

To: City Executive Board

Date: 5th December 2012

Report of: Head of City Development

Title of Report: Oxford Heritage Assets Register, Criteria and Process

Summary and Recommendations

Purpose of Report:

To provide information on considerations for the Oxford Heritage Assets criteria, nominations process and character statements format arising from East and West Area planning Committees

Key Decision: No

Report approved by: Michael Crofton-Briggs

Finance: David Watts

Legal: Michael Morgan

Policy Framework: (NPPF) National Planning Policy Framework
Oxford Core Strategy 2006 – 2026
Adopted Oxford Local Plan 2001 – 2016
English Heritage Good Practice Guide for Local Heritage Listing

Recommendation(s):

To endorse the proposal for a Heritage Assets Register for Oxford and adopt the proposed criteria and selection process including clarifications recommended by Area Planning Committees.

To recommend Full Council endorse the proposal for a Heritage Assets Register and adopt the proposed criteria and selection process.

Summary

1. The proposed criteria and selection process for a register of heritage assets of local value has been prepared in order to give weight to existing policies in the Local Plan. These were presented to the Area Planning Committees for comment prior to their submission for adoption by City Executive Board.

Comments made by Area Planning Committees

2. The East Area Committee voted unanimously to endorse the proposal for a heritage assets register with the criteria and selection process as presented subject to clarification concerning the relationship between 'heritage assets' and 'assets of community value'. They recommended that City Executive Board adopt the criteria and selection process with the suggested clarification
3. The West Area planning committee endorsed the criteria and selection process and recommended the City Executive Board and Council adopt the proposed criteria and selection process.
4. Both committees provided useful additional detail to add to the draft area character statement for Iffley Fields including a draft list of candidates for inclusion on the heritage assets register.

RECOMMENDATION

1. **To endorse the proposal for a Heritage Assets Register for Oxford and to adopt the proposed criteria and selection process (including the changes recommended by Area Planning Committee).**
2. **To refer the criteria and selection process for the heritage assets register to Full Council for their endorsement.**

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Background papers:

NPPF: Department for Communities and Local Government, 2012, National Planning Policy Framework

Localism Act 2011