

 Executive 11th September 2013		Agenda Item No. 12B
Title	Local List of Historic Parks and Gardens	
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Wards of the District directly affected	All	
Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006?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		
Background Papers	Local Plan Policy DAP 11	

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	Not relevant

Officer/Councillor Approval		
Officer Approval	Date	Name
Chief Executive/Deputy Chief Executive	16.8.13.	Bill Hunt
Head of Service	16.8.13.	Tracy Darke
CMT		
Section 151 Officer	16.8.13.	Mike Snow
Monitoring Officer		
Finance	16.8.13.	Jenny Clayton
Portfolio Holder(s)	16.8.13.	Councillor John Hammon
Consultation & Community Engagement		
This report is to seek the Executive’s approval to publicly consult on boundaries for the locally listed parks and gardens as approved under Local Plan Policy DAP 11.		
Final Decision?		No
Suggested next steps (if not final decision please set out below) A second report will be brought to Executive.		

1. **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The report is to seek Executive Approval to publicly consult proposed boundaries for Locally Listed Historic Parks and gardens as defined in the Local Plan.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 That the Council approve the consultation process for the publishing of boundaries for the locally listed parks and gardens as defined under Local Plan Policy DAP 11.
- 2.2 That a second report be brought back with the results of the public consultation with a view to establishing the boundaries to the Locally Listed Parks and Gardens within Warwick District.

3. **REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 Warwick District Local Plan contains a policy which supports the establishment of a local list of historic parks and gardens, together with their protection. Local Plan Policy DAP 11 contains a list of local parks and gardens and also makes provision for additions to be made to this list. At the time the original list was established, boundaries were not provided to the parks and gardens.
- 3.2 Since the establishment of the list, two additional gardens have been added and at the time of their approval, boundaries were established. In order to fully administer the policy within the Local Plan, the provision of boundaries to help to define the extent of the historic park or garden are needed. Research has been carried out and boundaries defined for each of the gardens within the local plan list (see Appendix 1 for Local Plan List).
- 3.3 It is therefore proposed to publicly consult on proposed boundaries to each park and garden. Consultees would include Warwickshire Gardens Trust, other interested amenity bodies, and Learned groups in respect of historic parks and gardens, together with English Heritage. The owners of each park and garden would also be consulted.
- 3.4 It is proposed that the results of the consultation will then be reported back to the Executive to endorse the boundaries which would then be included within the new Local Plan.

4. **POLICY FRAMEWORK**

- 4.1 The establishment of boundaries is within the confines of policy DAP 11 of the Local Plan.
- 4.2 **Fit for the Future** – as the establishment of boundaries is directly in line with the Local Plan Policy, this would accord with the Council's Fit for the Future Policies.

5. **BUDGETARY FRAMEWORK**

- 5.1 There are no direct budgetary implications by providing boundaries to locally listed parks and gardens.

6. ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S) CONSIDERED

- 6.1 The alternative option would be to continue without boundaries to the parks and gardens. This would not be in accordance with the long term recommendations of the Local Plan and the appropriate Local Plan policy. Without the establishment of boundaries, it also leaves the Council vulnerable in cases where the boundaries of locally listed parks and gardens are at question either as part of the planning process or as part of a planning appeal process.

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