WIVENHOE TOWNSCAPE FORUM: LOCAL LIST RECORDING SHEET AREA E

ADDRESS 1-6 Rebow Road, Wivenhoe (Sanford Almshouses)

POST CODE CO7 9LX WARD Cross **Quay**

CONSERVATION AREA **YES** NO

MAP REFERENCE TM039219 PHOTOGRAPH **YES** NO

DATE OF ASSET 1873 (date stone on almshouses)

TYPE OF ASSET Building **Group** Landscape Vista Item Other (please specify)

DESCRIPTION

Row of six brick almshouses with a clay tile roof, attractively enclosed by a brick wall. PVC windows and doors were installed following modernisation in 1988.

HISTORY AND CONNECTIONS

By indenture dated 1872 Mary Ann Sanford (Sandford) conveyed to trustees land in Rebow Road for six almshouses for single women or widows, preferably sailors' widows. She endowed the houses, called Mary Ann Sanford's Almshouses, with £102 a year for repair, up- keep, and weekly stipends of 6s, the surplus to be used for general help to the poor. In 1881 Edmund Round gave soup, 250 pounds of beef and 24 pairs of blankets to 'the six poor women in the almshouses'.

RESEARCH SOURCES

Butler, N *The Story of Wivenhoe*, (1989) p163
'Wivenhoe: Charities for the poor', *Victoria County History of Essex Volume X* (2001), pp. 294-295.
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CRITERIA: HIGHLIGHT IN BOLD AS APPROPRIATE

ARCHITECTURAL VALUE A++ Very High A+ Good
T-F (timber-framed i.e. C18th or earlier
?T-F (timber-framed – needs investigation)

HISTORIC VALUE H++ **H+**

CONDITION C++ (complete with no inappropriate alterations/extensions)
C+ (largely complete)
C (good or restorable)

OTHER VALUES I = iconic value **H = contribution to the historic area in which it stands**
P = prominence Q = quirkiness R = local rarity S = sustainability

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