

## West Lancashire Heritage and Conservation Strategy.

### Work undertaken under Aim 3 – ‘To manage changes in the historic environment’

Aim/Action ref No.	Work or project undertaken	Comments	Objectives	Value (H/M/L)
MC.1	Maintain and update the Building at Risk (BAR) register in order to record the condition of all the Districts listed buildings and monitor changes.	See PE.1	A, B	High
MC.2	Conservation area character appraisals. The programme of reviews of the Districts 28 conservation areas was completed in 2008. Work to maintain up to date reviews is continuing to ensure changes in our historic places are recognised and managed in an appropriate and sustainable way.	Duty under the Planning Act 1990 to review its conservation areas from time to time. English Heritage recommends that appraisals should be undertaken every 5 years.	A, B, C	High
MC.3	Provide additional planning controls in conservation areas through the use of Article 4(2) Directions where it is appropriate to do so. Article 4 (2) Directions provide a tool to manage minor changes in conservation areas where these changes can harm the areas character and appearance.	Identified through the conservation area appraisal work and only applied after consultation with local residents and landowners.	B	Med

MC.4	Proactively work with the Planning Officers to ensure that the character and/or appearance of conservation areas and other heritage assets are given sufficient weight in the development process.	Over 300 consultation responses are provided a year on 'heritage' issues.  Need to ensure that specialist conservation skills are kept within the Council.	B	High
MC.5	Work in partnership with other Council departments, organisations and public bodies to ensure heritage is properly considered and protected.	Heritage is often a driver in regeneration projects as it provides a sense of place.	D	Med