Exhibit H5 to CLAG's conservation officer letter (24 September 2026): three pages of the article of 2001 by the appraisal's project manager on the Historic Core Appraisal's method

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The three pages below are from the article "Managing Complex Historic Cities: The Cambridge Historic Core Appraisal" by Jon Burgess, Journal of Architectural Conservation, volume 7, number 1 (March 2001), pages 42 to 55, as published online by the journal: the citation page, the page carrying the passage the letter quotes on the street by street section, "This section is vital to the document's usefulness as a development control tool, as it will define the special characteristics of different areas and highlight sites for redevelopment" (the article's page 51, exhibit page 3), and the biography page, which records that the author was then "Conservation and Design Manager at Cambridge City Council" and "project manager of the Historic Core Appraisal" (the article's page 55, exhibit page 4). The same author, as Planning and Heritage Director of Turley, signed the applicant's letter to the case officer of 26 September 2025 (document 7378931 on the register of application 25/02161/FUL), whose footnote 2 the letter quotes. The three pages are reproduced for the purpose of the letter's point, without the rest of the article; each carries its item number, its page within the item and its page in this exhibit, and is reproduced below the stamp at a slightly reduced size. Nothing on the pages is changed.

Item H5.1: the citation page, the article's page 51 and the article's page 55 (three pages).

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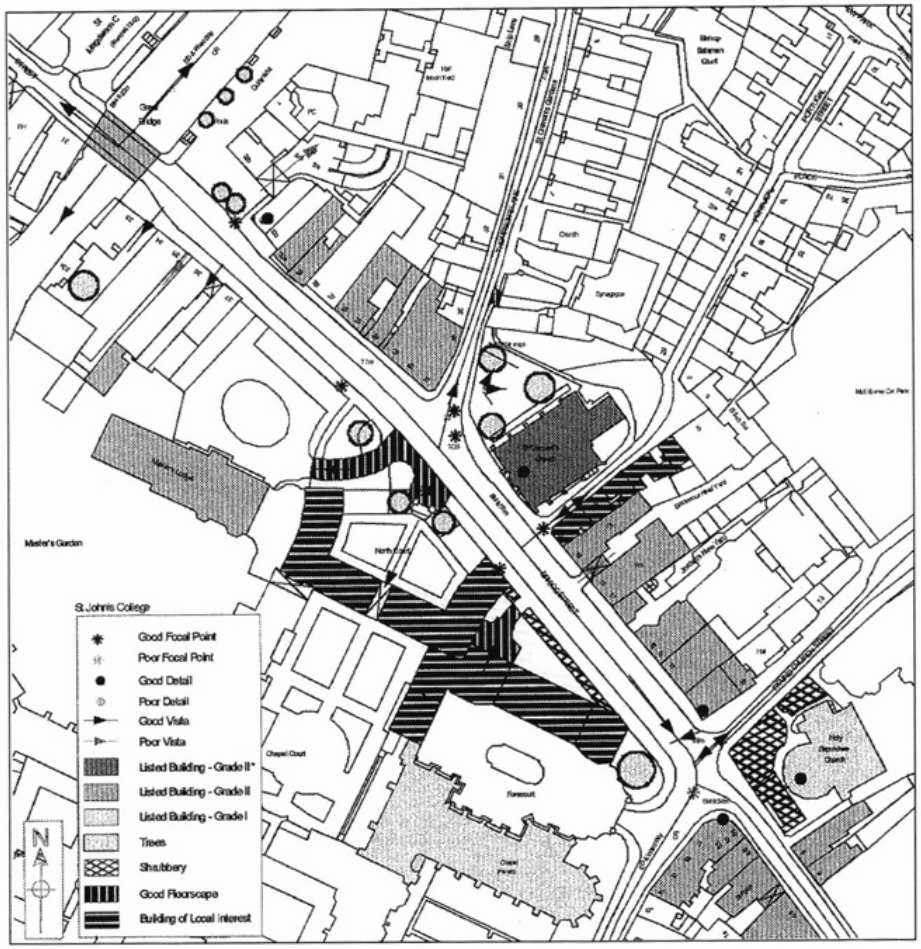

Figure 5 *Abridged detail from the street survey for the Historic Core Appraisal showing Bridge Street. The signs shown in Figure 4 have now been removed. The street will be resurveyed after the enhancement works to judge their impact. © Crown copyright.*

This section is vital to the document's usefulness as a development control tool, as it will define the special characteristics of different areas and highlight sites for redevelopment, paving the way for development guidelines and planning briefs on specific sites. In assessing the spaces around buildings, and any opportunities for enhancement, it will also give clear guidance about where and on what Section 106 money from large developments in the city might be spent. An important aspect of this section will be assessment not only of what features are common to the

The way forward

The massive development pressure exerted on Cambridge has itself slowed down work on the Core Appraisal as key staff have been forced to deal with day-to-day issues at the expense of more proactive work. Structural changes within the department and re-prioritizing of projects mean that the prospect for completing this much-vaunted piece of work has now significantly improved and the internal project group (which will involve English Heritage, the County Council and the Preservation Society) has been reformed.

While this paper began by stressing the need for a unique, tailor-made structure for Cambridge, it would be extremely useful to hear of experiences from other cities around the world with issues similar to those of Cambridge.

The findings of the first phase of the Cambridge Core Appraisal will be reported in a future edition of the *Journal of Architectural Conservation*.

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