

**WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**CABINET**  
**22<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY 2009**

**The Church Street Conservation Area – Results of Consultation on  
 Conservation Area Character Appraisal**

<b>OPEN</b>	
<b>COMMUNITY STRATEGY THEME:</b>	<b>A Better Environment</b>
<b>CORPORATE PLAN THEME:</b>	<b>Enhancing Cultural Life</b>
<b>KEY PRIORITY:</b>	<b>Local Heritage</b>
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<b>APPENDICES</b>	<b>Appendix 1 – Church Street Conservation Area Character Appraisal</b>

**1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 For Cabinet to consider the results of the public consultation on the draft Character Appraisal for the Church Street Conservation Area in Kidderminster, and to agree the final document.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATION**

**The Cabinet is asked to DECIDE that:**

- 2.1 **The Church Street Conservation Area Character Appraisal be approved.**

**3.0 BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 A Conservation Area Character Appraisal sets out the special architectural and historic characteristics of a Conservation Area and is intended to provide guidance for planning decisions.
- 3.2 The draft Church Street Appraisal, together with background information was considered by Cabinet on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2008, and approved for public consultation.

**4. METHOD OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

4.1 A public consultation was undertaken commencing on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2008 and was closed on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2008.

4.2 The consultation consisted of a copy of the document being sent to businesses and residents and land-owners within the Area, and all amenity groups with an interest in the Area. Copies of the document were also sent to Ward Members for the area, and English Heritage.

4.3 A display and copy of the Character Appraisal were placed in the foyer of the Worcestershire Hub in Kidderminster Town Hall for the duration of the consultation period. The Character Appraisal was also published on the Council's website, including hyperlinks to email to enable web-responses.

**5. RESULTS OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

5.1 One consultation response was received following the close of the consultation period, and was generally in agreement with the document.

**6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 There are no financial implications arising from the Conservation Area Appraisal.

**7. LEGAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 The Conservation Area Appraisal and the public consultation have been carried out in accordance with guidance produced by English Heritage in February 2006.

**8. RISK MANAGEMENT**

There are no risk management issues arising from this report.

**9. CONCLUSION**

9.1 The consultation on the Conservation Area Appraisal for the Church Street Conservation Area Appraisal has not identified any issues, and Cabinet is asked to agree that it be approved.

**10. CONSULTEES**

10.1 Head of Legal and Democratic Services

10.2 Local Ward Members

**11. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

11.1 Cabinet Report 23rd October 2008: Draft Church Street Conservation Area Appraisal  
Planning Policy Guidance Note 15  
Adopted District Local Plan (January 2004)  
Guidance on Conservation Area Appraisals: English Heritage (February 2006)