

APPENDIX C

NORTHAMPTON'S LOCAL HERITAGE LIST



Nomination Pack

What is a Local Heritage List?

“Local heritage listing is a means for a community and a local authority to jointly identify heritage assets that are valued as distinctive elements of the local historic environment” (Historic England Advice Note 7: Local Heritage Listing, 2016)

Northampton has over 500 buildings listed as being of special architectural or historic interest and 10 sites of scheduled archaeological importance that are protected through national legislation. In addition, there are 21 locally designated conservation areas. However, there are many other buildings, structures and open spaces that are of historic, architectural or community interest that do not meet the strict criteria for national designation but which make a significant contribution to the town’s distinctive character and appearance.

The Local List is a register of these local heritage assets that have been identified as worthy of protection. There is an existing local list but this covers only the town centre and the intention now is to produce a comprehensive list for the whole of Northampton, based on defined criteria. This will then be used to inform future planning decisions

The purpose of this nomination pack is to give members of the public an opportunity to propose heritage assets that should be considered for inclusion on a Local Heritage List for Northampton.

What is a heritage asset?

A heritage asset is an aspect of the historic environment that is worthy of protection for current and future generations to enjoy. The Government’s National Planning Policy Framework defines a heritage asset as:

“A building, monument, site, place, area or landscape identified as having a degree of significance meriting consideration in planning decisions because of its heritage interest”.

What protection is given to heritage assets by a Local Heritage List?

The local heritage list would not bring any additional form of statutory protection. It is, however a material planning consideration and can help to influence the consideration of planning applications that may affect the significance of a heritage asset.

Entries on a local heritage list are defined as “non-designated heritage assets” at national planning policy level and guidance in the National Planning Policy Framework states:

“The effect of a (*planning*) application on the significance of a non-designated heritage asset should be taken into account in determining the application. In weighing applications that affect directly or indirectly non designated heritage assets, a balanced judgement will be required having regard to the scale of any harm or loss and the significance of the heritage asset”

What can be included on a Local Heritage List?

The Local Heritage List could include all types of heritage asset that are not currently protected through national designation but which make an important contribution to Northampton’s distinctive character and appearance. Possible entries could include:

Industrial buildings	Houses	Shops & pubs
Places of worship	Statues and monuments	Bridges
Places of entertainment	Places associated with important people	
Parks or cemeteries	Open spaces	Archaeological sites

Listed buildings and Scheduled archaeological sites and monuments would not be included as they are already protected by national designation. Buildings previously identified as being of local importance within conservation areas will be considered for inclusion.

The Selection Criteria

In order to assess whether a heritage asset is worthy of inclusion on the Local List, Northampton Borough Council has produced a set of selection criteria, based on guidance produced by Historic England¹. They are intended to achieve consistency across the town, with only those heritage assets which meet the criteria being included on the adopted Local Heritage List.

¹ Historic England Advice Note 7, Local Heritage Listing, May 2016

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR INCLUSION ON NORTHAMPTON'S LOCAL LIST

To be considered for inclusion on the Local Heritage List, at least one of the following criteria should be met:

1. BUILDINGS

A AGE, INTEGRITY AND CONDITION

A1 – If built before c.1840 (i.e. pre-Victorian), does it survive in anything like its original external appearance?

A2 - If built between 1840-1919 (i.e. Victorian/Edwardian), does it retain any original external features?

A3 - If built in the 20th century, is it a relatively unaltered example of the style of the period?

B HISTORIC INTEREST

B1 – Does the building illustrate an important part of Northampton's social, economic, cultural or religious history?

B2 - Is the building associated with an important local person or event?

B3 - Is it unusual, representative of Northampton or a rare local survivor of its type?

C ARCHITECTURAL INTEREST

C1 - Was the building designed by a nationally or locally important architect?

C2 – Is it an example of a style or design of building distinctive to Northampton?

C3 – Is it constructed of distinctive materials, an unusual building technique or design or is it an example of local craftsmanship or detailing?

D LANDMARK INTEREST

D1 – Is it visually prominent, aesthetically attractive or important to the street scene?

D2 – Is it within an important group of buildings?

E COMMUNITY VALUE

E1 – Is the building important to or valued by a local community? If so, by whom and why?

2. STRUCTURES AND MONUMENTS

A – What is the name and approximate age of the structure or monument?

B - Is it a local landmark?

C - Was it designed by an important national or local architect?

D - Does it commemorate an important local or national event?

E - Is it a surviving example of an item of historic or unusual street furniture? (e.g. tram shelter, parish boundary marker or milepost)

3. PARKS, GARDENS & OPEN SPACES

Does the site have:

A - Historic interest? (e.g. illustrates Northampton's social/cultural/religious development)

B - Landscape interest & quality?

C - Rarity value?

D - Group or townscape value?

E - Social or community value?

4. ARCHAEOLOGICAL INTEREST

Does the site, building or monument have:

A - Historic value? (eg evidence of past human activity or illustrating important aspects of Northampton's development, its people and cultures)

B – Rarity? (the fewer the surviving examples, the more likely it is to have special interest)

C - Level of survival? (the greater the intactness, the greater the potential for archaeological importance)

D – Potential? (eg a site which may be expected to contain evidence of Northampton's past)

E – Group value? (a site may have special interest through its relationship with other buildings, structures or spaces)

How to propose a heritage asset for inclusion on the Local Heritage List

If you believe a heritage asset meets any of the selection criteria and wish to nominate it for inclusion on the Local Heritage List, then please complete the attached nomination form and return it to:

Local Heritage List,
Built & Natural Environment Team,
Planning & Regeneration,
Northampton Borough Council
The Guildhall,
Northampton
NN1 1DE

Nominations can also be submitted on line at: www.northampton.gov.uk/localheritagelist

The Next Steps

Nominations for inclusion on the Local Heritage List will be assessed against the adopted criteria by an independent selection panel, who will prepare a draft list. The draft list will then be the subject of public consultation and responses received will be reported to the Council's cabinet when the draft list is considered for possible adoption as the Local Heritage List for Northampton.

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NOMINATION FORM

Name and location of nominated building, structure, open space or archaeological feature (if possible, please provide a photograph to aid identification). Please use a separate form for each nomination

Description

Date of construction (if known)

Architect (if known)

Original use

Current use

What is the heritage interest? (Please refer to the selection criteria)

History of the building, structure or open space, if known (if possible, please provide a brief summary of the history and any known historic associations, including data sources to support your nomination).

Current condition (please provide a brief summary of the condition of the building or structure, including occupancy and any external damage or deterioration)

If you wish to nominate more than one potential candidate, additional forms can be downloaded from the Council's website at the following link:

www.northampton.gov.uk/localheritagelist