

**RIBBESFORD CONSERVATION AREA
CONSULTATION RESPONSES**

Name & Address of Respondent	Method of response	Respondent Comment	WFDC Response and Recommendation
Bede Howell	Letter	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Horse Chestnut Avenue (Conker Avenue) – planting date is 1910; trees are suffering from disease and leaf miner – are gradually being replaced with Lime; 2. Cost of repairs to Ribbesford House are high due to Listing, and compounded by levies on empty properties; 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. comments acknowledged, and text to be amended accordingly with regards to trees; 2. Negotiation with both Local Authority and English Heritage have had little impact on the condition of the property – property is still on National Buildings at Risk register. Perhaps full use of the building would help provide extra finances, whilst reducing the levy on empty properties.
Bewdley Town Council	Letter	Supportive of document and extra weight in terms of ability to retain unique character of Area; concerned with continual neglect of Ribbesford House; request as to whether Listed Buildings could be set in text, rather than just on map.	Points acknowledged – Appraisal to be amended to include Listed properties.
Colum Howell	Letter	Generally in agreement with document; however, raises issue over repairs of Ribbesford House, relating the lack of repairs to the lack of available materials immediately post-war; that the driveway is in ownership of Ribbesford House; that the planting date of the Avenue is incorrect; points out that increase of noise during winter due to lack of foliage; that the “allegation”	The Conservation Officer feels that the point regarding available materials immediately post-war is immaterial, as the time-span indicated is in excess of 60 years; Appraisal to be amended in relation to date of Avenue, as with increase of noise during winter months;

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		that the House is suffering from continued neglect is not wholly justified, and that every endeavour is made to attend to essential repairs, compounded by Empty Property levies and Listed status of property.	that the property is suffering from continued neglect is supported by concerns from English Heritage, visual inspection, residents, and Buildings at Risk inclusion.
Chris Tappenden	Email	Generally supportive – informed that the drive (conker Drive) has been recently resurfaced with blacktop. Also raised that noise from by-pass is increased during winter months, due to lack of hedge and tree cover.	All points acknowledged, and Appraisal to be amended accordingly.
Anonymous	Phone call	Generally supportive – two issues: firstly that trees are being removed from Conker Drive, and secondly that trees and hedges shielding Poolside from Conservation Area have been removed.	All points acknowledged, and Appraisal to be amended accordingly.