

Appendix 3

EXTRACT FROM - COUNCIL CABINET - 22 NOVEMBER 2011

105/11 Designation of Green Lane and St Peter's Conservation Area

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Designation of Green Lane and St Peter's Conservation Area. The Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 places a duty on Local Planning Authorities to periodically review their areas to determine whether there were any areas which it would be appropriate designate as new conservation areas. In 2010 external consultants were commissioned to carry out a study of the conservation potential of the Green Lane and St. Peter's Area to the south of the existing City Centre Conservation Area. After a thorough analysis of the area and production of a draft Character Appraisal and Recommended Management Strategy the consultant recommended, in March 2011, that the area was of significant architectural and historic interest and should be designated as a conservation area. There was also an opportunity to make an outline bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for a Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) which would cover both the proposed new Conservation Area and the City Centre Conservation Area. We were seeking authority to make a bid for around £700,000 to be allocated over 5 years from 2013/14 onwards.

The Council would need to identify at least 25 % match funding over the 5 years from 2013/14.

Options Considered

Do nothing – the area remained unprotected and erosion of the architectural and historic interest of the area with less chance of attracting funding to help regenerate the area and if the bid was not made there would not be the opportunity at this time to offer grants that would assist in the area's regeneration

Decision

1. To designate the Green Lane St Peters Area as a Conservation Area as defined on the plan in Appendix 3 of the report.
2. To endorse the contents of the Green Lane St Peters Area Conservation Area Character Appraisal and agree the recommendations in the Management Strategy (Appendix 6 of the report), as qualified by Appendix 5 of the report.
3. To delegate any decision on whether to make an article 4 direction to the Strategic Director of Neighbourhoods in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Environment.
4. To authorise the making of an outline bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund for grant funding for a Townscape Heritage Initiative to cover the Green Lane and City Centre Conservation Areas.

Reasons

1. To progress the designation of the Green Lane and St Peter's Conservation Area in order to help to preserve and enhance the special character and appearance of the area.
2. To give appropriate recognition to the Green Lane and St Peter's Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Strategy.
3. To allow for more detailed consideration of the need for an article 4 direction.
4. To progress the making of a THI bid.