

Local Heritage List for Bromsgrove- Overview and Scrutiny Board Update

October 2025

- 1 The last report in July confirmed that the first tranche of parishes had been adopted, the website updated, and owners notified.
- 2 It was also confirmed that a draft list for Wythall had been completed while work on Lickey and Blackwell continued.
- 3 It was further confirmed that the part time conservation officer who had been on sick leave had left and the other, full time, conservation officer had left to take up a new post.
- 4 This has therefore left the Principal Conservation Officer, also part time, to cover all of the conservation work since the beginning of July. Some development management work has been sent out to consultants. However, the Principal Conservation Officer is covering the majority of the work. There has been a 10% increase in applications over this period compared to same period in 2024 and almost twice as many Listed Building Consent applications (conservation officers are case officers on these cases). It was felt important to keep applications for pre-app advice in house as these cases can run for a long time, and due to the need to visit site, applications for discharge of conditions have also been kept in house.
- 5 This increase in DM work has resulted in the Principal Conservation Officer struggling to take forward the Local Heritage List in a meaningful way.
- 6 We have just taken on a consultant to work with us on the Local Heritage List, and it is hoped that this will help to get progress back on track.
- 7 We will also be readvertising the conservation officer post which we were unable to fill over the summer. This will then allow the Principal Conservation officer to spend more time on the Local Heritage List.