

Newcastle Borough Council's Register of locally important buildings and structures

The register created by Newcastle Borough Council working with the community. It aims to:

- raise awareness in the community of our local heritage
- celebrate those parts which enrich our local areas
- try and protect it from harmful change and demolition.

National planning guidance advises us to set out a positive strategy for conservation and enjoyment of the historic environment. We should recognise that heritage assets are irreplaceable and should be appropriately looked after. So, inclusion on the list helps to inform planning decisions.

A building or structure on the register is considered to have heritage value and contribute to the character of the area.

Sometimes called local lists they often include local landmarks, curiosities and buildings which fall short of the criteria for national listing.

The current local register has 135 entries including buildings from around the borough such as a post box in Audley, estate houses in Keele village and pubs in the town centres.

Being on the register:

- does not provide additional planning controls
- will not prevent change or a development taking place
- does not affect permitted development rights
- will inform any planning decisions by considering its conservation as a heritage asset.

Maintaining a register or list is a recognised way for local councils and communities to identify and celebrate their valued historic environment.

The register is one of many tools available to us to identify and protect buildings and areas alongside national designations, such as listed buildings, historic parks, gardens and local conservation areas.

The register is a consistent and accountable way of identifying local heritage assets for the benefit of the borough which allows for opportunities to become involved in local heritage and helps communities to give their views.

More information on local designation is on the Historic England website.

<https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/what-is-designation/local/>

Selection criteria for local register for Audley Rural Neighbourhood Plan - Locally Important Buildings and Structures

We will measure potential nominations against the selection criteria adopted by the Borough Council along with their scoring system which buildings or structures must meet to be included on the local register.

A score of 7 marks out of 10 will allow the building to be added to the register. These criteria are:

Authenticity

- Whether the building is substantially unaltered/does it retain original features?
- Has it a purity of form?
- Has its character remained?

(Up to 2 marks)

Architectural interest

- Is the building typical in style, or of a certain architectural period?
- Does it have good quality architecture/craftsmanship?

(Up to 2 marks)

Historic interest

- Has the building any association with the community or village?
- Has it got an important social significance?
- Does it lie in a conservation area?

(Up to 2 marks)

Visual importance

- Is the building visually prominent or are these significant views of the building?
- Does it have group value with other buildings?

(Up to 2 marks)

Community value

- Has the building been nominated by community groups, parish councils or schools?

(2 marks)