**Warwick Town Council**

**Blue Plaque Nomination**

Name of proposed person/location/event to be commemorated:

William Holland

Address for Blue Plaque to be located:

The Old Glassworks

3 Priory Road

Warwick

CV34 4NA

Significant dates (e.g. birth and death, lived here between, worked here between, studied here between, married here):

His dates = 1805 – 1883

Lived/worked at this address = 1851 - 1861

Reason for nomination:

Holland’s renowned work in stained glass includes the chancel south-west window at St Mary’s Church, Warwick, and the east window of St Peter’s Church in Barford in addition to windows in churches across Warwickshire, Leicestershire, the south of England, Wales and Ireland.

He was one of 25 stained glass producers whose work was displayed at the Great Exhibition of 1851. His works are often described as in the Gothic style, illustrating scriptural events. After the Great Exhibition, Holland added ‘Glass Stainer by appointment to the Queen’ and ‘Prize Medal Winner’ to his business letterhead.

Background:

William Holland, an eminent stained glass painter, commissioned the building of the house in 1851.  The brick building to the rear, now Guy Goodwin’s antique restoration business, was Holland’s studio.  He employed 26 members of staff at the property.

William's sons also became experts in stained glass, and a nephew, Frank Holt (1843–1928), joined the firm after which it was known as Holland & Holt and continued on as Holt of Warwick into the early years of the twentieth century.

Property sold recently to new owners who have given their permission to have the Plaque installed on the frontage of this listed building.

Potential wording:

**William Holland**

**1805 – 1883**

**Stained glass maker**

**Lived and worked here**

**1851-1861**

Name of nominator: Mrs Lynne Hampson

Permission given by property owners: Yes