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SEVENOAKS HIGH STREET CONSERVATION AREA

NOTICE IS GIVEN under the provisions of the 1990 Act that Sevenoaks District Council has considered the existing conservation area boundary at Sevenoaks High Street and resolved on 17th January 2008 that the boundary should be reviewed and varied under section 69 of the above Act. A new Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan to cover the revised area was adopted on 28th August 2008.

The Council will vary the Sevenoaks High Street Conservation Area to take account of changes since 1992. The High Street Conservation Area was first designated in 1971, redesignated in 1992 and 2008 and now includes 21 hectares of land covering most of Sevenoaks town centre and part of the Sevenoaks School site. Generally the1992 boundary accurately reflected the extent of the area of special architectural or historic interest and only a few small changes are now made. In some areas the old boundary did not follow a logical path due to recent development or changes to the locality. The modern Bligh's retail development has been omitted and the area behind the east side of the northern end of the High Street has been redefined to omit the open service and backland areas. To the south, development by Sevenoaks School since 1992 made the 1992 boundary illogical and the area has been modified to reflect the current situation. A small addition is made along the Tonbridge Road to include trees which contribute to the setting and character of the area.

The principal effects of designation: A conservation area is an area of special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance. Within conservation areas additional planning considerations are applicable. The Council has a duty to develop proposals to ensure the preservation or enhancement of the area. Additional publicity is given to proposals for development which would affect the character or appearance of the area. Permission must be obtained from the planning authority before buildings are demolished. Trees are protected, by the requirement that the planning authority must be given 6 weeks' notice before lopping or felling is to be carried out.

A plan showing the reviewed boundary for Sevenoaks High Street Conservation Area may be inspected during normal office hours at Sevenoaks District Council planning reception, Community and Planning Services, Council Offices, Argyle Road Sevenoaks Kent TN13 1HG.

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