



# Herbert Collins Estates Residents Association

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## *APPRAISAL AND MANAGEMENT PLAN*

*Dear Resident,*

The purpose of this letter is to find out if you wish to help in producing a draft of the Appraisal and Management Plan for this Conservation Area. It arises from a meeting recently held between residents who had expressed an interest in joining a focus group and Kevin White, the City Council's Historic Environment Team Leader.

The objective of a Conservation Area Appraisal is to understand and articulate exactly why the area is special and what elements within the area contribute to this special quality and which don't. A Management Plan sets out the way in which development pressure and neglect will be managed to ensure conservation areas retain the qualities which led to their designation.

Etheburt Avenue (Bassett Green Estate) Conservation Area



Appraisal and Management Plan

You may ask why, if the Council is required to produce the Appraisal and Management Plan, we should do the work of drafting it. Well, if we prepare the draft, we can expect to have more influence on its final form than if the Council consults on their own draft. Moreover, the process of consultation during drafting is likely to produce a document that has wider support from residents living in the Conservation Area and carry more weight with the planning authorities.

I have put a page on our website [www.herbertcollins.co.uk](http://www.herbertcollins.co.uk) which provides more information and links to other documents. This page has links to the two Appraisals and Management Plans already drafted by residents, namely for the Portswood Residents' Gardens and the Oakmount Triangle Conservation Areas. Both of these have been adopted by the City Council.

If you think you can contribute to this task, please get in touch. How the task is to be divided up has yet to be decided. But it will include an appraisal of the layout of the estate as a whole, the architecture of the houses, including windows, and an appraisal of the curtilage and boundaries of the properties. We also need someone with a knowledge of trees to carry out a survey, someone to write the local history section and someone to do the photography.

## *SUMMERFIELD GARDENS*

Kevin White, from the City Council, expressed the opinion that Summerfield Gardens, for which Herbert Collins was the architect, should be in the Conservation Area. Appraisal precedes any decision to include it in the Conservation Area.

If you can contribute, please send us an email or contact our secretary, Debbie Smith, 74 Bassett Green Road.

Yours sincerely,  
*Ray George, HCERA Chairman*