

## Public Meeting

# **Conservation Area Status**

## We Want to Hear Your Views

Grimsargh Parish Council has spent much time investigating and evaluating the options of Conservation Area Status for Grimsargh and now has a specific proposal for which we are seeking your views.

A map of the designated area is produced overleaf and can also be found and studied on our website under "Projects/Conservation Area Status" along with further information.

#### What is a Conservation Area?

A conservation area is an area of special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance - Section 69 of The 1990 Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas )Act.

The main attributes that define the special character of an area are its physical appearance and history, i.e. the form and features of buildings and the spaces between them, their former uses and historical development. Where there are a number of periods of historical development, the character of individual parts of the conservation area may differ. Contrasts between the appearance of areas and the combination of buildings of various ages, materials and styles may contribute to its special character.

### What Does Conservation Area Status Mean?

In a conservation area it is the whole area, made up of the buildings and the spaces in between them, that is of architectural or historic interest.

Planning control is therefore directed at maintaining the integrity of the entire area and enhancing its special character. Conservation area status does not mean that new development is always unacceptable, but that additional care must be taken to ensure that new development will preserve or enhance the character and appearance of the area.

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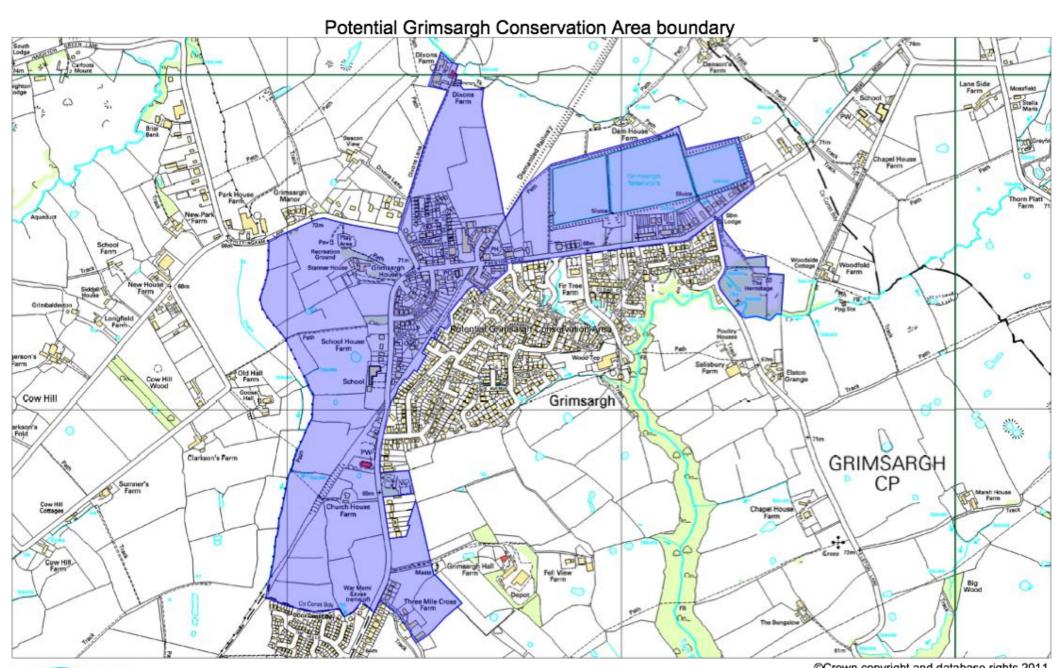
A public meeting will be held on **27th February 2013** in the **Grimsargh Village Hall from 7.30pm**. Experts on Conservation Area Status will be on hand to discuss the proposals and answer any questions.

There will also be a questionnaire at the meeting for residents to answer, should they wish to take an active part in the consultation.

#### What Happens After the Public Meeting

The results of this consultation will be compiled and analysed in March and published via the website and the next Newsletter - to be delivered in June.

Only Preston City Council can designate a Conservation Area. If the outcome of the initial consultation is that we should put forward a proposal for an area to PCC, then they will carry out a further extensive consultation.



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