

REGISTER OF LOCALLY IMPORTANT BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES IN NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

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Ward(s) affected: All

Purpose of the Report

To consider the recommendation of the Planning Committee to adopt a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) relating to a Register of Locally Important Buildings and Structures in Newcastle-under-Lyme.

Recommendation

That the Supplementary Planning Document relating to a Register of locally important buildings and structures be adopted.

Reasons

The consultation period relating to this SPD expired in September 2011, and officers reported the results to the Planning Committee on 6th December 2011. A revised version was submitted to that meeting and the committee resolved to recommend that the final version is now adopted, subject to minor drafting/textual corrections. As the SPD is not a "Development Plan Document" it falls to be adopted by the Executive (i.e. the Cabinet).

1. Background

- 1.1 The Council's Planning Committee resolved to accept a Register of Locally Important Buildings and Structures in October 2010. This Register was reviewed in summer last year and a revised Register approved in autumn 2011. A copy of the Register can be viewed at www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/localregister and will be available for inspection at your meeting.
- 1.2 A draft Register of Locally Important Buildings and Structures Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) was agreed by Planning Committee in July 2011, for consultation purposes. The period for consultation ended on the 23rd September.
- 1.3 A final version of the SPD was submitted to Planning Committee on 6th December 2011, together with a summary of all comments made. The Committee recommended that Cabinet adopt the document as a formal Supplementary Planning Document within the Council's Local Development Framework. The content of the document agreed by the Committee is attached at Appendix A.
- 1.4 The SPD describes the formal process of how locally important heritage assets (buildings and structures which contribute significantly to the rich cultural heritage of the Borough) will be included on the Council's Register of Locally Important Buildings and Structures.

- 1.5 Once adopted, the SPD will supplement the objectives and policies contained in the Joint Core Spatial Strategy and inclusion on the Register will mean that the contribution to the local area will be given additional weight in the determination of planning applications. Another key purpose of the SPD is to raise awareness of the importance of locally significant heritage assets.
- 1.6 Members will recall that this item was deferred at the last Cabinet meeting pending clarification about the existence of an initial Register of Locally Important Buildings and Structures.

2. Consultation Results

- 2.1 Overall the consultation draft SPD received a relatively positive response from a wide range of practitioners, including English Heritage and Newcastle-under-Lyme Civic Society. It is considered that the experience from the first year of setting up the Register may have helped in this respect, as a number of issues had been fully considered prior to the drafting of the SPD. Furthermore the SPD follows best practice guidance from English Heritage.
- 2.2 There have been two key changes, firstly to make the purpose of the SPD clearer and secondly to amend the scoring system so that each criterion is now given an equal weighting.

3. Next Steps

- 3.1 Once adopted, the SPD, together with a Consultation Statement, will be posted on the Council's website (Planning pages) and available in hard copy on request. Electronic copies of the SPD will be emailed to all those who participated in the consultation process.

4. Outcomes Linked to Sustainable Community Strategy and Corporate Priorities

- 4.1 The SPD will have a positive impact on the priorities of 'creating a cleaner, safer and sustainable borough' and 'creating a borough of opportunity'.

5. Legal and Statutory Implications

- 5.1 The Council has legal and statutory duties in relation to the production of the SPD to undertake public consultation as set out in its adopted Statement of Community Involvement under the Local Development Framework. The Consultation statement demonstrates that the Council undertook sufficient public consultations, using its best endeavours to consult and involve the community in the most effective way possible.

6. Equality Impact Assessment

- 6.1 The Newcastle-under-Lyme and Stoke-on-Trent Core Spatial Strategy, which this SPD supplements, has been subject to an equality impact assessment.

7. Financial and Resource Implications

- 7.1 The cost of preparing and adopting the Supplementary Planning Document has been met from the existing service budget.

8. **Major Risks**

8.1 The Borough Council will not be subject to major risks by adopting this SPD.

9. **Earlier Cabinet/Committee Resolutions**

9.1 Planning Committee, July 2011

10. **List of Appendices**

10.1 The content of the SPD recommended for adoption by Planning Committee

11. **Background Papers**

Consultation draft SPD

Copies of all representations made on the draft SPD
(All filed within the Planning and Development Service)

The SPD Consultation Statement

English Heritage: Good Practice Guide for local listing: Identifying and Managing Significant Local Heritage Assets. Draft for Consultation February 2011. <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/caring/listing/local/local-designations/local-list/>

Register of Locally Important Buildings and Structures