character of the village
014	Y (Mrs P Herrmann, West Bowers Hall, Woodham Walter)	N	N	N	N	In favour of both the the conservation area notion and the imposition of Article 4 direction on some buildings, but only if the Council tackles two serious aspects arising from the proposals. 1. It would be heavy handed and counter-productive to insist that original materials and methods should always be used for repair. Please can conservation officers research and find suitable methods and materials that are modern and not excessively expensive, that can be recommended or even insisted on when allowing planned work on properties of all ages. Most owners would welcome help in such a realistic and affordable way. It would help to promote the solution so rightly praised about Wingtons: " the way in which it has been adapted organically over the centuries in a vernacular fashion". 2. It is considered vital for the Council to tackle and overcome the serious problem of the length of time taken to consider and decide any application under an Article 4 direction. Having had bitter experiences of inordinate and appalling length of time taken by the planning application section (not the conservation officers who were speedy and helpful) and it led me to wonder whether the Council deliberately puts free-of-charge applications at the bottom of their list and sees no harm in taking months to issue decisions. Delays causes difficulties to the applicant such as having to pay more for some works.
015	Y	N	Y	N	N	The proposal and statement is very well prepared and interesting. Strongly support the notion as the whole character of the village could be changed and spoiled by inappropriate and insensitive alterations to buildings. Boundary is good but the women's club room marked as village hall in top road should be included. It is the property of the Woodham Walter Women's Club founded in 1906, pre-dating the national womens institute by around 10 years and is still running as a unique club. The building had been a 'summer house' 'owned' by Henry Ayrton Chaplinm son of Edith Chaplin, one of the co-founders of the club. He died in 1905 whilst working with the West African medical staff. The land in Top Road was given to the club and I think that the building was erected on that site in the 1920's. Agree with the introduction of Article 4 Directions as it is too easy for people to make alterations that are not in keeping or of inappropriate materials. Therefore I think control is quite justified. It is felt the Women's club room , Top Road should be including in the statement.
016	Y (Daniel Mountier, 2 Gun Hill, Farm Cottages, Woodham Walter)	Y	Y	N	N	Although I agree with conserving the unique buildings in Woodham Walter, it is felt that the conservation area may have a detrimental effect on future development in the village. It is important to Woodham Walter to have a diverse community which from recent national surveys requires building of mixed and affordable housing to allow the school and other village services to remain.

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017	N (Edward Gittins of Edward Gittins and Associates, Unit 5 Patches Yard, Cavendish Lane, Giemsford, Suffolk, CO10 7PZ	N	N	N	N	Support Conservation Area in principle not only for its ability to protect the character of the village but also to encourage and embrace new development which will enhance the villages environment. There is no obvious village centre at present and therefore proposals have been submitted through the means of the Local Plan process to deliver a central Village Green in association with village housing on the north side of Top Road. A Village Green directly opposite the Queen Victoria Public House fringed by new village homes would create a central amenity space that could be utilised by the Parish and School for village events. A Village Green would enhance the setting of the proposed Conservation Area and would not harm the setting or conflict with the Conservation Area objectives. Therefore see the proposal as a force for positive change rather than solely for preservation, especially as the introduction of some additional gorwth will help to sustain and improve existing community facilities and the retention of the village Primary School in particular. We also consider a smaller housing development abutting the proposed Conservation Area, immediately south of the Primary School and adjacent to the Brook can also contribute to village facilities as set out in related representations on the Local Plan.