

To: City Executive Board

Date: 2 April 2014

Report of: Head of City Development

Title of Report: Nomination of Heritage Assets for inclusion on the Oxford Heritage Assets Register: East and West Oxford Pilot Studies

Summary and Recommendations

Purpose of report: Registration of heritage assets identified through the character assessments and to consider the recommendation to make the process of identification, assessment and registration more efficient.

Key decision No

Executive lead member: Cllr Bob Price, Corporate Strategy, Economic Development and Planning

Policy Framework: National Planning Policy Framework; Oxford Local Plan Core Strategy: Policy CS18 Urban Design and the Historic Environment; Saved Local Plan Policy HE.6 Buildings of Local Interest; and Policy HE.8 Important Parks and Gardens.

Recommendations: That the City Executive Board:

1. AGREE the 70 Heritage Assets recommended for inclusion on the heritage assets register by the Review Panels for each ward.

2. NOTE the two character studies will be material considerations in determining relevant planning applications against saved Policies HE.6 & HE.8 of the Adopted Local Plan 2001-2016 and Core Strategy Policy CS.18 (or any subsequent replacement policy).

Appendices to report – list here by Appendix number and description

Appendix 1 OHAR Process

Appendix 2 Risk Register

Appendix 3 Equalities Impact Assessment screening

Appendix 4 Nomination Forms East Area

Appendix 5 Nomination Forms West Area

Background

1. English Heritage has funded the preparation of two trial studies to contribute to the development of the Oxford Heritage Assets Register. Community groups and stakeholders were involved in the preparation of the criteria; nomination form and; identification and review process, which was adopted by Full Council in December 2012.
2. The Council adopted three processes by which heritage assets could be added to the register¹. Registration of heritage assets could occur:
 - a. Within the context of a planning application
 - b. Within the context of a programme of area studies
 - c. After the completion of the pilot studies

Consultation on the Character Statements and the Candidates for Heritage Assets

3. Consultation on the Character Statements (prepared for East and West Oxford) took place from 18 December 2014 until 23 January 2015.
4. At the same time as the consultation on the character statements, the nominated heritage assets were also consulted upon. Owners of nominated heritage assets were notified by post with an invitation to submit comments on the potential registration of their property as a heritage asset. The general public were also consulted.

Review of candidate heritage assets

5. Review panels were established for each applicable ward in order to determine the heritage asset nominations. The Review Panels were made up of the Ward Members.
6. Comments received as part of the consultation were forwarded to the review panels along with the nomination forms, the relevant character study and the recommendations of the City Council's officers.
7. Each review panel was asked to accept, reject, or defer each nomination.

Recommendations for registration of heritage assets²

8. Following consideration by each of the review panels, 70 potential Heritage Assets have been recommended for registration on the Oxford Heritage Asset Register; 7 potential Heritage Assets have been identified as not meriting registration on the Oxford Heritage Asset Register.

¹ More information about this process can be found in Appendix 1

² Details of which Heritage Assets were registered can be found in Appendix 1

Legal Issues

9. There are no legal implications of this report.

Financial Issues

10. Much of this project has been funded by English Heritage.

Environmental Impact

11. No specific environmental impacts identified

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Background Papers

1: East Oxford Character Study

2: West Oxford Character Study

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