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## Smethwick

### Client

Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

### Location

Smethwick High Street and Cape Hill, West Midlands

### Services Provided

Historic Buildings

### Date of Completion

Completed

### Key Issues

Conservation Area Appraisal

Recommendation for designation and management of proposed Conservation Areas



The historic buildings team undertook an appraisal of Smethwick town centre to identify 3 areas around the High Street and Cape Hill vicinity as potential Conservation Areas. The appraisal process was based on the methodology developed and recommended by English Heritage. It involved the identification of Listed Buildings, other significant buildings, trees, views, boundary walls and open spaces and recommended a series of enhancement measures for each area. For example, the repair of historic fabric and reinstatement of lost or damaged features, shopfront repair and replacement and street scene improvement were all recommended as measures to enhance the local environment.

The findings led to a number of recommendations, including the promotion of redevelopment of particular sites and improvements to individual buildings, such as the floodlighting and upgrading of Holy Trinity Church. We also recommended that the Local Planning Authority identified a series of appropriate re-development sites with the potential to enhance the proposed conservation areas.

Sandwell Council is considering designating the conservation areas as part of its wider plans for the regeneration of the area.

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