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Historic building will stay

A historic Great Barr house will not be demolished, a top Sandwell cabinet member said today.

Councillor Bob Badham, cabinet member for regeneration and transport, stepped in to reassure residents over the future of the Red House in Redhouse Park.

Councillor Badham said: "As far as I am concerned demolition is not an option. At the end of the day it is a Grade 11 listed building."

Councillor Badham said he believed there had been confusion over a report drawn up by council officers.

"Their job is to list all options, however unlikely.

"Someone clearly got hold of this and thought we were looking at demolition which is not the case at all."

Councillor Badham said the council was currently undertaking a full appraisal of The Red House.

A report will be presented to the cabinet member in the very near future, he said.