



SOUTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

BRACKLEY TOWN CENTRE CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL

Brackley Town Centre is a place of special character and historic interest.

South Northamptonshire Council is in the process of reviewing the Brackley Town Centre Conservation Area and has produced a draft Conservation Area Appraisal and management plan for the settlement. The document sets out the features that contribute to the distinctiveness of the area and identifies opportunities for its protection and enhancement.

A draft plan is available for public consultation until 5 December 2011. Copies are available for viewing at

- the Council's website at <http://www.southnorthants.gov.uk/688.htm>;
- the Council Offices in Towcester
- Brackley Town Council

The comments and views of residents of the town are an important part of this process so please contact the Heritage team at South Northamptonshire Council should you have any queries.

What is a Conservation Area?

“an area of architectural or historic interest the character and appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance”.

It is not the intention of designation to prevent the continued evolution of places. The challenge within the conservation area is to manage change in a way that maintains, reinforces and enhances the special qualities of the area.

Summary of Brackley Town Centre's Special Interest

Brackley is an important historic settlement, one of only two towns in Northamptonshire where a medieval planned town was developed at a distance from the earlier village from which it takes its name.

Brackley's special interest lies in the excellent survival of its planned medieval layout, with long narrow burgage plots stretching back from a wide central street, and in its rich stock of historic buildings.

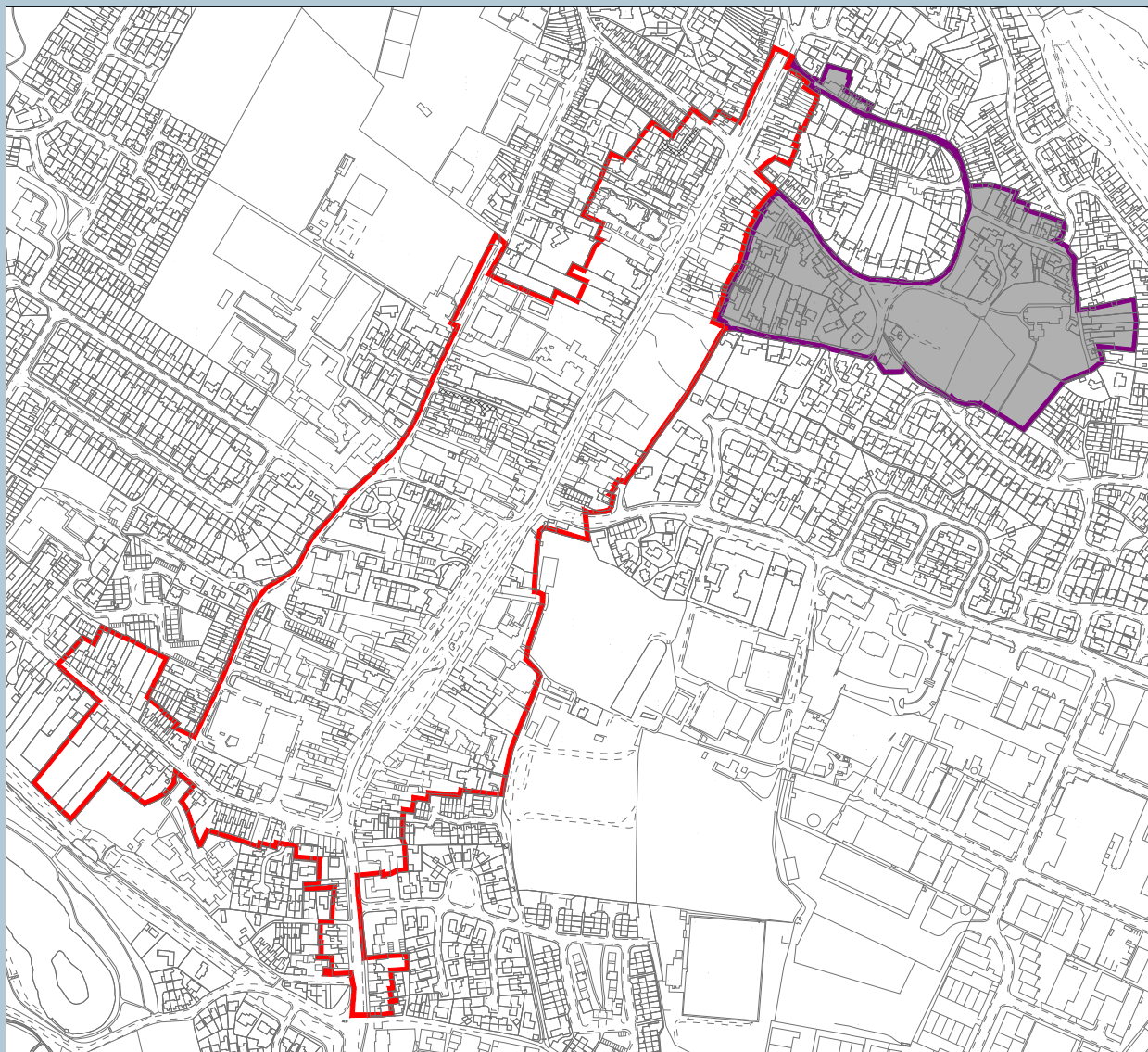
Many buildings retain 17th Century fabric behind 18th and 19th Century facades. The town's built environment is of high quality and reflects its long history as a market town.

Proposed Boundary change to Brackley Town Centre

Brackley Conservation Area was first designated in 1971. Its boundary was reviewed in 1998 and an Article 4(2) Direction placed on some buildings in High Street, Bridge Street and Banbury Road.

It is proposed to extend the existing conservation area to cover more of the historic buildings on High Street and Banbury Road.

It is also proposed that Brackley Old Town be designated as a separate conservation area, to allow its unique history and character to be more clearly understood and protected.



What next?

If you have any comments or questions relating to the changes that are proposed for the Brackley Old Town Conservation Area please contact the Council Heritage Team at heritage@southnorthants.gov.uk or on 01327 322249. The closing date for comments is Monday 5 December 2011.