

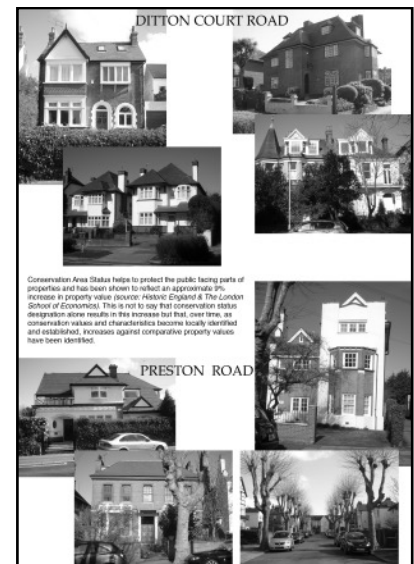
NEWS UPDATE Summer 2017



HISTORIC HAMLET COURT ROAD & THE SURROUNDING AREA

**Did you see this flyer
last Autumn, introducing
the conservation and
regeneration of Hamlet
Court?**

**Well, a lot has happened
in the last few months!**



Firstly, a number of local residents have come forward to form Southend's newest conservation group - **Hamlet Court Conservation Forum**. The Forum's purpose is to protect the area AND work with local traders to help bring about the regeneration of Hamlet Court Road - rejuvenating the historic shopping street into a lively local high street, encouraging shops and businesses to thrive and providing a great public place to visit. The Forum has two initial aims:

1. To grow its membership and help bring about conservation area designation by Southend Borough Council, followed by continued heritage led protection
2. To work with local businesses and other support agencies such as Historic England to help bring about a comprehensive urban regeneration scheme

The Forum has had meetings with the Council and the next step in achieving conservation designation is the preparation of a *Statement of Case* document for the Council to consider. This will describe what makes the Hamlet Court area special and worth protecting.

This can then be a springboard to heritage led conservation and regeneration.

**If you would like to support both or either of these aims
please see over the page...**

Many towns across the country have had help with heritage led regeneration. One example is our near neighbour Margate where English Heritage has provided guidance and £1.2m of funding (another £1.3m of funding also came from other sources) that has rejuvenated the town centre. Why shouldn't this happen in Southend-on-Sea where we have an historic street in Hamlet Court Road? The answer is that it can and that this has now started to happen. However, this work needs a growing and wider support which is where you can help.



Margate before and after heritage led regeneration. To the left empty premises with shops boarded up. To the right buildings restored and thriving with new businesses

You can help in two ways:

- 1 Sign up as a member of Hamlet Court Conservation Forum. Annual membership has been set at a reasonable level of £10 per annum and all funds go to supporting the aims of the Forum. The appointed officers are all voluntary and we only use funds to cover our running costs such as insurance and publicity (e.g website hosting and printing).

As a member you will be helping our aims and will receive regular news updates and opportunity to comment on or participate in the Forum's work and forthcoming activities, engaging with your neighbours and the wider community.

- 2 Give your support to the regeneration project. This doesn't involve membership to the Forum but does help us in registering as much public and business support as possible. In registering you will be kept up informed with project news updates

For more information or to become a Forum member and/or register your support for the regeneration project please go to:

www.hamletcourt.org

HAMLET COURT CONSERVATION FORUM

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