

 Executive – 12 December 2012		Agenda Item No. <h1 style="text-align: center;">14A</h1>
Title	Review of Conservation Area for Poor Clares Convent, Baddesley Clinton.	
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Wards of the District directly affected		
Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006?	No	
Date and meeting when issue was last considered and relevant minute number	N/A	
Background Papers	Baddesley Clinton Conservation Area File	

Contrary to the policy framework:	No
Contrary to the budgetary framework:	No
Key Decision?	No
Included within the Forward Plan? (If yes include reference number)	Yes
Equality & Sustainability Impact Assessment Undertaken	No (If No state why below)
Not necessary at this stage.	

Officer/Councillor Approval		
Officer Approval	Date	Name
Chief Executive/Deputy Chief Executive	14.11.12	Bill Hunt
Head of Service	15.11.12	Tracy Darke
CMT		
Section 151 Officer	15.11.12	Mike Snow
Monitoring Officer		
Finance	14.11.12	Jenny Clayton
Portfolio Holder(s)	16.11.12	Councillor John Hammon
Consultation & Community Engagement		
This report is to seek consent for public consultation.		
Final Decision		No
Suggested next steps (if not final decision please set out below)		
A second report is brought back with the results of public consultation with a recommendation to include or not the area as a Conservation Area.		

1. **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report is to seek approval to consult on a new Conservation Area to include Poor Clares Convent and St Francis RC Church, Baddesley Clinton.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 That the Council approve public consultation for the inclusion of Poor Clares Convent and St Francis RC Church, Baddesley Clinton within a Conservation Area.
- 2.2 That a further report is brought back to Executive with results of the public consultation and a recommendation for inclusion as a Conservation Area or not.

3. **REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 The area which includes the Poor Clares Convent and St Francis RC Church is considered to be of a character worthy of preservation under the terms of Conservation Area designation. Conservation Area designation will ensure a level of protection to the buildings and also ensure appropriate consideration is given to development affecting the site.
- 3.2 The Poor Clares Convent is a mid to late 19th Century complex of buildings together with St. Francis RC Church which have an historical link with the catholic family that occupied Baddesley Clinton Hall. The Convent was founded in the late 19th Century and was occupied by the Poor Clares until recently. The Poor Clares order now have only one sister resident at the Convent and have decided to sell the property. The consequence of this is that the buildings are at risk and could be demolished. The buildings have been put forward for statutory listing however after consideration English Heritage have decided that they are not of listable quality however they do form an interesting group of 19th Century buildings together with St. Francis RC Church. In order to preserve the character of this part of Baddesley Clinton it is proposed that a Conservation Area be designated in accordance with the plan shown on Appendix A. This proposal has also been put forward by the Parish Council. In order to progress the designation of a new Conservation Area it is important that adequate public consultation is carried out as recommended in this report.

4. **POLICY FRAMEWORK**

4.1 **Policy Framework –**

- The Planning (Listed Building Conservation Areas Act 1990) makes provision for the review of Conservation Areas and for recommendations to be made for extended or new Conservation Areas to be approved by Local Authorities subject to public consultation.
- Warwick District Local Plan makes provision under DAP8 Protection of Conservation Areas for the designation of new Conservation Areas and review of existing Conservation Areas as appropriate.

4.2 **Fit for the Future – not applicable.**

5. **BUDGETARY FRAMEWORK**

- 5.1 The inclusion of a new Conservation Area will have no direct budgetary impact. There will however be a need for Conservation Area Consent Applications to be made for any demolitions within the Conservation Area. Also if the Conservation Area is designated there would be a possibility that buildings within the Conservation Area could be eligible for grant aid. Neither of these are considered to have a significant impact on the current budget.

6. **ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S) CONSIDERED**

- 6.1 An alternative would be to not consider the area for designation and therefore not publically consult. The result of this would be the possible loss of the complex of buildings which makes up the Poor Clares Convent.