

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PROSPERITY POLICY PANEL****1ST NOVEMBER 2006****THE LIST OF BUILDINGS OF LOCAL ARCHITECTURAL AND/OR HISTORIC INTEREST (THE LOCAL LIST) – ADDITIONS TO KIDDERMINSTER LIST**

Members considered a briefing paper from the Conservation Officer that informed Members of the results of a consultation for additions to the Kidderminster List of Buildings of Local Architectural and/or Historic Interest.

A public consultation had taken place between 4th August 2006 and 29th September 2006, regarding Chanters Hollow on Whitehill Road and Stourvale Mills in Green Street. A separate consultation was undertaken for Elgar House and Campion House on Green Street between 14th September and 19th October 2006. All of these properties were situated in Kidderminster.

There had been no objection to adding Elgar House and Campion House to the Local List. There had, however been objections to including Stourvale Mill to the list. Members noted that this site was one of the last remaining big sites of the Kidderminster carpet industry.

A Member agreed with a response to the consultation that it should not be included on the Local List in terms of the state of some of the buildings or indeed their own architectural merit. However, the issue was that Green Street was a street that identified the character of Kidderminster's industrial past. It was necessary to strike a balance between retaining the old buildings and creating new developments. It was considered that Kidderminster should be a vibrant town centre but also needed to retain some historical character.

Regarding Chanters Hollow, Members commented on what a beautiful house it was and that it would be a shame to knock it down to build three or four modern houses. It was noted that the house was a good example of the Arts and Crafts Movement and that it should be included on the Local List.

RECOMMENDED to Cabinet:

The inclusion of Chanters Hollow, Whitehill Road; Stourvale Mills, Green Street; Elgar House and Campion House, Green Street be included as additions to the Local List for Kidderminster.