

**Planning Committee:** 25 September 2012

**Item Number: 11**

**Application No:** W 12 / 1043 LB

**Town/Parish Council:** Leamington Spa  
**Case Officer:** Laura Snell

**Registration Date:** 21/08/12

**Expiry Date:** 16/10/12

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**13 Church Street, Leamington Spa, CV31 1ER**

Affix a blue plaque to commemorate Thomas Baker on the wall of 13 Church Street, Leamington Spa size of plaque 14" diameter wording "Thomas Baker 1808-1864 Artist Lived Here" FOR Leamington Spa Blue Plaques Group

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This application is being presented to Committee as it has been submitted by an employee of the Council.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Planning Committee are recommended to grant listed building consent subject to conditions.

**DETAILS OF THE DEVELOPMENT**

The proposal seeks to affix a blue plaque to commemorate Thomas Baker, a local historic artist who previously lived at the property. It would be located to the left of the front door and would be 14 inches in diameter, constructed from aluminium.

**THE SITE AND ITS LOCATION**

The application property is a Grade II Listed Building located in a conservation area in the town centre of Royal Leamington Spa. The dwellinghouse is at the end of a terrace almost opposite to the junction of Gloucester Street with Church Street.

**PLANNING HISTORY**

There is no relevant planning history for this site.

**RELEVANT POLICIES**

- DAP8 - Protection of Conservation Areas (Warwick District Local Plan 1996 - 2011)
- DAP4 - Protection of Listed Buildings (Warwick District Local Plan 1996 - 2011)

**SUMMARY OF REPRESENTATIONS**

**Leamington Town Council:** No objection.

## **ASSESSMENT**

The signage to this listed building would not result in unacceptable harm to the historic setting or integrity of the building due to its small scale and sympathetic colours and materials. It would be an acceptable addition to a listed building in a conservation area and the design of the plaque is in line with existing blue plaques throughout Leamington. It is noted that other applications of the same nature have been granted on listed buildings and therefore, the application complies with the relevant Local Plan Policies DAP4 and DAP8 which involve the protection of Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas.

## **CONCLUSION/SUMMARY OF DECISION**

In the opinion of the District Planning Authority, the development would not cause unacceptable harm to the historical and architectural character of the listed building and the Conservation Area within which the site is located. The proposal is therefore considered to comply with the policies listed.

## **CONDITIONS**

- 1 The works hereby permitted must be begun not later than the expiration of three years from the date of this consent. **REASON** : To comply with Section 18 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990, as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.
  - 2 The development hereby permitted shall be carried out strictly in accordance with the details shown on the application form, site location plan and approved drawing(s) and specification contained therein, submitted on 17/08/2012. **REASON** : For the avoidance of doubt and to secure a satisfactory form of development in accordance with Policies DP1 and DP2 of the Warwick District Local Plan 1996-2011.
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