

**THE STEPS LEADING UP TO THE ADOPTION OF THE NANTWICH CONSERVATION AREA CHARACTER APPRAISAL AND REVIEW.**

Designation of Nantwich Conservation Area

- Nantwich Conservation Area was designated on 4<sup>th</sup> December 1969 and its boundary was amended on 7<sup>th</sup> December 1973.

Draft Nantwich Conservation Area Character Appraisal & Review

- The Draft Nantwich conservation Area Character Appraisal and Review was prepared by officers and approved for public consultation on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2005, incorporating a number of amendments approved by Councillors a Conservation Area Sub Committee Evaluation Team (CASCET) appointed by the Development Control Committee of the former Crewe & Nantwich Borough council.

Public Consultation on the Draft character Appraisal & Review

- The Draft Nantwich Conservation Area Character Appraisal & Review went to public consultation over a six week period between 16<sup>th</sup> January and 24<sup>th</sup> February 2006.
- It formed the basis of public consultation with residents and businesses, and, with the Town Council, Nantwich Civic Society, the Nantwich Market Town Project, the Town Centre Manager and Business Community Representative and the County Council and fellow Borough Council officers who were sent a copy of the document.
- Consultation Publicity included the distribution of leaflets to properties in the Conservation Area and areas proposed for extensions, deposit of draft appraisal at libraries in Nantwich and Crewe and Council Offices in Nantwich and Crewe and on the Council's website.

Consultation responses on the Draft character Appraisal & Review

- Consultation responses subsequently received on the draft document indicated that there was overall agreement with its content and with its thirteen proposals.

Adoption of the Character Appraisal & Review

- A report on the consultation responses received was considered by CASCET on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2006. They resolved to approve the document, subject to its amendment to incorporate factual corrections & updates identified during the consultation period, and the identification of five of its proposals as `initial draft proposals (Proposal 1 conservation area boundary, Proposal 3 an article 4 (ii) direction area, Proposal 5 a local list, Proposal 7 an area of special advertisement control and Proposal 9 development briefs for areas for improvement or enhancement.

- It was adopted on this basis in order to enable further work with three of the key groups (Nantwich Town Council; Nantwich Civic Society; Nantwich Now Market Town Project), prior to their subsequent finalisation in an integral Management Strategy (in accordance with the latest guidance produced by English heritage during the consultation period in 2006) .
- This recommendation was approved by the Council's Development Control Committee on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2006.
- The document was subsequently amended to incorporate the factual corrections and updates identified during the consultation period and the identification of these five proposals as 'initial draft proposals' and the three key groups were then sent copies of the amended document and invited to submit their final detailed comments on these five proposals.