



## SOUTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

### EYDON CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL

**Eydon is a place of special character and historic interest.**

South Northamptonshire Council is in the process of reviewing the Eydon 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 09 December 2011. Copies are available for viewing in the following locations:

- The Council's website at <http://www.southnorthants.gov.uk/688.htm>
- The South Northamptonshire Council Offices, at Springfield's, in Towcester

The comments and views of residents of the settlement 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 Eydon's Special Interest**

Eydon is an attractive village in rural Northamptonshire. Its special interest lies in the good survival of its planned street-village layout, with long narrow plots stretching back from the High Street to Lime Avenue, and in its rich stock of historic buildings, many dating from the 17th Century.

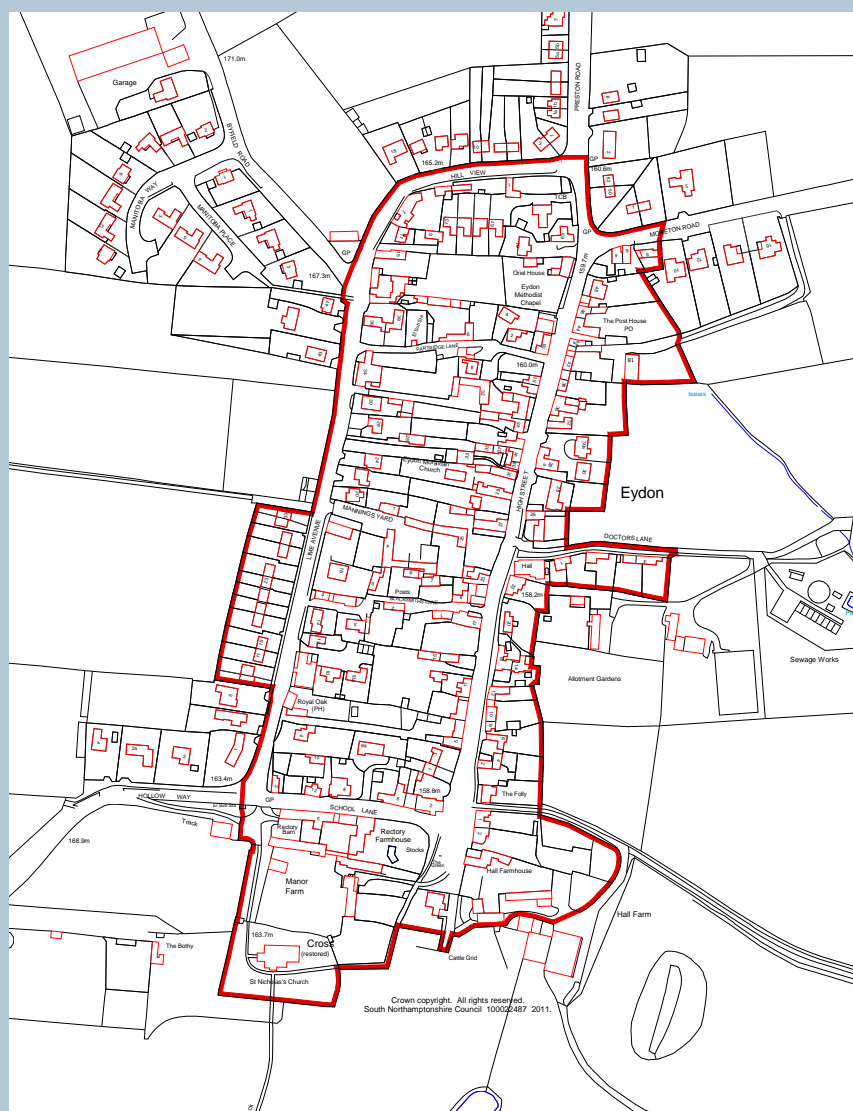
The village's built environment is of high quality, as is the public realm, with little street clutter or intrusive road markings.

## Proposed Boundary change to the Eydon Conservation Area

Eydon Conservation Area was first designated in 1970 and was reviewed again in 1987.

It is now proposed to further amend the existing conservation area boundary to respect plot boundaries as they exist on the ground. At present, the conservation area runs across some gardens in a way that is difficult to clearly define on the ground, and includes half of one modern house. The proposed amendments would eliminate these irregularities.

It is also proposed to remove from the conservation area an area of land to the west of Lime Avenue which is not considered to have a character and appearance significant enough to remain within the Conservation Area.



### What next?

If you have any comments or questions relating to the changes that are proposed for the Eydon Conservation Area please contact the Council Heritage Team at [heritage@southnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:heritage@southnorthants.gov.uk) or on 01327 322249. The closing date for comments is 09 December 2011.