

Priorities for Future National Heritage Designations in Buckinghamshire

To: Buckinghamshire Historic Environment Forum
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A. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1 To advise the Forum of proposed candidate sites for national heritage designations.

Report Summary

- The County Council is intending to request Historic England take a short list of sites forward for national designation

B. PROPOSED ACTION

- 2 The Forum is invited to AGREE on a prioritised list of candidate sites

C. RESOURCES

- 3 There are not expected to be resource implications other than staff time

D. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Background:

Members will remember that a long list of possible candidate sites for future national designation has been tabled at previous meetings, and that at the last meeting it was agreed that these should be presented as a paper for further discussion at this meeting. The intention is that a shortlist or prioritised list will be agreed and that these will be sent to Historic England for action.

In November Historic England's Designation Team Leader confirmed that a potential project for Buckinghamshire was possible in 2016-17 and that a meeting will be arranged once their programme for next year is finalised. This should be imminent.

Members are asked to consider the following

- Are there significant omissions?
- Should any sites be dropped from the list? If so, why?
- How should we prioritise the eventual short-list?

Draft Long-List of Prospective New/Reviewed Sites for Scheduling (in no particular order):

Site	District	Description	Justification/Comments
Pullingshill Wood, Medmenham	Wycombe	WW1 practice trench earthworks	Well preserved earthworks in accessible woodland, best

			example in Bucks with local interest and interpretation. Within AONB. Owned by Woodland Trust.
Warren Wood, Little Marlow	Wycombe	Medieval earthwork enclosures in woodland	Example of distinctive Chiltern dispersed medieval woodland settlement. Within AONB.
Low Grounds, Marlow	Wycombe	Three ring ditches with associated ?mortuary enclosures and Neolithic settlement on former Thames island.	Significant group of monuments. Cropmarks and plough truncated buried remains mainly under arable defined by evaluation. Threats from flood alleviation scheme and cultivation.
Dorney Rowing Lake	South Bucks	Triple ring ditch under reconstructed mound adjacent to Rowing Lake	Evident significance as a complex monument. Well managed and interpreted in public location.
Quarrendon I & II	Aylesbury Vale	Deserted medieval settlements and Tudor mansion/garden earthworks	REVISE SM 1013416 existing out of date schedule description and extend to include adjacent associated features. Outstanding exemplar site under major development pressure in its immediate surroundings
Quarrendon III	Aylesbury Vale	Deserted medieval hamlet and moat earthworks	Significant for group value with Quarrendon I and II. Longer term risk wrt expansion of Aylesbury?
Fleet Marston/Berryfields	Aylesbury Vale	Roman roadside settlement	Extensive plough-truncated polyfocal Roman settlement. Major threats from development and HS2.
Boarstall Duck Decoy	Aylesbury Vale	Extant duck decoy	National exemplar. National Trust property
Boarstall Tower and village	Aylesbury Vale	Fortified medieval gatehouse, moat, village earthworks and pottery production. ECW siege.	REVISE SM 1006921 to extend existing village schedule. Tower is listed. National exemplar as earliest map of an English village. National Trust property.
Stoke Mandeville Old Church	Aylesbury Vale	Ruined medieval church and churchyard with adjacent earthworks	On HS2 route.
Lillingstone Lovell	Aylesbury Vale	Manorial earthworks in village	Survey by Leicester University Whittlewood Project
Bourton Grounds, Buckingham	Aylesbury Vale	Romano-Celtic Temple	Important site excavated in 1960s, current condition uncertain and would benefit from geophysical survey for context. Associated with scheduled Roman barrows.
Yewden Villa	Wycombe	Roman villa complex	REVISE SM 1014606 to reflect recent survey (Jill Eyers).

			Within AONB
Cadmore End Kiln, Lane End	Wycombe	Ruined C19th/20th brick kiln	Exemplar of Chiltern brickworks, other kiln is listed Within AONB
Taplow Court	South Bucks	Late Bronze Age/Iron Age hillfort with high status Saxon re-occupation	REVISE 1014781 : major extension of existing scheduled barrow to encompass hillfort discovered in 1999. Evident national significance.
Chenies Bottom	Chiltern	19 th century water meadow earthworks	Best example in Buckinghamshire. Nature Reserve belonging to Middlesex Wildlife Trust
The Rye, High Wycombe	Wycombe	Roman villa	Villa built on but new building complex recently identified by aerial photography. Wycombe District Council pool and playing fields.
Jenkins Wood, Great Missenden	Chiltern	Medieval earthwork in woodland	Close to HS2 Within AONB Associated with South Heath SM and Potter Row pottery production
Dorney Reach	South Bucks	Neolithic oval barrow	Levelled site known from cropmark and geophysics
Moated Site 330m South East of Manor Farm. Broughton Farm, Weston Turville	Aylesbury Vale	Medieval moat with associated ridge and furrow and house platforms	REVISE SM 1017518 to include earthworks around the existing scheduled moat. Development threat
Common Wood, Penn	Chiltern	Roman enclosure earthwork in woodland	Very rare survival of Roman earthwork in Bucks. Within AONB

Additional Proposals for National Designation as Listed Buildings and Registered Parks and Gardens:

Following the public enquiry into the Highway Agency's M4 'Smart Motorway' proposals, Buckinghamshire County Council has undertaken to submit a request to Historic England to consider Richings Park for inclusion on the Register of Historic Parks and Gardens. In addition some of the associated buildings and garden structures (the former service wing and stables, an icehouse, and two bridges) are considered to be of sufficient quality to merit listing.

E. BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Information on specific sites held on the Buckinghamshire HER

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