

APPENDIX 1: CONSERVATION AREAS IN WALSALL TOWN CENTRE

The town centre includes 5 separate conservation areas. These comprise of:

- Bradford Street;
- Bridge Street;
- Church Hill;
- Lichfield Street; and
- Walsall Locks.

Whilst the Walsall Locks Conservation Area is independent, located to the north west of the town centre, terminating at Town End, the remaining four all share common boundaries, extending in a continuous belt from the north east of the town centre, through it and across to the south east and south west.

In the case of Church Hill and Walsall Locks, the boundaries of the conservation areas extend beyond the AAP boundary and this, in part, is the reason why the character areas extend beyond the AAP boundary (as discussed in the methodology in Section 3).

The Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 requires the preparation of this evidence base along with a strategy to manage this resource. It states that local authorities are required under Section 71 from time to time to *'formulate and publish proposals for the preservation and enhancement of any parts of their area which are conservation areas'*.

The NPPF further supports the primary legislation stating that *'local planning authorities should set out in their Local Plan a positive strategy for the conservation and enjoyment of the historic environment, including heritage assets most at risk through neglect, decay or other threats'* (paragraph 126). It goes on to state that *'Local Planning Authorities should have up-*

to-date evidence about the historic environment in their area and use it to assess the significance of heritage assets and the contribution they make to their environment' (Paragraph 169).

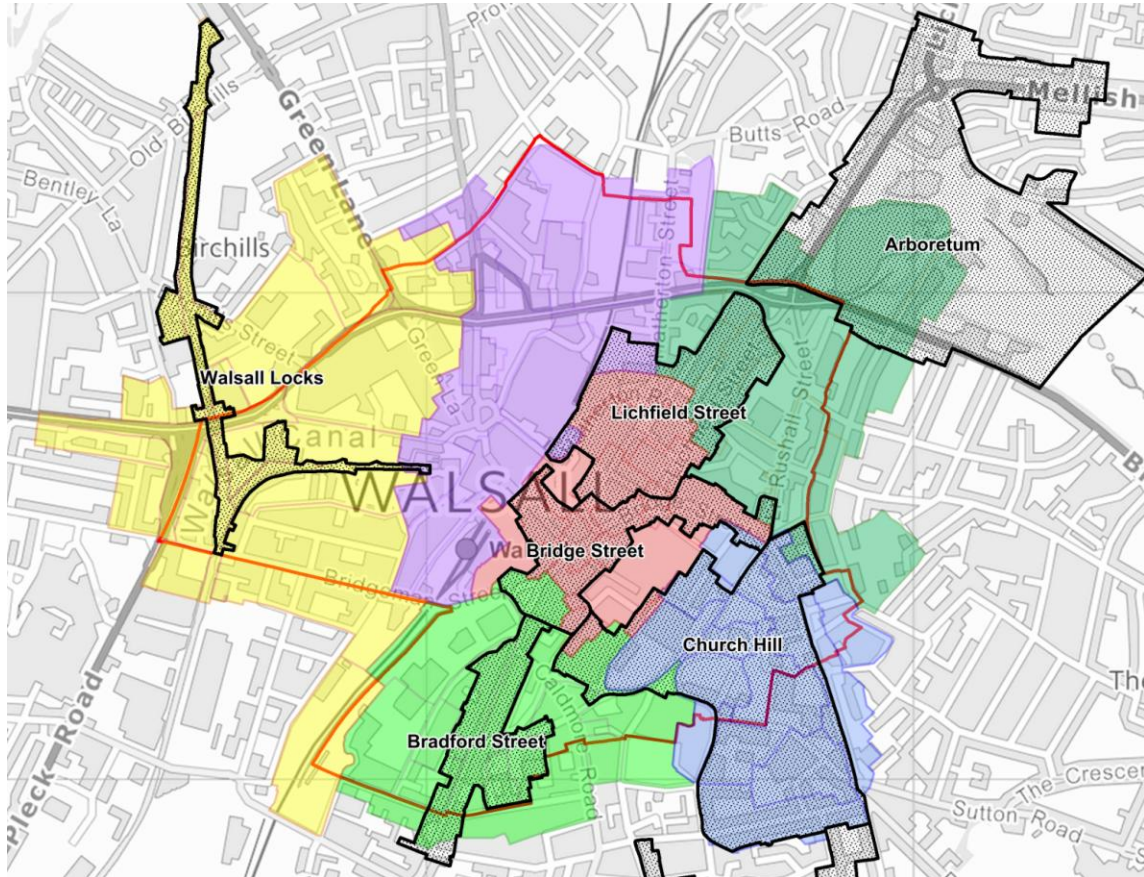
Four of the town centre conservation areas have Conservation Area Appraisals and Management Plans. The heritage fraternity has interpreted that the reference *'from time to time'* under S71 equates to 5 years. The four existing appraisals are therefore now out of date. Furthermore, considering the changes that are taking place to the town centre, it is clearly evident that these appraisals warrant full review.

Conservation Area	Date of Appraisal and Management Plan
Bradford Street	No appraisal
Bridge Street	June 2008
Church Hill	February 2007
Lichfield Street	June 2008
Walsall Locks	February 2007

The data collected in connection with characterisation of the AAP can serve as the evidence base for all five of these conservation areas.

Additionally, a further future use for this Characterisation study is as an evidence base for the assessment of the feasibility of merging the Bridge Street, Lichfield Street, Bradford Street and Church Hill conservation areas into a single town centre conservation area. If feasible this could lead to a more comprehensive and integrated approach to the management of the heritage assets and value of this area of the town centre.

Considering the scale of this designation and the historic independent status of these areas, subareas will be formed broadly reflecting these former boundaries, but informed and refined by this characterisation work.



Town Centre Conservation Areas in Relation to the Character Areas

Summary of the Special Interest of each Conservation Area

Bradford Street:

- None defined to date, due to absence of a Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan.

Bridge Street:

- Its visually interesting streetscape which consists of numerous different building styles.
- The number and quality of historic buildings, including several distinctive and well designed 1930s buildings
- Its situation as a vibrant commercial centre and its strong local identity.
- The important public open spaces including The Bridge, the war memorial at Bradford Place and the tree-lined

market square outside the rear entrance to the Victorian Arcade.

- The significant views along Bridge Street and Bradford Place.
- The siting and prominence of the former Institute of Science and Art as a landmark building.

Church Hill:

- The preserved Medieval street layout and steep topography making it a focal point of the town
- Two Grade II* Listed buildings - St Matthew's Church and the Guildhall
- The Grade II Registered Park and Garden - Walsall Memorial Garden
- A Further 18 Grade II Listed Buildings and 23 Locally Listed Buildings

Lichfield Street:

- Its landmark early 20th-century civic buildings that combine to form the 'Civic Quarter'.
- The number and quality of historic buildings.
- The significant contribution of trees and public open spaces.
- The former Globe Works building on Lower Forster Street – both for its architectural significance and as a reminder of Walsall's industrial past.
- The attractive views along Leicester Street, Darwall Street and Lichfield Street.

Walsall Locks:

- The qualities and heritage characteristics of the canal landscape as a whole are of particular note

- It preserves an important example of the transport infrastructure that was influential in the history of the development of Walsall.
- The canal still retains most of its historic character and features, and the Conservation Area includes notable examples of canalside buildings that define its heritage townscape.
- There are 8 listed structures and 3 listed buildings, all Grade II, and one Locally Listed building
- Comprises of the arm of the Walsall Branch Canal from the Birmingham Canal, built in 1799, and the Walsall Junction Canal, built in 1841,
- Includes a short flight of eight locks climbing 65 feet in less than a mile to meet the Wyrley and Essington Canal.
- Although it has little industrial use today, the canal now provides an important leisure facility and 'green lung' into the town centre.

APPENDIX 2: LISTED BUILDINGS

Grade II*

Church of St Matthew, Church Hill II*
 Guildhall, High Street II*

Grade II

56-65 George Street II
 Nos 65,66,67 Ablewell Street II
 Nos 69 & 70 Ablewell Street II
 Boat House, Arboretum II
 Retaining Wall and Steps of War Memorial, Bradford Place II
 War memorial, Bradford Place II
 Victorian Arcade (including Nos. 59, 61 & 66 Lower Hall Lane, 39 & 40
 Digbeth and 2-9 Bradford Street), Bradford Street II
 No's. 24-30 (consecutive) Bradford Street II
 No 31 Bradford Street II
 No's 32-33 Bradford Street II
 No's. 1, 3, 7&9 Bridge Street II
 No's. 35 and 37 (odd) Bridge Street II
 No.23-27 (odd) Bridge Street II
 No. 29 (Taylors Music Shop), Bridge Street II
 Institute of Science and Art, Bridgeman Street II
 Church of St Paul, Darwall Street II
 14 Freer Street II
 Former Police Station, Goodall Street II
 Hatherton United Reformed Church, Hatherton Road II
 No's 10, 11 and 12 High Street II
 Building adj NW Green Dragon Inn, High Street II
 No's 13 and 14 High Street II
 Green Dragon Inn, High Street II
 Hatherton Works, Holtshill Lane II
 Town Hall, Leicester Street II
 No's 7-15 (odd), Brookes works, Leicester Street II
 County Court, Lichfield Street II
 nos. 144a,145, 146, 147 & 148 Lichfield Street II
 No. 133 Lichfield Street II
 Council House, Lichfield Street II
 132 Lichfield Street II
 No's 15 and 16, Lichfield Street (west side) II
 No's 15 to 19 Lower Hall Lane II
 No's 12 and 13 Lower Hall Lane II
 No 14 Lower Hall Lane II
 No's 20, 21, 22 and 23 Lower Hall Lane II
 No's 6,7 and 8, Lower Rushall Street II
 No. 11 Lower Rushall Street II
 No. 17 Newport Street II
 21-25 St James's Place, Station Street II
 1-7 Ravenscraig Works, Station Street II
 Lloyd's Bank, The Bridge II
 Church of St Mary and Presbytery, Vicarage Walk II*
 Southern Lock, Walsall Locks, Walsall Junction Canal, Wolverhampton St II
 Wisemore House, Wisemore Street II

APPENDIX 3: LOCALLY LISTED BUILDINGS

(Former) Borough Arms PH (now Flann O'Briens), Ablewell Street (return frontage to Upper Rushall Street)
 No. 13 Ablewell Street
 Central Hall Methodist Church, Ablewell Street
 No. 12-14 Bath Street
 Saint Patrick's Presbytery, Blue Lane East
 College of Art (originally science and art institute), Bradford Place
 Digbeth Arcade, Bradford Street
 No.13 (Teach to Walk Manufacturing Coy), Bradford Street
 No's 44-46 Bradford Street
 No's 41-43 Bridge Street (Lichfield street)
 Silver Knight Garage, Bridge Street
 No. 73-75 Bridge Street
 67-71 Bridge Street
 Ravenscraig works (1-7 Station Street), Bridgeman Street/Station Street
 Homer Pressings, Charles Street
 No.8. Freer Street
 (former) School of Art, Goodall Street
 5-8 ("Centaur Works"), Green Lane
 Salvation Army Hall, Green Lane
 No.7 (HB Case Co), Hatherton Street
 No. 21 to 23 Hatherton Street
 (Former) Albion Tannery, Hatherton Street
 Hatherton Works, Holtshill Lane
 No. 29 Leicester Street
 Arboretum corner lodge and clock tower, Lichfield Street (c/o Broadway North)
 No.44-45 (Littleton street Youth Centre), Littleton Street West
 Globe Works (Jabez Cliff & Co Ltd), Lower Forster Street
 No.15 Marsh Street
 No.20 (Greatrex House), Marsh Street
 Crown Works, Marsh Street
 No.33-35 Midland Road
 Ideal Works (formerly Summit Buckle Works), New Street
 Park Street Arcade, Park Street
 Red Lion PH, Park Street
 Midland Bank, St Pauls Street (return frontage to Bridge Street)
 245 ("Sportio" sports shop), Stafford Street
 Rear of No. 59 (Fronting Blue Lane East), Stafford Street
 No. 236-238 Stafford Street
 The Prince Blucher PH, Stafford Street
 No.12-30 (St James Place), Station Street
 (former) Tantarra Street School, Tantarra Street
 Seymour House, Townend Street
 10 Vicarage Place, Vicarage Place
 11/11A Vicarage Place, Vicarage Place
 No.36 Wisemore
 Nos 56-57 (Leather Museum & Centre), Wisemore