

Summary Statements

KIDSGROVE CONSERVATION AREA (TOWN CENTRE)

Kidsgrove Conservation Area was designated in 1997. The following brief statement identifies the environmental qualities which merit designation and which the Borough Council consider should be preserved or enhanced.

The land locally was owned by the Audley family and the former village grew into a small town around coal and iron mining from the 18th Century but the pits have all now closed. The town was impacted by the Industrial Revolution and the transport industry. The Kidsgrove Conservation Area comprises a small cluster of historic buildings including Victoria Hall on Liverpool Road, built in 1897 on a former iron foundry, now home to the town council, a subsidiary office for the Borough Council as well as providing other community functions.

The topography is distinctive and steeply rises in an easterly direction, up through the Conservation Area. To the north of Liverpool Road is Victoria Hall and a row of 12 terraced houses, opposite at the junction of Woodside Avenue and Liverpool Road is a cemetery and landscaped area and the former Kinnersley Memorial school and school house as shown on OS map published in 1889. The terrace with low smooth red brick wall and long front gardens was close to an Iron Foundry and may have been related to the foundry but further research would be required. Permitted development rights for windows/doors and porches have already had a harmful impact on the character of the houses but consideration to the removal of these rights could be given.

The busy road cuts through the middle of the CA and compromises the sense of cohesiveness of the area but the individual elements in themselves do contribute positively towards the character and appearance of the area.