

## Randwick Conservation Area Review 2022 - The Consultation Process

Public consultation has been undertaken prior to the production of this study and this has been vital in understanding the thoughts, issues and pressures which face the Conservation Area from those who live, work, and use the area. This information has been used to inform the drafting of the appraisal and management recommendations. The Local Authority who are responsible for the administration of planning policy will also complete a further consultation on the draft appraisal. This work will ensure that the character or appearance of the Randwick Conservation Area is preserved or enhanced.

Questionnaires were developed through consultation with Randwick and Westrip Parish Council. These were managed via an online platform and members of the Randwick and Westrip Parish Council distributed printed questionnaires to all householders within the area. At the end of the consultation period, there were 21 paper responses and 21 online, a total of 44 questionnaires with two general comments on the boundary review were submitted. The results of which are summarised below.

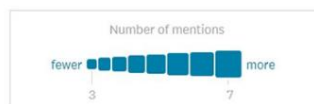
Question 1 Do you live in Randwick?

Yes 40

No 2

Question 2 What do you particularly enjoy about living or visiting the Randwick Conservation Area? (Schools, Walking, Community facilities)

views buildings village open spaces walking close  
community Cotswold stone woods village hall  
areas Parish playing field



Question 3. If you are not a resident why do you usually come to the area? (schools, walking, community facilities)?

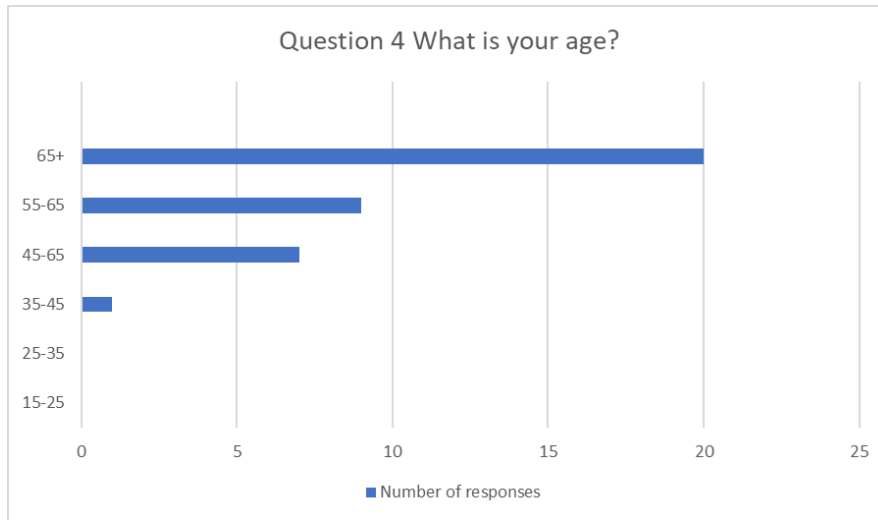
3 - Use the community facilities e.g. Village Hall, Pub (The Vine Tree), attend events

Visit friends living in the Conservation Area

Walking

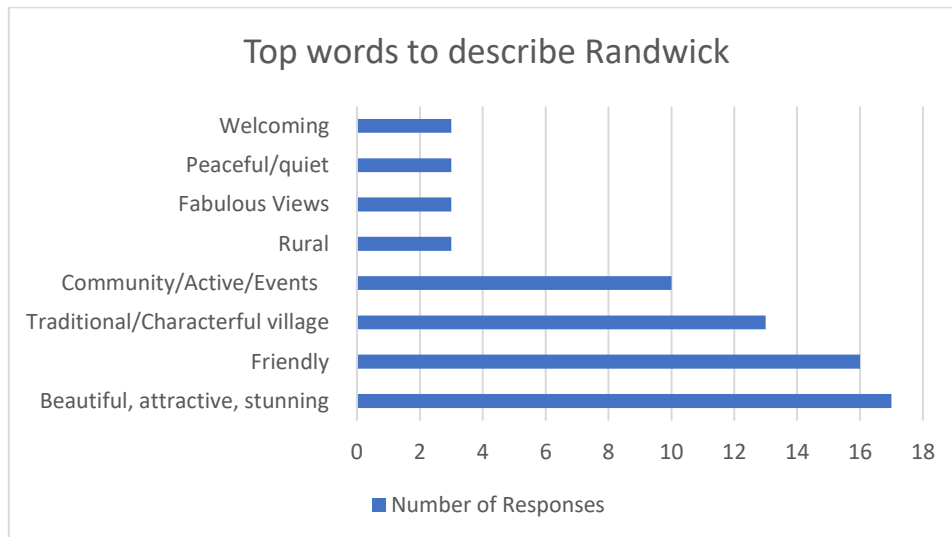
Work

#### Question 4 – Age



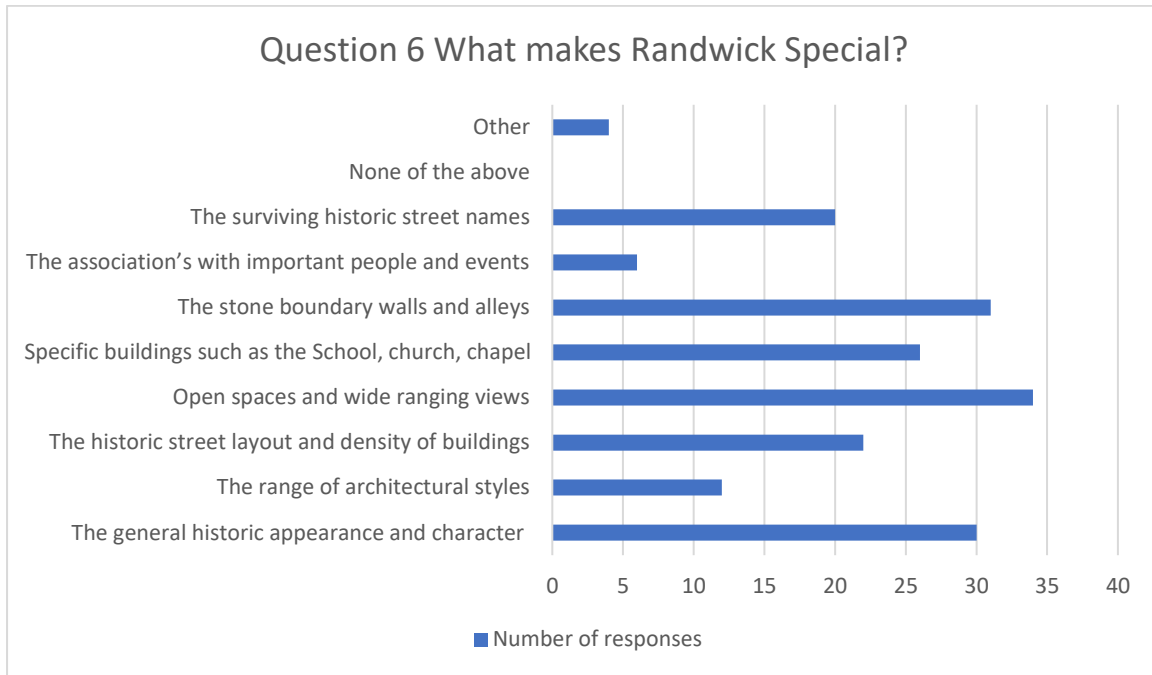
4 declined to answer.

#### Question 5 What words would you use to describe Randwick?

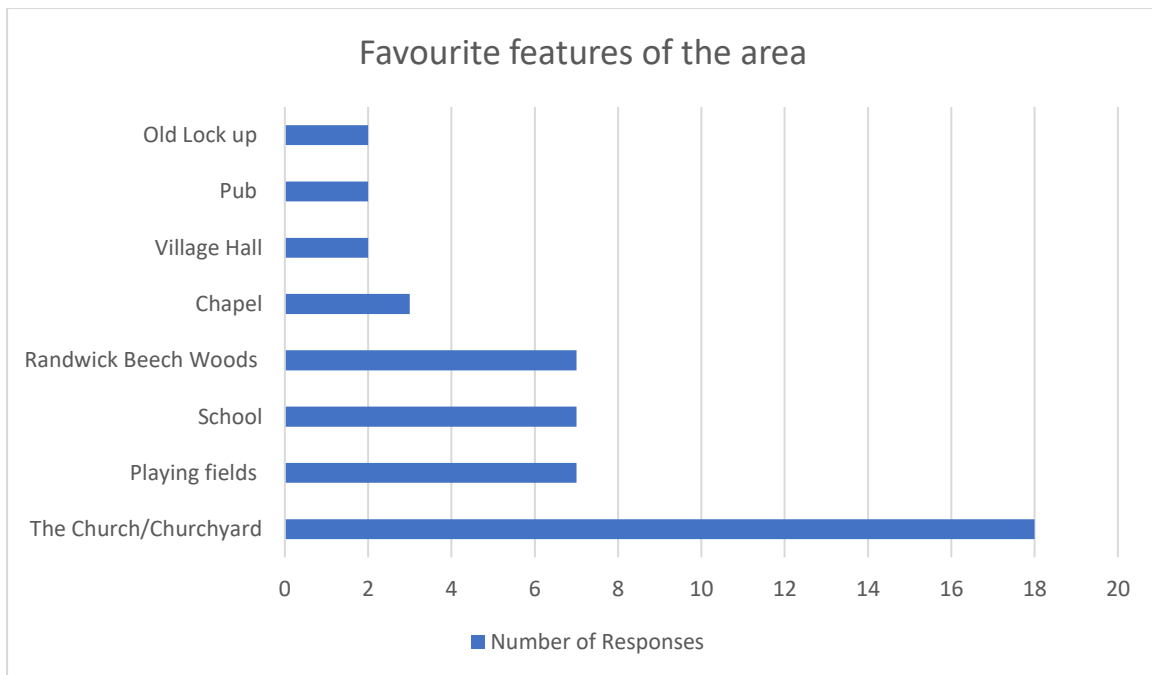


Other words included 2- Vibrant, 2 - Not posh and 2 – Ecological.

Question 6 What makes Randwick special to you?

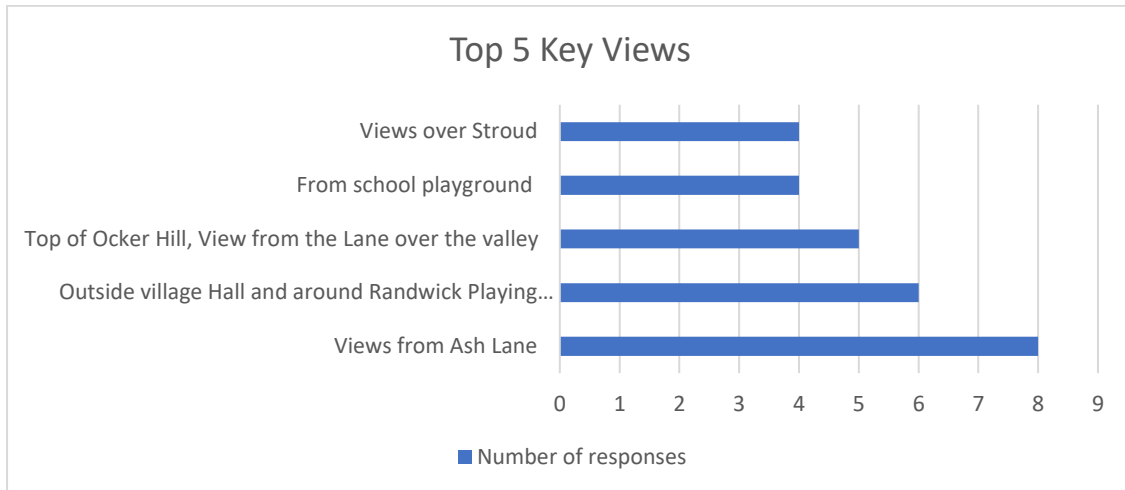


Question 7. Do you have a favourite building, space and/or feature/landmark within in the area? If yes, please provide details.

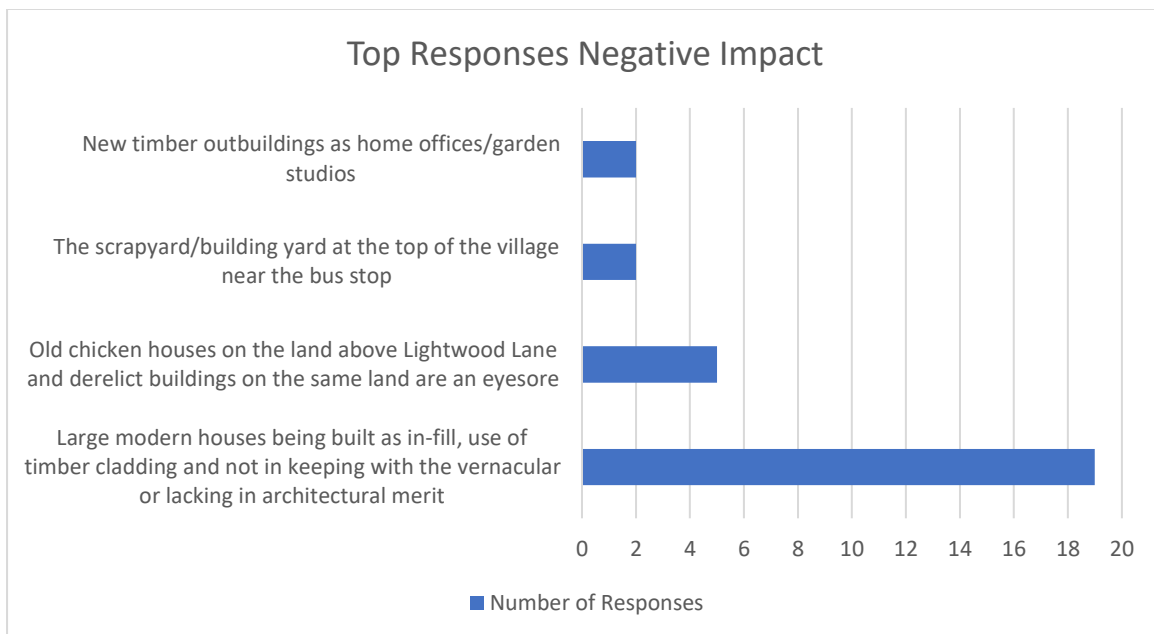


Other responses included views from private dwellings and lanes, War Memorial  
 The Little Orchard, Footpaths, The Lake at Court Lodge, Spring by the school  
 The Old Dairy, The Old Bakery and The Vicarage.

Question 8. Do you have a favourite view within Randwick?

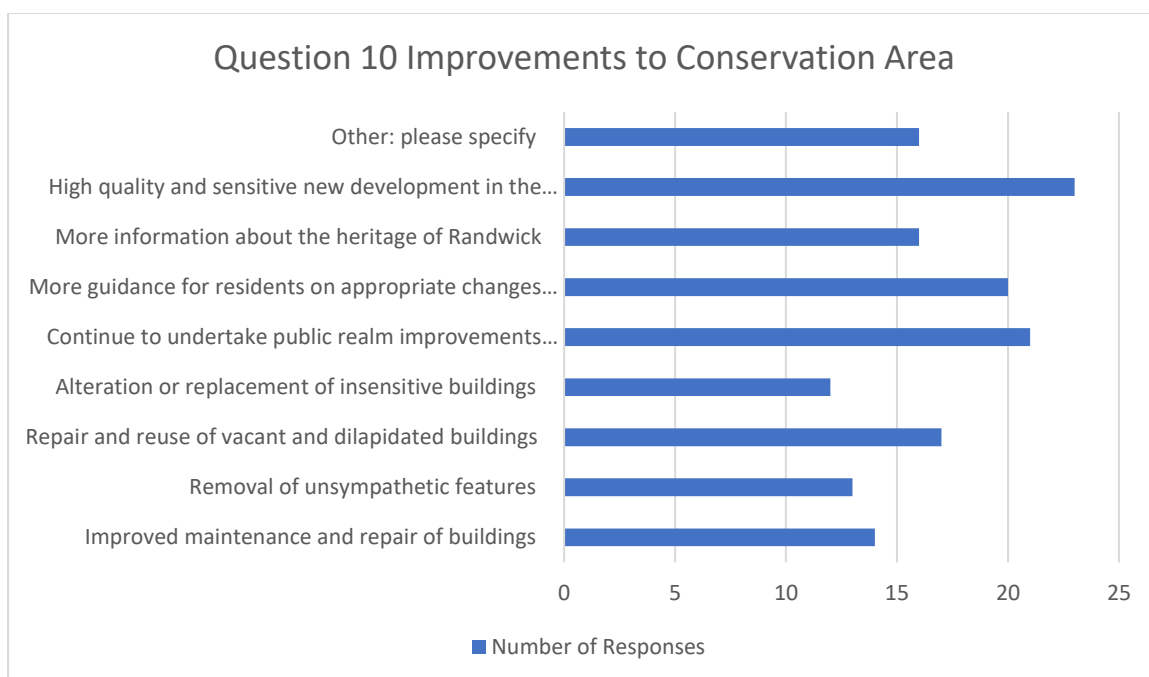


Question 9. Are there any buildings, spaces or features that you do not like, or that you believe make a negative impact on the area?



Other Responses included the 60s / 70s additions to old buildings, The CA only covers part of the main village, Mobile mast Electric masts and power lines, Very tall row of leylandii trees as you enter the village, Blenheim Rise – Hard landscaping and car parking and the Old Guide Hut.

Question 10. What do you think could be improved about the Randwick Conservation Area? (tick as many as necessary)



Other responses included –

4 - Parking issues/dedicated parking

2 – Affordable Housing

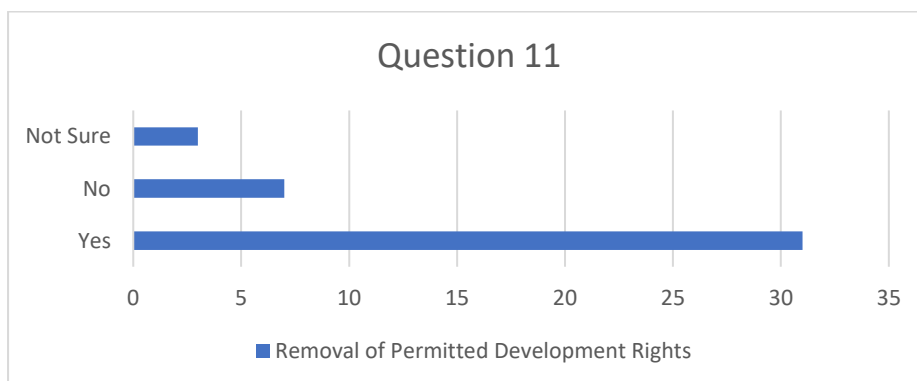
2 - Lack of street cleaning, highway maintenance and bins

2 – Protection of green spaces, woodland above the village and maintain footpaths

2 - Enforcement

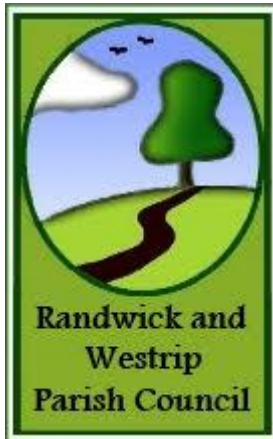
1 – Speeding issues

Question 11. Would you agree with extra protection to the areas historic character, for example an article 4 direction to remove permitted development rights on historic properties?



Yes 32
No 7
Not Sure 3

## Appendix 1



### **Randwick Conservation Area Review February 2022**

#### **Introduction and Background**

Randwick and Westrip Parish Council has commissioned Inspire Heritage Services, an external heritage consultant, to review the existing Randwick Conservation Area, see map below. The review will help to manage and protect the architectural and historic interest of the village, including its buildings, trees and open spaces - in other words, the features that make it unique.

As part of this process we will be undertaking the following elements -

- Reviewing the boundaries of the conservation area
- Reviewing the condition of the Randwick Conservation Area and identifying opportunities for enhancement
- Reviewing policy documentation from Stroud District Council and national planning policy and guidance
- Providing an updated draft Conservation Area Appraisal and preparing a Management Plan

This will also allow us to understand and create an appraisal and action plan to ensure the special qualities of the area are continued be protected whilst contributing to Randwick's special character. Once completed the draft document will be forward to Stroud District Council to undertake formal consultation prior to adoption as Supplementary Planning Guidance.

Local knowledge will be vital for the preparation of the document. We are particularly interested in understanding why you think the conservation area is of special interest and what opportunities you think there are for enhancing the conservation area.

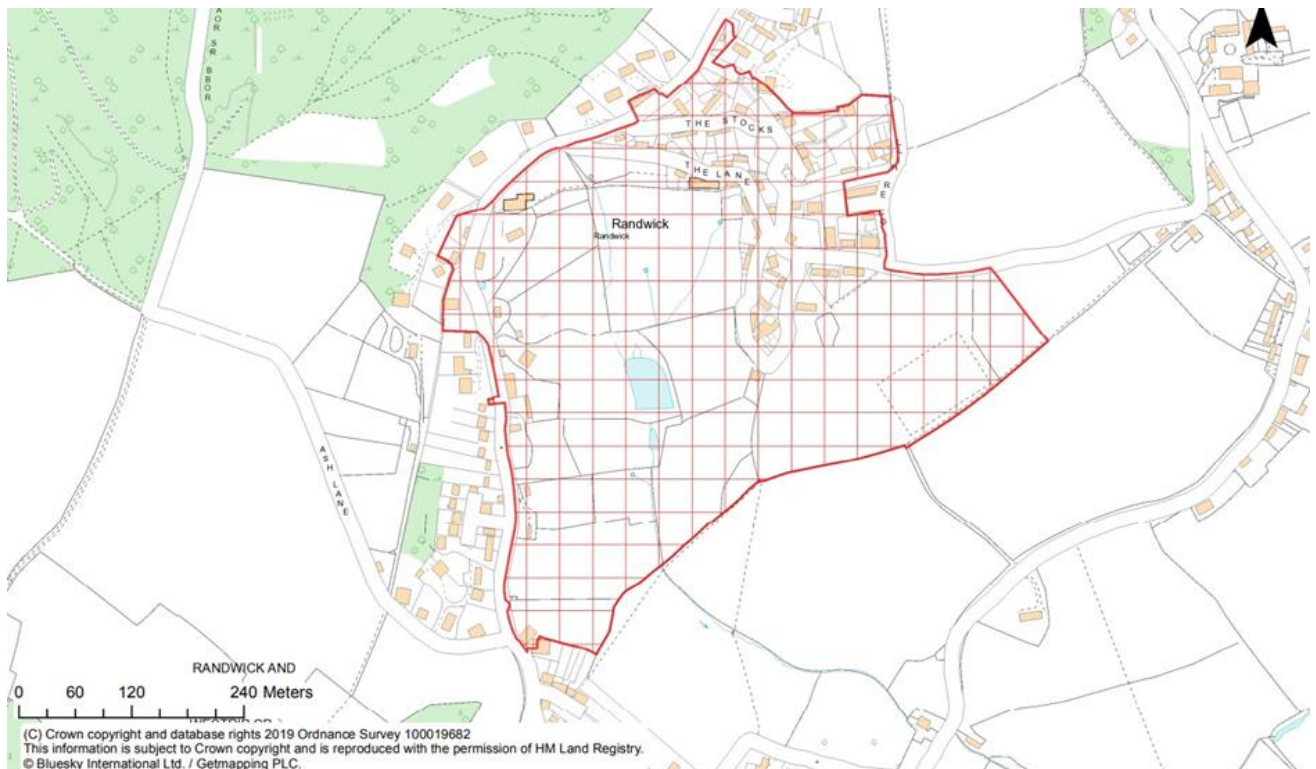
The responses you provide will influence the preparation of the appraisal and you will be invited to provide further comment on the document itself during a period of statutory consultation by the local authority.

An important element of the review is the collection of old photos and historic documents relating to buildings or sites in the area. If you have any such material which could be included in the final report, please send it to: [charlotte@inspireheritageservices.co.uk](mailto:charlotte@inspireheritageservices.co.uk) with copyright information.

## What is a conservation area?

- Conservation Areas are “*areas of special historic or architectural interest, which are desirable to preserve and enhance*”
- They are Statutory designations under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990
- Designation recognises the unique quality of that area as a whole
- This quality comes not only from individual buildings and monuments but also other features, including topography, materials, thoroughfares, street furniture, open spaces and landscaping.
- These all contribute to the character and appearance of an area, resulting in a distinctive local identity and sense of place.
- Conservation area designation means it has a statutory consideration in planning decisions
- There are also additional planning controls in place within conservation areas

## The Conservation Area



## Consultation Questions

1. Do you live in Randwick?

Yes

No

2. If you are a resident, what do you particularly like or enjoy about living in the Randwick Conservation Area?

3. If you are not a resident why do you usually come to the area? (schools, walking, community facilities)?

4. Which age bracket would you put yourself in?

5. What words would you use to describe Randwick?

6. What makes Randwick special to you? Please tick as many of the following –

*The general historic appearance and character*

*The historic street layout and density of buildings*

*The range of architectural styles*

*Open spaces and wide ranging views*

*Specific buildings such as the School, church, chapel*

*The stone boundary walls and alleys*

*The association's with important people and events - can you share examples?*

*The surviving historic street names*

*Other: please specify*

7. Do you have a favourite building, space and/or feature/landmark within in the area? If yes, please provide details.

8. Do you have a favourite view within Randwick?

9. Are there any buildings, spaces or features that you do not like, or that you believe make a negative impact on the area?

10. What do you think could be improved about the Randwick Conservation Area? (tick as many as necessary)

*Improved maintenance and repair of buildings*

*Removal of unsympathetic features*



*Repair and reuse of vacant and dilapidated buildings*

*Alteration or replacement of insensitive buildings*

*Continue to undertake public realm improvements such as highways signage or parking areas.*

*More guidance for residents on appropriate changes to their buildings*

*More information about the heritage of Randwick*

*High quality and sensitive new development in the setting of the conservation area*

*Other: please specify*

11. Would you agree with extra protection to the areas historic character, for example an article 4 direction\* to remove permitted development rights on historic properties?

Yes

No

Deadline for comments by the **18th March 2022**

Please email your response to [charlotte@inspireheritageservices.co.uk](mailto:charlotte@inspireheritageservices.co.uk) and if you are part of a local group and would like a one-to-one discussion, please do email us or call 07428407999 to arrange.

If you are using a hard copy please return to Randwick and Westrip Parish Council, Rising Sun Cottage, Randwick, GL6 6HT

#### **\* Article 4 directions**

An article 4 direction is made by the local planning authority. It restricts the scope of permitted development rights either in relation to a particular area or site, or a particular type of development anywhere in the authority's area. Where an article 4 direction is in effect, a planning application may be required for development that would otherwise have been permitted development. Article 4 directions are used to control works that could threaten the character of an area of acknowledged importance, such as a conservation area. This could include changes to windows, doors and boundaries.

Article 4 directions are not necessary to prevent works to listed buildings and scheduled monuments taking place without permission as listed building consent and scheduled monument consent would be required before any potentially harmful works could be carried out on such structures. In addition, certain permitted development rights do not apply to listed buildings or conservation areas. Article 4 directions may, however, help in the protection of heritage assets, particularly in relation to their setting and in relation to non-designated heritage assets.

For more information see

<https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/hpg/historic-environment/article4directions/>