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**BARWELL (ARTHUR STREET)  
CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL &  
MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**PHOTOGRAPHIC SURVEY OF  
CONSERVATION AREA**

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The materials and features used on this new development are in keeping with the adjacent former factory that has been retained and converted into flats as part of the overall scheme.



This residential development incorporates the former offices of the Hall and Geary factory on Kirby Road. This company specialised in boots and shoes for girls and boys. The company went bankrupt in the 1950's.



This property front in Kirby Road is part of the development on the former Hall and Geary site. This building incorporates bay windows, chimneys and stone sills which are local features. It also includes a natural slate roof covering.



The adjacent Victorian properties have retained their original chimneys and roof covering but unfortunately not the original doors or windows.



These are the former offices of the Sperope Boot Manufacturing Company, now part of a residential development which fronts Kirby Road. The company was founded as a co-operative in the 1890's when it was known as the Barwell Productive Society. It was taken over in the 1950's.



These are former boot and shoe workers cottages on Kirby Road which stand at the entrance to the conservation area. The end of the terrace includes a fine Victorian shop-front.



The southern end of the same terrace which has suffered from inappropriate features such as concrete roof tiles and bow windows.



To the south of the boot & shoe workers terrace are three framework knitters cottages. These are recognised by their long ground floor window (originally 5 lights) and small first floor windows which are characteristic of this type of building. The scale of the cottages is much lower than the Victorian terrace.



A further view of the framework knitters' cottages. It is unfortunate that they have been modernised with concrete roof tiles plastic windows and render. A standardised boundary treatment would also improve the appearance of this important group of buildings.



The rear view of the former Grewcock's factory on Arthur Street. This shows the distinctive roof profile of north light factory units.



The street elevation of the former Grewcock factory. Founded by Harry Grewcock, the factory specialised in boys and girls shoes. This frontage is particularly fine but unfortunately has had inappropriate roller shutters fitted to ground floor openings.



The eastern end of the Grewcock factory.



The service yard of the former H Garner factory on Arthur Street. The modern security fencing detracts from its appearance.



Detail view of the same service yard. The area suffers from poor surfacing and inadequate maintenance.



The former offices of the Garner factory at the junction of Arthur Street and Kingsfield Road. This interesting frontage has had its brickwork painted in the recent past which detracts from its appearance.



The former Garner factory fronting Kingsfield Road. Again this elevation has been painted which is peeling because of poor maintenance. This has a detrimental impact on the street scene.



Inadequate maintenance in the conservation area is a major problem which needs to be overcome.



The offices of the former George Ward factory on Arthur Street. This is a high quality building which is suffering from poor maintenance. Regular pruning of the street planting would have a significant improvement on the appearance of the area.



The fine detailing around the street entrance door and the edge of the gable reinforces the importance of the factory to the former owner George Ward.



George Ward set up his business in 1894 which expanded and he eventually became one of the country's largest shoe manufacturers. The factory closed in 1989.



This office building stands at the junction of King Street and Arthur Street on the former Harvey, Harvey & Company factory site. Its design is completely inappropriate in the conservation area.



The flat roof and continuous windows contrast sharply with the pitched roofs and individual windows of every other factory in this part of the conservation area.



This part of the Harvey, Harvey & Company factory fronts George Street. Unfortunately its original cast iron windows have been replaced with plastic of inappropriate design. Those on the ground floor have been blocked up. This has a detrimental appearance on the conservation area.



The origin of this small factory at the junction of George Street and King Street is not known. In common with many other factories in the area it has suffered from inappropriate changes to its windows.



The former Amos Moore factory is one of the better examples of boot and shoe factories in the area. It has retained its original cast iron windows and slate roof covering. This company was one of the earliest shoe manufacturers in Barwell.



This former workshop has also suffered badly from inappropriate signage and insensitive changes to its windows.



The view from the eastern end of King Street. This classic industrial landscape highlights the many boot and shoe factories in Barwell.



Spaces between the factories are generally ignored by current factory owners. This area at the rear of the Konfidence Works would be improved with regular maintenance and improved boundary treatment.



The original simple elegance of the Konfidence factory's elevations is still obvious despite inappropriate changes and signage.



This view of the Konfidence factory highlights the detrimental impact that inappropriate signage, poor maintenance and other ill-considered changes are having on the conservation area.



A detail view of the poor condition of this fine group of industrial buildings.



The service area of the Konfidence factory would be improved with a consistent traditional boundary treatment.



The view eastwards along Arthur Street which has retained many lengths of granite kerbs.



The former Moulds & Moore factory on Shilton Road which has been successfully converted into apartments.



The northern elevation of the former factory with its distinctive loading bay treatment.



The east elevation of this factory highlights that former boot and shoe factories can readily be converted into residential use.