

**PADIHAM CONSERVATION AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE**



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**PURPOSE**

1. To report the representations received during the consultation on the Draft Padiham Conservation Management Plan (CAMP) and seek approval for the adoption of the final draft of the document.

**RECOMMENDATION**

2. That the Executive:
  - Note the consultation comments received and consequential modifications to the CAMP as set out in Appendix A.
  - Gives delegated authority to the Head of Regeneration and Planning Policy to make minor editorial changes to the final CAMP prior to publication.
  - Approve and adopt the amended CAMP for Padiham as a guidance document that will provide a robust framework for the positive future management of the Padiham Conservation Area

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

3. The CAMP is a key tool in fulfilling the Council’s duties under Section 71 of the 1990 Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act to formulate and publish proposals for the preservation and enhancement of conservation areas.
4. The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), as part of the conditions of awarding grant funding through the Townscape Heritage scheme, requires Burnley Council to adopt a CAMP for Padiham prior to their award decision at the end of June.

**SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS**

5. On 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017 the Executive approved the draft CAMP for Padiham for the purposes of public consultation.

6. A stage 2 application for £1.4m Townscape Heritage (TH) funding for Padiham was submitted to HLF on 28th February 2017. An award decision is expected from HLF by the end of June 2017. The production and adoption of a CAMP is a key requirement for the awarding of the HLF grant. An up to date CAMP gives the HLF confidence that the Council is committed to the Conservation Area in the long term and that the Council has accepted what is required in terms of interventions and future actions to continue to manage it and improve it. HLF requires confidence that its investment is part of a bigger agreed picture and that improvements forthcoming will not necessarily be made in isolation.

### **Public consultation**

7. A four week consultation exercise for the Padiham CAMP was undertaken between 27<sup>th</sup> March and 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017. Copies of the document and consultation questionnaires were available during this time in Padiham library, Burnley Central Library and the Council's Contact Centre. The document was also available to download from the Council's website and comments could be posted via an online survey. A drop-in public meeting was held at St. Leonards, Padiham on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017 to present and discuss the proposals. In addition, the document was circulated to a range of stakeholders with an interest in the subjects covered by the management plan for comment. The consultation was covered in the local press and promoted on social media and the Council's websites.
8. A questionnaire on the Council's website received three responses and three written submissions were received in response to our direct contact with stakeholders. Overall the CAMP was positively received, with no adverse comments made. The consensus of the respondents was that the document showed a good understanding of significance and a thorough analysis of the issues. Strong support was received for the issues identified in the report and the management recommendations put forward. Comments largely related to the need to strengthen the document in recognition of the significant opportunities that green/open spaces offer for increased amenity and wildlife value of the conservation area. Minor amendments have been made accordingly. Other principal comments relate to and reinforce technical details to be considered in the implementation of the plan such as the scope of the public realm strategy and the need to protect public investment in property repair schemes and the loss of traditional architectural features through the withdrawal of permitted development rights. Matters relating to the practical implementation of the TH scheme were also raised. Where appropriate the draft document has been amended to reflect consultation responses. Details of the comments received, the Council's response and text modifications are summarised in Appendix A.

### **Finalised CAMP document**

9. Executive approval is now sought to adopt the amended CAMP as a guidance document and to support its proactive implementation throughout the lifetime of the TH scheme and beyond.
10. Prior to final publication some minor grammatical and formatting changes may be necessary and some plans and photographs may need to be altered. This will not materially affect the approved document.

11. Members are reminded that in adopting the CAMP, the Council is committing to using the full range of planning measures and statutory powers, where appropriate, to ensure proper management of the conservation area. Once approved, the Plan will cover an initial period of ten years from adoption and will be subject to regular monitoring and review to ensure that priorities remain relevant, to assess progress and to make any amendments necessary to reflect changes in circumstances. The management plan cannot introduce new policy; rather its purpose is to provide a clear indication of the Council's approach to the preservation and enhancement of the Conservation Area, as well as support existing planning policy already set out in the Local Plan. The CAMP will provide planning guidance and will aid consideration of decisions relating to development within the Padiham Conservation Area. The document will be made available to download from the Burnley Council website.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION**

12. The adoption of the CAMP will assist the Council's endeavours to secure a £1.4M HLF grant. The delivery of a range of activities within CAMP is dependent on securing the HLF funding.
13. The CAMP does not commit the Council to any increase in existing budget provision.

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

14. The Padiham: Crafting the Future project is a high priority and delivers the Council's objectives on prosperity and place.

#### **DETAILS OF CONSULTATION**

15. None.

#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

16. None.

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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