

**OXFORD CITY COUNCIL PLANNING  
COMMITTEE**

2022

**Application Number:** Nominations for Oxford Heritage Asset Register

**Decision Due by:** \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ 2022

**Proposal:** To consider nominations for addition to the Oxford Heritage Asset Register (OHAR)

**Site Address:** Oxford City

**Case Officer** Victoria  
Ashton/Emma  
Winder

**Agent:** N/A **Applicant:** N/A

**Reason at Committee:** To approve or reject proposed nominations.

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## 1. RECOMMENDATION

1.1. Oxford City Council Planning Committee is recommended to:

**APPROVE** the following nominations for addition to the Oxford Heritage Asset Register.

1. Temple Cowley Library, Temple Road, Cowley
2. Headington Shark, 2 New High Street, Headington
3. The Printworks, Crescent Road, Cowley
4. 69 London Road, Headington
5. 105 London Road, Headington
6. Medieval Wall, The Grates, Cowley
7. The Lodge, Binsey Lane
8. The Lodge, Rose Hill Cemetery, Church Cowley Road
9. Weirs House, Weirs Lane
10. The Chapel, Rose Hill Cemetery, Church Cowley Road
11. Bailey Bridge, Port Meadow

12. Crown and Thistle Pub, 132 Old Road, Headington
13. The Westgate Hotel, 1 Botley Road
14. 182-184 Abingdon Road
15. Scout Hall, 238 Marston Road
16. The Old Vicarage, 41 Lake Street, New Hinksey
17. United Reformed (formerly Congregational) Church, Temple Cowley

To **REJECT** the following nominations for addition to the register.

None.

## **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1. This report considers the addition of 17 nominations to be added to the Oxford Heritage Asset Register (OHAR), which is the Council's version of a Local List. The OHAR was developed between 2012-15 in partnership with English Heritage (Historic England), Oxford Preservation Trust and local communities. It is a register of buildings, structures, features or places that make a special contribution to the character of Oxford and its neighbourhoods through their locally significant historic, architectural, archaeological or artistic interest.
- 2.2. The National Heritage List, administered by Historic England (formerly English Heritage) lists those buildings, structures and monuments of clearly national significance (such as, listed buildings, scheduled monuments, and registered parks and gardens). The Oxford Heritage Asset Register provides the opportunity to identify those elements of Oxford's historic environment particularly valued by local communities.
- 2.3. Inclusion of a building or place on the Heritage Asset Register places no additional legal requirements or responsibilities on property owners over and above those already required for planning permission or building regulation approval. There is no additional protection from demolition, for example. It can, however, help to guide planning decisions in a way that conserves and enhances local character. Under the National Planning Policy Framework, the conservation and contribution of locally listed heritage assets will be a material consideration in planning decisions that directly affect them or their setting.
- 2.4. To be considered as an addition to the register, nominations must meet the following criteria. They must be capable of meeting the Government's definition of a heritage asset, they must possess heritage interest that can be conserved and enjoyed, they must have a value as heritage for the character and identity of the city, neighbourhood or community, they must have a level of significance that is greater than the general positive identified character of the local area. Each nomination has been consulted upon and then assessed by a panel of conservation officers and the recommendations for each one are set out below.

2.5. The OHAR does not include heritage assets that are located within a conservation area. This is because they would normally be identified and assessed as part of a conservation area appraisal and their status would already be a material consideration within decision making because they are located within a conservation area.

## 2.6. **THE NOMINATIONS**

2.7. There are a total of 17 nominations. These comprise public nominations that have been waiting to be reviewed for some time. Appendix A sets out what those are and details the recommendations and reasons for adding them to the register or rejecting them.

## 3. **CONSULTATION**

3.1. Public consultation took place for six weeks from 19<sup>th</sup> November to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021. The consultation was then reopened for another three weeks from the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022. The purpose of the consultation was to invite comments about the proposed nominations and whether they should be added to the register or not. A questionnaire was available on the Council's website and the consultation was promoted through the use of social media, a press release to local news outlets and site notices. Letters and emails were sent to property owners, key stakeholders and local interest groups.

3.2. A total of 117 responses were received from the online consultation questionnaire. A further 15 comments were received via email. A summary of their comments has been set out in Appendix A.

## 4. **CONCLUSION**

4.1. It is recommended that committee approve the addition of 17 nominations to the Oxford Heritage Asset Register because they meet the criteria for inclusion.

## 5. **APPENDICES**

### **Appendix A – Oxford Heritage Asset Register Recommendations**

## 6. **HUMAN RIGHTS ACT 1998**

6.1. Officers have considered the implications of the Human Rights Act 1998 in reaching a recommendation to add the nominations to the OHAR. They consider that the interference with the human rights of the owners of the heritage assets under Article 8/Article 1 of Protocol 1 is justifiable and proportionate for the protection of the rights and freedom of others or the control of his/her property in this way is in accordance with the general interest.

## 7. **SECTION 17 OF THE CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998**

7.1. Officers have considered, with due regard, the likely effect of the proposal to add the nominations to the OHAR on the need to reduce crime and disorder in

accordance with section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. In reaching a recommendation to add the nominations to the OHAR, officers consider that this will not undermine crime prevention or the promotion of community.