

Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities

17th March 2023

Name of Cabinet Member:

Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities – Cllr David Welsh

Director approving submission of the report:

Director of Streetscene and Regulatory Services

Ward(s) affected:

Radford Ward

Title:

Local Listing Nomination – St Columba’s Church

Is this a key decision?

No

Executive summary:

Nominations have been received for additions to the local list of heritage assets, which if approved, would introduce additional considerations in the assessment of planning applications where such designations are affected.

Further to receipt of a nomination for the addition to the local list of St Columba’s Church, public consultation was undertaken between the 3rd August and the 14th September 2022 and the recommendation upon the nomination is now made.

Recommendations:

The Cabinet Member is requested to:

- 1) Endorse the nominations for St Columba’s Church to be added to the local list, further to the reasons set out in the report.
- 2) Delegate authority to Head of Planning Policy and Environment, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities, to finalise the details of the designation

List of Appendices included:

Appendix One - St Columba's Church Local Listing Consultation Report

Background papers:

- Cabinet Member Report – 28th July 2022

Other useful documents

CCC Local Listing Process Note

Has it or will it be considered by scrutiny?

No

Has it or will it be considered by any other council committee, advisory panel or other body?

No

Will this report go to Council?

No

Report title: Local Listing Nomination – St Columba’s Church

1. Context (or background)

- 1.1 A public nomination for addition to the local list of St Columba’s Church has been received and reviewed by the City Council. Further to review, and confirmation that the application received fulfilled the necessary information requirements and was therefore valid, public consultation on the nomination was undertaken between the dates of the 3rd August 2022 and the 14th September 2022.
- 1.2 The report following makes recommendation to the Cabinet Member regarding the proposed addition to the local list of the nomination, further to an examination of the findings of public consultation, review of planning context, and desktop research findings. The case for nomination was presented in a draft report for public consultation, this is included at appendix one of this report. The case for nomination was presented in a draft report for public consultation, this is included at appendix one of this report.
- 1.3 The Nomination is not located in any designated Conservation Area, however sited to the Northwest of the Coventry Canal Basin which is included within the Coventry Canal Conservation Area, the location is also outside of the designated City Centre area (CCCAAP). The building therefore may only benefit from policy HE2 of the Coventry Local Plan should it be recognised as a non-designated heritage asset.
- 1.4 Policy HE2 builds upon principles of sustaining historic character, seeking to conserve and enhance those aspects of the historic environment which are recognised as being of special historic, archaeological, architectural, artistic, landscape or of townscape significance, where part 1(e) further states that “*Other places, spaces, structures and features which may not be formally designated but are recognised as significant elements of Coventry’s heritage and are positively identified on the Coventry Historic Environment Record*”
- 1.5 The most recent planning application on site ref 2017/0559 – ‘Alteration and extensions to the main church building including new front entrance with ramped access and replacement pitched roof’.
- 1.6 The Church demonstrates links to Coventry’s population growth at a time of industrial expansion in the city, whilst the architectural design of the Church is worthy of note, being constructed in the inter-war period. A later flat roofed extension toward St Nicholas Street has eroded some of the architectural quality of the initial design, St Columba’s Church’s architectural approach remains largely appreciable and therein a positive reference to this period of the city’s development.
- 1.7 The designation of local listing to the property is therefore seen as appropriate, further to evident community links, surviving architectural interest and absence of an existing conservation policy base which may ensure due consideration is applied in future planning judgements.

2. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 2.1 The City Council could choose not to endorse the nomination for addition to the local list of heritage assets, however further to the assessment of nomination this is not recommended.
- 2.2 The recommendation is to endorse the nominations addition to the local list of heritage assets, and delegate to the head of planning policy and environment to finalise details of the designation.

3. Results of consultation undertaken

- 3.1 Further to public consultations invited on the nomination during August and September 2022, two responses were received, both being supportive of the nomination being placed on the local list of heritage assets, discounting in assessment those comments received from the nominee, no additional information base on which to further inform the nomination upon was gained through this process.

4. Timetable for implementing this decision

- 4.1 The decision will be implemented immediately, with designations being applied to planning data at the earliest opportunity.

5. Comments from the Interim Chief Executive (Section 151 Officer) and the Chief Legal Officer

5.1. Financial Implications

The local listing designation will increase workload in relevant future planning applications by engagement with the conservation officer, however this is within the department's current capacity.

5.2. Legal Implications

There are no legal implications associated with this report.

6. Other implications

6.1. How will this contribute to the Council Plan (www.coventry.gov.uk/councilplan/)?

Assessment of Local List nominations contributes toward raising the profile of Coventry through promoting Coventry as a visitor destination and centre for the arts and culture, sports and leisure, music and events.

6.2. How is risk being managed?

There is no risk identified associated with the recommendation

6.3. What is the impact on the organisation?

Should the nomination be endorsed, the planning policy team will highlight the designation on public planning resources, thereafter, the development management team will consider affects upon the designation in any forthcoming development proposals.

6.4. Equalities / EIA?

A full Equality and Impact Assessment (EIA) was undertaken as part of developing the Local Plan. As part of that analysis, the Council had due regard to its public sector equality duty under section 149 of the Equality Act (2010).

6.5. Implications for (or impact on) climate change and the environment?

There is no direct impact from the recommendations of the report.

6.6. Implications for partner organisations?

None

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