

# WIVENHOE TOWNSCAPE FORUM: LOCAL LIST RECORDING SHEET AREA F

**ADDRESS** River Lodge, West Street, Wivenhoe (Old Congregational Chapel)  
**POST CODE** CO7 9DE                                      **WARD** Cross                                      **Quay**  
**CONSERVATION AREA**                                      **YES**                                      NO  
**MAP REFERENCE** TM 038216                                      **PHOTOGRAPH**                                      **YES**                                      NO

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**DATE OF ASSET** 1805  
**TYPE OF ASSET** **Building** Group Landscape Vista Item Other (please specify)

**DESCRIPTION**  
The first purpose-built Wivenhoe Congregational Chapel. Large but plain two-storey red brick building.

## HISTORY AND CONNECTIONS

Built in 1805 the chapel also included a schoolroom sufficient for twenty children, known as the British School. The school closed in 1870. The building was later used as a garage by North Sea Cannery. Now converted into residential use also known as 4a West Street. Replaced by a new chapel (**LB421661** 'Riverhouse') in 1847 on the south side of West Street.



## RESEARCH SOURCES

Butler, N., *The Story of Wivenhoe* (1989) p95  
Gordon, The Rev. C., *Wivenhoe Congregational Church* (1966)  
*OS Map 1875* shows the building and graveyard.

**PHOTOGRAPH BY** Peter Kay, September 2011

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## CRITERIA: HIGHLIGHT IN BOLD AS APPROPRIATE

<b>ARCHITECTURAL VALUE</b>	A++ (very high) <b>A+ (good)</b>
	T-F (timber-framed i.e. C18th or earlier)
	?T-F (timber-framed – needs investigation)
<b>HISTORIC VALUE</b>	H++ <b>H+</b>
<b>CONDITION</b>	C++ (complete with no inappropriate alterations/extensions)
	C+ (largely complete)
	<b>C (good or restorable)</b>
<b>OTHER VALUES</b>	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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