

 Executive – 10 October 2012		Agenda Item No. 11B
Title	Protection of Historic Park and Gardens – Wantage, Kenilworth	
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Wards of the District directly affected	Kenilworth Abbey	
Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006?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	Wantage 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)	No
Equality & Sustainability Impact Assessment Undertaken	No (If No state why below)
Not relevant to discussion.	

Officer/Councillor Approval		
Officer Approval	Date	Name
Chief Executive/Deputy Chief Executive	20.9.12	Chris Elliott/Bill Hunt
Head of Service	20.9.12	Tracey Darke
CMT	20.9.12	
Section 151 Officer	20.9.12	Mike Snow
Monitoring Officer	20.9.12	
Finance	20.9.12	Jenny Clayton
Portfolio Holder(s)	20.9.12	Councillor John Hammon
Consultation & Community Engagement		
The outcome of a public consultation is to be reported as part of this item.		
Final Decision?		Yes
Suggested next steps (if not final decision please set out below)		
The Gardens of Wantage, Castle Hill Kenilworth are added to the Local List of Historic Parks and Gardens.		

1. **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 To recommend that, following the gardens at Wantage, No. 1 Castle Hill, Kenilworth are included in the Local Register of Historic Parks and Gardens in Warwick District.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 That the gardens at Wantage, No. 1 Castle Hill, Kenilworth be included in the Local Register of Historic Parks and Gardens (as identified on the plan – Appendix A).
- 2.2 That the garden at Wantage, No. 1 Castle Hill, Kenilworth be added to the list of Locally Listed Parks and Gardens in the Warwick District Local Plan.

3. **REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 To ensure an additional level of protection is given to the garden at Wantage by recognising their historical interest (as set out in Appendix B) by including them on the Local List of Historic Parks and Gardens in Warwick District. Following public consultation of the response received from the twelve consultees, four were in support and one gave reasons for the non inclusion. An analysis of these responses is given in Appendix C.

4. **POLICY FRAMEWORK**

4.1 **Policy Framework**

- Warwick District Council Local Plan - makes provision in DAP11 for the Protection of Historic Parks and Gardens.
- The Policy makes provision for a Local Register of Historic Parks and Gardens to be maintained in addition to the National Register maintained by English Heritage.
- 9.5 under Policy DAP11 makes provision for the addition to the current Register of worthy parks and gardens.

4.2 **Fit for the Future –**

Not applicable.

5. **BUDGETARY FRAMEWORK**

- 5.1 There are no direct budgetary implications.
- 5.2 Wantage is a Grade II Listed property and therefore eligible for grant aid. It is possible that features/walls within the gardens could also become eligible for grant aid if the garden were to be included within the Register.
- 5.3 If Planning Applications or Listed Building Applications affecting the garden are received the Local Planning Authority are required to consult with Warwickshire Gardens Trust.

6. ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S) CONSIDERED

- 6.1 An alternative option would be not to recommend the garden for inclusion in the Local Register. It would reduce the level of significance of the garden in any Planning or Listed Building decision to be made on the garden.

7. BACKGROUND

- 7.1 As part of investigatory work carried out in the assessment of recent Planning and Listed Building Applications affecting Wantage and its grounds, the historical significance of the gardens alongside the Grade II Listed House have become apparent.

- An accompanying paper (Appendix B) setting out the background and features of the garden is included with this report. This paper was used as part of the consultation process.
- A resume of responses (Appendix C) to the public consultation is included with this report. Relevant comments on the responses are all included.

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