

BANBURY MAGISTRATES COURT

ADDENDUM NOTE – CONSERVATION AREA EXTENSION

Banbury Conservation Area was first designated in 1969. It was subsequently extended in May 1991, October 2004 and again in September 2018. The latest change (September 2018) meant an extension to include Banbury Magistrates Court.

At the time of preparing the Planning Opportunity document and submitting the pre-application documentation, Cherwell District Council had not published details on its website to advise of the extension to the Conservation Area boundary. The Council's planning department was also unaware of this change. The change was only highlighted when HMCTS received a letter dated 28th February 2019 to inform them. The planning officer apologised for the administrative error in publicising this change during the pre-application meeting on 7th March 2019.

Nevertheless, in light of the close proximity of Banbury Magistrates Court to the former boundary, significant weight has been placed in protecting/enhancing the Conservation Area throughout design considerations. An updated Heritage Statement was also sent to the planning officer immediately after the pre-application meeting and was considered in their pre-application response.