

HARBOROUGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO THE CABINET MEETING OF 7 February 2022

PUBLIC REPORT: Y / ~~N~~EXEMPT REPORT: ~~Y~~ / N

Report Title	Local List of Non-Designated Heritage Assets
KEY DECISION	N
Report Author	Sally Hartshorne, Heritage and Conservation Officer
Purpose of Report	To seek approval for recommendation to Council of the selection process and initial entries on the Local List of Non-Designated Heritage Assets.
Reason for Decision	To enable the Cabinet to consider the content of the Local List of Non-Designated Heritage Assets and recommend it to Council for adoption.
Portfolio (holder)	Cllr Bateman – Portfolio Holder for Planning & Infrastructure and Heritage Champion
Corporate Priorities	HDC's ' Corporate Plan 2019-2021 ' and the related 'Corporate Delivery Plan 2019-2021' set out the Council's aspirations for the district over the next three years, what its priorities are and how it will deliver them. This contributes to two priorities: The place: An enterprising and vibrant place. CO1, CO4. The people: A healthy, inclusive and vibrant community. CO5, CO6.
Financial Implications	There are no financial implications.
Risk Management Implications	The risk of not adopting the Local List would lead to the lack of recognition and potential loss of a heritage asset which is valued by residents and is part of the unique historic environment of the district.
Environmental Implications	This document relates to the historic environment of the District and so has implications for the environment.
Legal Implications	NPPF para 189 states that heritage assets range from sites and buildings of local historic value to those of highest significance. The PPG encourages plan making bodies to make clear and accurate information on non-designated heritage assets available to the public. Inclusion of assets on a Local List does not bring any additional form of statutory protection or grant aid but it enables their significance to be better taken into account in planning applications affecting the asset or its setting. Properties included within the list will not incur any additional charges for planning applications.
Equality Implications	This document relates to the historic environment which benefits all residents, businesses and visitors.

Data Protection Implications	None as far as this report is concerned.
Consultation	Non-designated heritage assets included in this list have been discussed by an independent panel of specialists Chaired by Cllr Bateman. A period of public consultation on the selection process for and the initial entries on the local list took place from 8 July to 5 September 2021. The consultation responses are detailed in Appendix B.
Options	<p>Option 1 – approve the Local List of Non-Designated Heritage assets for recommendation to Council for adoption.</p> <p>Option 2 – not to approve the recommendation to Council of the Local List of Non-Designated Heritage Assets would potentially fail to recognise the contribution of local heritage to the making of place and the value it has within the lives of people living, working and visiting the district.</p>
Background Papers	N/A
Recommendation	<p>1) That the Cabinet approve the selection process and initial entries on Local List of Non-Designated Heritage Assets, attached at Appendix A,</p> <p>2) That Cabinet recommend to Council that the Local List of Non-Designated Heritage Assets be adopted.</p>

1 Introduction

- 1.1 A local heritage list is a way for local councils and communities to identify and celebrate historic buildings, archaeological sites and designed landscapes which enrich and enliven their area. (English Heritage, 2016). The historic environment provides a sense of authenticity, beauty and distinctiveness. This attracts people, businesses and investment.
- 1.2 Local Lists play an essential role in building and reinforcing a sense of local character and distinctiveness in the historic environment, as part of the wider range of designation. They enable the significance of any building or site on the list to be better taken into account in planning applications affecting the building or site or its setting. A local heritage list can thus support the Local Plan and inform a proactive strategy for the historic environment.

2.0 Key Facts

- 2.1 Within the Harborough District there are 1281 Listed Buildings, 6 Historic Parks & Gardens, 65 Scheduled Monuments and 63 Conservation Areas; all of which are designated heritage assets and protected through national legislation.

- 2.2 There are many other heritage assets of architectural, historic or archaeological interest within the District that do not meet the strict criteria for national designation, but nonetheless make a significant contribution to the historic environment. These can be recognised through the inclusion within a Local List of Non-Designated Heritage Assets.
- 2.3 Such assets can be identified during processes such as Conservation Area Appraisals or Neighbourhood Planning, and they can also be nominated for inclusion by members of the public. A nomination process is set out at Appendix A on page 6 along with the initial list of entries (Appendix A pages 8-31) and the scoring framework (Appendix A pages 32-37). This has enabled interested parties to comment on the initial list and to nominate historic assets for consideration to be added to the local list in the next tranche. These nominations will be considered through the scoring framework and be the subject of future consultation. In this way a rolling programme of entries can be considered, consulted upon, and added to the evolving local list.
- 2.4 An initial local list was identified by Conservation Officers. Lack of access to library and archival information to support a robust case for each proposed entry, due to the ongoing pandemic, influenced the entries it was possible to include in this first tranche. For this initial list consideration was also given to providing a District-wide geographic spread and a range of style and dates so to provide the widest reflection of the varied heritage of the district. The majority of entries are not currently within conservation areas so are not currently protected in any way. The entries were researched and assessed by the Conservation Officers according to the scoring framework outlined in Appendix A on pages 32 to 37. The scoring framework was put together based on a meeting with the Senior Conservation Officer at Leicester City Council, analysis of the approach taken by other Authorities within Leicestershire and Historic England guidance Note 7 – *Local Heritage Listing: Identifying and Conserving Local Heritage*.
- 2.5 Having assessed the potential entries against the scoring framework, entries are arranged into 3 categories: 1) case for inclusion 2) no case for inclusion, 3) entries requiring more detailed consideration. The 3 categories are then presented to an independent selection panel for review. This is a useful stage in the assessment and provides independent expert consideration and advice on the relative merits of the potential local list entries, providing greater weight to the proposed list.
- 2.6 The panel, chaired by the Heritage Champion, Cllr Bateman, confirmed which entries are worthy of inclusion on the HDC Local List of Non-Designated Heritage Assets. Other panel members are Stephen Butt, local historian and published author of several books on the heritage of Leicestershire and representatives from the Victorian Society and the Leicestershire Archaeology and Historical Society. These panel members have been selected for their county-wide knowledge they can bring to the initial establishment of the list. Moving forward it is anticipated that the membership of the panel will be

widened to include a greater geographic presence from within the district and specialist areas of expertise that will be required as the list develops.

- 2.7 Following the panel meeting of 16 April 2021 the following entries were recommended for inclusion on the initial HDC Local List of Non-Designated Heritage Assets for public consultation:

Home Farm, Bakehouse Lane	Saddington
Keyham Bridge, Hungarton Lane	Keyham
Claybrooke Magna Village Hall, Main Road	Claybrooke Magna
The Yews, 29 London Road	Great Glen
Highfield Farm, Main Street	Cold Newton
Carmel Baptist Chapel, Wolsey Lane	Fleckney
Castle Inn, Main Street	Caldecott
Three Gates Farm, Melton Road	Illston on the Hill
Waller Bedingfield's House, 8 Bitteswell Road	Lutterworth
The Arrow Pub, Coventry Road	Lutterworth
Former Temperance Hotel, 149 St Mary's Road	Market Harborough
Northampton Road Cemetery, Nothampton Road	Market Harborough
The Old Rectory, Chapel Lane	Misterton
Former Toll House – Chestnut Cottage, Uppingham Road	Tugby
WWII Pillbox, Oakham Road, NE of Fox Lodge	Withcote
The White House, 375 Scraptoft Lane	Scraptoft

- 2.8 Restricted access to libraries and archives during the last year has impacted on the range and type of assets it has been possible to research and include in this initial tranche. This is not expected to have a long-term impact on entries to the Local List.
- 2.9 Owners of all assets listed above have been contacted and have had the opportunity to make any comments (none have done so). Owners have also been made aware that recognition of assets through inclusion within a Local List of Non-Designated Heritage Assets does not bring any additional form of statutory protection or grant aid but it enables their significance to be better considered in planning applications affecting the asset or its setting. Properties included within the list will not incur any additional charges for Planning applications.

3.0 Consultation

- 3.1 The nomination and scoring systems (set out at Appendix A on page 6 and pages 32-37) and the initial entries on to the local list (Appendix A pages 8-31) went to public consultation from 8 July to 5 September 2021. The responses to the consultation and amendments made as a result are outlined in Appendix B.
- 3.2 Following a review of the consultation responses, amendments have been made to the introduction to the Local List document. The consultation process generated a number of nominations of assets which will be researched with a view to inclusion on the Local List in the future.

4.0 Conclusion and Next Steps

- 4.1 A robust and transparent system for nomination and assessment of heritage assets for inclusion has been developed. The sounder the basis for the addition of an asset to the Local List, the greater the weight that can be given to preserving the significance of the asset.
- 4.2 Going forward, it is intended to expand the Local List of Non-Designated Heritage Assets on a minimum of an annual basis for the first 5 years. This 5-year period allows time for the number of entries to be built up. As the list develops it will need to be reviewed, for example some entries may move to national listing or better examples of particular asset types have been included, thus earlier additions may no longer be considered appropriate for inclusion. After 5 years it will then move to ongoing regular annual review of all entries to ensure that both new and existing entries remain appropriate for inclusion.