

Technical note:

Ayot St Lawrence Conservation Area appraisal

1. Background

- 1.1.1 Ayot St Lawrence Conservation Area was designated in 1969 and its boundary was amended in 1983. It contains the historic settlement of Ayot St Lawrence and land to the north of the village, part of the Registered Park and Garden of Ayot House.
- 1.1.2 The Conservation Area boundary, to the north of the Conservation Area, was drawn to respect the property boundary of Ayot House. A result of this is that while the Conservation Area is split between two local authorities, North Hertfordshire and Welwyn Hatfield, the vast majority of the Conservation Area sits within Welwyn Hatfield. That part within North Hertfordshire comprises part of the estate of Ayot House from the local authority boundary (a historic hundred boundary) to the edge of the property.

2. Summary

- 2.1.1 That part of Ayot St Lawrence Conservation Area that sits within North Hertfordshire comprises paddocks, a modern timber shed, and the hedge line marking the northern boundary of both the Conservation Area and the Registered Park and Garden at Ayot House.



View from bridleway towards the historic hundred boundary at the north of Ayot House

- 2.1.2 Thus, there are not thought to be any conservation concerns for North Hertfordshire in relation to this Conservation Area other than potential tree management, although all trees here are within private property which is also a Registered Park and Garden.



Hedge line at the north of both the Conservation Area and the Ayot House property

3. Recommendations

- 3.1.1 It is recommended that North Hertfordshire ascertain when Welwyn Hatfield intends to produce an appraisal of its Ayot St Lawrence Conservation Area, and to take part in that process, adding its conservation concerns to that appraisal and any management plan that arises from it.

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