

# Adel-St John's Conservation Area Appraisal

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This information sheet provides a summary of a more detailed 'Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan'. You are invited to comment on the draft document – see overleaf for details.

## What's special about Adel-St John's conservation area?

*The Adel St John's area has a very long history. This important and varied past has shaped the conservation area that we see today. Nearby Roman, Saxon and Medieval occupation in abundance have each made their mark and given the area its distinct layout and appearance.*

*Today the conservation area almost stands like a gateway into the open countryside beyond. To the north lies open countryside, yet to the west, east and south are the last remnants of the suburban development of Leeds. This rural feel so close to the suburbs highlights the special character of Adel St John's Conservation Area, a character that has developed since the area first began to take shape.*

*The historic architecture present within the conservation area is one of the most conspicuous and characteristic of the elements with the conservation area. The 12th century church, its associated former vicarage and the various farmhouses and cottages mark it out as an area of very high quality architecture. The concentration of historic buildings, around one of Leeds' most historic structures (the church) shows the conservation area as being of not only special historic, but also special architectural interest.*

## Have your say

Now is your chance to help shape the future of the area by taking part in this consultation.

- Q. What do you think makes Adel-St John's special?**
- Q. Do you agree with the *key characteristics* outlined here?**
- Q. Do you agree with the *opportunities for enhancement* identified overleaf?**
- Q. Do you agree with the *proposed boundary*?**

From 17th August the full appraisal can be viewed online at [www.leeds.gov.uk/conservation](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/conservation) and is available from the address below.

Send your comments to the Sustainable Development Unit - details below.



A conservation area is 'an area of special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance'.

## Opportunities for enhancement

The protection and enhancement of the special character of the conservation area depends on its positive conservation management. In addition to the existing national statutory legislation and local planning policy controls the following opportunities for enhancement, among others, have been identified:

- Protection and enhancement of Green Space within the conservation area
- Encourage the protection of surviving traditional detail and the reinstatement of appropriately detailed fittings in the defined positive buildings.
- Ensure that any new development is sustainable, high quality, well designed 21st century architecture that responds to its historic context.
- Promote public realm enhancements within the conservation area as opportunities arise. Ensure that future public realm works respect and enhance the special character of the conservation area.
- Ensured that new boundary treatments within Adel-St John's conservation area are consistent with the traditional nature of those already in existence.



## Proposed extensions to the conservation area

The above map shows what areas are deemed of special architectural or historic interest. Their coverage within the conservation area is to help to protect and enhance the special character and appearance of Adel-St John's.

**Deadline for comments -  
25th September 2009**