

Nomination of a Heritage Asset for the Winkfield Parish Register

Definition and Purpose

A heritage asset suitable for local listing is one which is considered to enhance the character and attraction of the local area by its distinctive or outstanding architectural or artistic interest, historic connections or value, or archaeological significance, but which has **not** been nationally designated by English Heritage.

The reason that an asset is not nationally designated may be that it is not sufficiently distinctive of its type, the historic connection is solely local, the asset has been altered more than was considered acceptable, or in rare cases it is less than 30 years old.

The Nomination Form

A heritage asset may be proposed for inclusion on the local register by the public, the parish council or a local heritage society.

The nomination form is available at both the Winkfield Parish Council Website <http://www.winkfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/> where you can download and complete a copy of the form or as a paper copy from the Winkfield Parish Council office in Fernbank Road, Ascot SL5 8JW.

The nomination form asks you to demonstrate how your candidate asset meets the criteria for inclusion on the Winkfield Parish Heritage Assets Register (the criteria are set out on the next page).

In answers to Questions 2 – 4 you can rank the interests, values and significance your candidate asset provides to show which you consider the most and least important to its significance; i.e. 5 (most important) – 1 (least important).

Registration does not mean an asset will be preserved in its current state in perpetuity. Planning policy allows change to heritage assets that conserves or better reveals their significance or, where change requires their loss, replaces the benefit to the public that they provide. The information provided in support of your nomination will help determine what forms of change might be acceptable. Saying “it’s important and must never change” won’t tell us what we need to know to manage your heritage asset in the future.

Alternatives

Where the use of land, buildings or places now or in the recent past, furthers the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community (and this is not an ancillary use), it may be considered to be an **asset of community value** (community asset), for which the government has made provision in the Localism Act 2011. Regulations give communities the opportunity to identify assets of community value and have them listed and, when they are put up for sale, more time to raise finance and prepare to bid for them. Winkfield Parish Council is maintaining a list of community assets.

Nevertheless, there may be examples where land is considered to both qualify as a community asset and heritage asset, in which case it will be necessary to distinguish which features of their value and significance are relevant to each designation.

Sites and Buildings in Conservation Areas

Conservation Areas are 'designated heritage assets' as defined by the government's planning policy and receive a higher level of protection than locally registered heritage assets, including legal restrictions on demolition and some permitted development rights. As such any nomination falling within a conservation area will not be considered for inclusion on the Winkfield Parish Heritage Assets Register.

Selection Panel

Heritage assets will be investigated, evaluated and recommended for listing by assessors nominated by the parish council or the Winkfield Neighbourhood Development Plan Group. No Selection Panel member may be involved in evaluating a heritage asset in which he/she has a material interest, either direct or indirect.

What Happens Next?

- A list of candidate heritage assets is prepared, which will be presented to the public (including the owners of candidate heritage assets) for consultation.
- Any responses received from the public will be placed with the nomination form and will be included in the report made to the review panel.
- A selection panel of local experts will review the candidate assets nominated to ensure they meet the criteria.

The information you provide in answering the questions will be essential for the panel's consideration of your candidate's significance. If they are uncertain, you may be asked to provide further information.

- Where the panel consider that a candidate has met the criteria they will recommend that the Council include them on the Winkfield Parish Heritage Asset Register.
- In some instances the review panel may decide that the candidate does not meet the criteria to be included as a heritage asset but might be appropriate for consideration as a community asset. If this is the case, you will be asked to consider making an application for the inclusion of your asset on the Council's list of community assets, which may require additional or different information.

The Criteria for Winkfield Parish Heritage Assets

Registered Heritage Assets must meet all of the four following criteria which are recognised in national planning policy.

- **Criterion 1. They must be capable of meeting the government's definition of a heritage asset.**

Demonstrate that your candidate is able to fall within the government's definition of a heritage asset; i.e. a building, monument, site, place, area or landscape.

- **Criterion 2. They must possess heritage interest that can be conserved and enjoyed.**

Identify the properties of your candidate asset that need to be cared for as heritage –this is its heritage interest. This might include physical things like its appearance and materials, as well as associations with past people or events. Consider whether the physical features of the candidate asset help to illustrate its associations.

- **Criterion 3. They must have a value as heritage for the character and identity of the Parish, neighbourhood or community because of their heritage interest beyond personal or family connections, or the interest of individual property owners.**

Tell us why or how the heritage interest you identified in your answer to Question 2 is of local value - this is its heritage value. The types of heritage value suggested on the nomination form are based on national guidance by English Heritage.

- **Criterion 4. They must have a level of significance that is greater than the general positive identified character of the local area.**

Tell us what raises your candidate's heritage value to a level that merits its consideration in planning. Many features of the historic environment are a valued part of local character that should be managed through policies relating to townscape character in the local plan. Registered heritage assets should stand out as of greater significance than these features for their heritage value. The suggested options listed on the nominations form are based on national best practice. If you think your candidate asset has special local significance for another reason please state what it is.