

Views Sought on the Future of the Railway Village



The Railway Village

A public consultation is underway to gather peoples' views on the future of Swindon's Railway Conservation Area. Earlier this year, a review of the Railway Village and Works Conservation Areas was carried out and a draft planning document detailing its appraisal and management plan was published. This document sets out the vision for the future of the historic Swindon site.

It will be used to raise awareness and inform people about Swindon's railway history, help preserve and enhance the special architectural or historic interest of the area, and guide new development within or affecting the area through the planning process

The borough council would like to hear what people think of it.

The consultation is open until Monday November 2. The document can be viewed at <https://bit.ly/3mUzkjN>

Comments should be marked 'FAO CA Review Comments' and emailed to conservation@swindon.gov.uk.

Review of the railway village and railway works conservation areas

Earlier this year heritage consultants Purcell carried out a review of these conservation areas. Having completed their research and consultation, they have produced the following draft planning document:

[Swindon railway conservation area appraisal and management plan \(CAAMP\)](#) (PDF)

This document sets out the vision for the future of Swindon's railway conservation area and a framework to guide change as required by the Planning and Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas Act 1990.

It will be used to:

- raise awareness and inform people about Swindon's railway history

- help preserve and enhance the special architectural or historic interest of the area
- guide new development within or affecting the area through the planning process

It recommends that:

- the 2 separate conservation areas be merged into one which we propose to rename the 'Swindon Railway Conservation Area'
- the boundary of the conservation area be extended to include:
 1. the area along Station Road and the area around the station
 2. the southern side of Faringdon Road between Fleet Street and Milton Road
 3. the Health Hydro block
 4. the Pattern Store site and adjacent car park (Designer Outlet West)

The consultation will run for 6 weeks from Monday, 21 September to Monday, 2 November 2020.

(It is hoped to cover this story in much more detail in the January issue of Great Western Star when, hopefully more information will be available – Ed)