

**Response from the Caversham and District Residents Association (CADRA)
to the Sites and Detailed Policies Document.**

4.7 and DM11 Development of Private Residential Gardens

CADRA warmly welcomes this provision. We ask that consideration be given to inclusion of specific reference here to criteria which specifically protect the privacy of existing residents. The applications which produce the strongest local concern and opposition are those which pave the way for more extensive proposals. We ask that a way be found to allow that concern to form part of the overall debate.

Chapter 8 The Built and Natural Environment

Our concern is that the both CS33 and PPS5 include very broad principles which will be difficult to apply in specific cases. We would like to see a much clearer, more specific protection for listed buildings and conservation areas.

It is not clear from the document, how local listing will be undertaken and indeed what additional protection it would bring. We hope this can be clarified and opportunities identified for proactive measures in identifying assets of historical significance.

In addition to specific buildings of merit, we are concerned that there is greater protection for streetscapes. While individual buildings in a streetscape may not be exceptional, it is often the case that the streetscape is what defines the character and history of the area, giving it visual coherence. In these cases, the whole may be greater than the sum of its parts and thus greatly diminished by the loss of one part. We would like to see this more clearly represented in the criteria.

Outside of existing conservation areas, there are examples of terraces and other streetscapes which may include polychromatic brickwork, original walls and railings. Many have historical significance and it is important to retain the streetscape and the features which make the areas distinctive.

Chapter 9, Section 9.2

We would like to see specific criteria for the design and siting of the large broadband boxes. If poorly sited, these contribute to the street clutter which causes concern to so many people.

Development Proposal, Napier Road SA 8j

This site is very prominent in its position by Kings Meadow. We would like to see a requirement for:

- maximum height of 3 storeys plus use of roof space
- good quality soft landscaping around the buildings
- sensitivity of design and choice of materials
- Adequate on-site car parking.

This may require the number of dwellings to be reduced.