

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET – 8 MARCH 2016

Title of report	CRITERIA FOR IDENTIFYING LOCAL HERITAGE ASSETS: DRAFT FOR CONSULTATION
Key Decision	<p>a) Financial No</p> <p>b) Community Yes</p>
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Purpose of report	<p>(a) To endorse the draft 'local heritage assets identification criteria', to be published for public consultation</p> <p>(b) To adopt, following the consultation, the criteria, with any amendments agreed by the portfolio holder and Director of Services</p>
Reason for Decision	<p>Adoption of the identification criteria would:</p> <p>(a) Support the aims of the Council Delivery Plan relating to sustainable development, a fair and timely planning and development service and people feeling proud of their homes and communities;</p> <p>(b) Support the council in fulfilling its duties under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 relating to the designation and review of conservation areas;</p> <p>(c) Support the council in fulfilling the advice of the National Planning Policy Framework relating to the compilation of Local Lists.</p>
Council Priorities	<p>Business and Jobs Adoption of the identification criteria would contribute toward achieving the Council's aims of (a) supporting sustainable development and growth and (b) providing a fair and timely planning and development service.</p> <p>Homes and Communities Adoption of the identification criteria would contribute toward</p>

	achieving the Council's aim of people feeling proud of their homes and communities.
Implications:	
Financial/Staff	There are no financial or staff implications.
Link to relevant CAT	Not applicable.
Risk Management	The risks associated with alternative options are detailed in section 4 of the report below.
Equalities Impact Screening	Not applicable.
Human Rights	Not applicable.
Transformational Government	Not applicable.
Comments of Head of Paid Service	The report is satisfactory.
Comments of Deputy Section 151 Officer	The report is satisfactory.
Comments of Deputy Monitoring Officer	The report is satisfactory.
Consultees	Internal consultation has been carried out with the following staff: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning & Development (Chris Elston) • Planning Policy (Ian Nelson) • Economic Development (Kay Greenbank)
Background papers	Draft criteria for identifying local heritage assets: Draft for consultation
Recommendation	<p>THAT THE CABINET</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ENDORSES THE DRAFT IDENTIFICATION CRITERIA, AS ATTACHED, FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION; AND 2. DELEGATES THE ADOPTION OF THE IDENTIFICATION CRITERIA TO THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER AND DIRECTOR OF SERVICES.

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Council officers have prepared draft *Criteria for identifying local heritage assets*. The criteria would support the identification of locally listed buildings and locally registered gardens, as well as the designation of conservation areas. The draft criteria have been prepared in accordance with best practice (English Heritage, 2012, *Good practice guide for local heritage listing*).
- 1.2 The District Council may compile a list of buildings of local interest (a Local List) or a register of gardens of local interest (a Local Register). The inclusion of a property on a Local List or Local Register would recognise the architectural or historic interest of that property. While these are discretionary functions, they mirror the statutory duties of Historic England in compiling lists of buildings of special interest (Listed Buildings) and registers of parks and gardens of special interest (Registered Parks and Gardens).
- 1.3 These local lists would be compiled by the Conservation Officer, in consultation with the public – including owners and occupiers – and adopted as formal documents of the District Council. The Local List and Local Register would be available to the public.
- 1.4 The District Council may revise a Local List or Local Register periodically, as it receives new evidence relating to properties of architectural or historic interest in the district.

2.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 2.1 The inclusion of a property on a Local List or Local Register would be taken into account in the event that Planning Permission is sought for development affecting that property. The inclusion of a property on a Local List or Local Register is not a local land charge.
- 2.2 The inclusion of a property on a Local List or Local Register would not affect its Permitted Development Rights automatically. Supplementary to the compilation of a Local List or Local Register, the District Council may consider the withdrawal of Permitted Development Rights – i.e. an Article 4 Direction – where the exercise of these rights would harm the interest of the locally listed or registered property.

3.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 3.1 The following organisations would be consulted regarding the draft criteria:
 - Historic England and the seven National Amenity Societies;
 - Leicestershire County Council and relevant Parish Councils;
 - Local history societies (including Ashby; Charley; Coalville; Coleorton; Diseworth; Ibstock; Long Whatton; Measham and Whitwick);
 - Ashby Civic Society;
 - Local museums (including Ashby; Castle Donington; Kegworth and Measham);
 - County history societies including Leicestershire Archaeological & Historical Society and Leicestershire Industrial History Society.

4.0 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

4.1 Alternative options available to the cabinet are as follows:

- That the cabinet does not permit council officers to consult the public regarding the draft identification criteria. Local heritage assets may be identified without reference to identification criteria, but this would not be best practice. **This is the 'do nothing' option.**
- That the cabinet varies the draft criteria and permits council officers to consult the public as per the recommended option. Variations to the draft criteria may not reflect best practice or advice received during internal consultation.

5.0 NEXT STEPS

5.1 The Planning & Development Team Plan intends to compile a Local List and Local Register for the Coalville Community Forum Area, to be adopted in Q4 of 2016/17.

5.2 It is anticipated that the Local List and Local Register for the Northern Parishes Community Forum Area would be adopted in Q3 2017/18. It is further anticipated that the Local List and Local Register for the Ashby, Measham & Moira Community Forum Area would be adopted in Q2 2018/19. Following the adoption of each Local List and Local Register, they will be kept up to date. At this point, it is reasonable to expect people and organisations, such as local amenity societies and other groups, to put forward other non-designated heritage assets for consideration to be added to the list or register. In the event that sites are put forward in advance of the publication of the draft list or register, it is not intended to assess these at that time, due to the potential for the timetable of this significant body of work to slip under that circumstance.

5.3 It is recommended that following a decision to adopt a Local List and Local Register, the responsibility for amendments would be delegated to the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration & Planning in consultation with the Head of Planning & Regeneration.