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Steelhouse, City centre

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BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURE

CONSERVATION AREAS ADVISORY COMMITTEE 12 October 1993

PLANNING COMMITTEE 14 October 1993

DESIGNATION OF A CONSERVATION AREA AT STEELHOUSE LANE AND CORPORATION STREET, CITY CENTRE

Purpose of Report

To acquaint Members with the result of the public participation exercise and to recommend that a Conservation Area now be designated.

Background

The designation of a Conservation Area covering the "Medico Legal" precinct was first suggested by my Conservation Group in 1981. The proposal was included in the first Conservation Strategy published in 1986 and has been referred to in the BUDS City Centre Design Strategy (1990). It is incorporated in the approved Birmingham Unitary Development Plan (1993) as Proposal E55. The Conservation Areas Advisory Committee considered the proposal on

the area be extended to include the Central Fire Station. The nearby Gun Quarter is, of course, being considered separately. Approval in principle for the designation was given by Planning Committee at their meeting on 17 January 1991, subject to a public participation exercise and the inclusion of the Central Fire Station within the boundary.

The whole of the proposed Conservation Area bounded by St Chad's Queensway, James Watt Queensway, The Priory Queensway, Printing House

"So far as a name is concerned we would invite you to consider simply calling it Steelhouse Conservation Area as the activities within the area are already very well known. Secondly it seems

fronting Priory Queensway including the multi-storey car park fronting Newton Street have little, if any, architectural merit, neither do they fit into the overall pattern of the area

dominated by fine Victorian buildings, such as the Victoria Law Courts, the General Hospital and Central Hall. It is therefore

suggested that the line of the Conservation Area be drawn so that these buildings are excluded."

So far as the name is concerned, obviously Medico Legal Precinct is too unwieldy. Unfortunately, Victoria, Chamberlain and Corporation Street, which have all been suggested could cause confusion since these names occur within the existing Colmore Row and Environs Conservation Area. I therefore recommend that the area be

Proposal

Area I therefore recommend that Planning Committee now designate the area with the boundary as agreed for the public participation exercise.

Financial Implications

There are no specific financial implications with designation, but the City as principal land owner in the area should be aware that a high standard of maintenance, repair and refurbishment may well have cost implications. This point is no doubt already widely

he designated are already in fact statutorily listed. In addition

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REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURE

The attached reports were submitted:-

(See interleave No 5)

(A) Annual Training Report 1992/93

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RESOLVED:-

That the matters referred to in the attached report be noted and that it be referred to the Departmental Consultative Committee for information and comment.

(B) Designation of a Conservation Area at Steelhouse Lane and Corporation Street, City Centre

The views of the Conservation Areas Advisory Committee were reported to Committee and an explanatory note is attached at interleave No 6.

The Chairman proposed that the Conservation Area referred to should be named "Steelhouse Conservation Area".

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RESOLVED:-

- (i) That in accordance with Sections 69 and 70 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 approval be given to the designation of the area at Steelhouse Lane and Corporation Street, City, as more particularly defined on the Plan appended to the attached report as a conservation area;
- (ii) that the conservation area referred to above be known as the "Steelhouse Conservation Area".

(C) "Brackley Dene", 30 Chantry Road, Moseley

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RESOLVED:-

- (i) That "Brackley Dene", 30 Chantry Road, Moseley be added to the Grade A category of the Local List of Buildings of Special