

Appendix A: Buckinghamshire Heritage Team Briefing Note

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1. Recruitment

Since our last meeting, the Heritage Team has been through a busy period of recruitment and reallocation of resources. The following positions have now been successfully filled:

- Tineke Rennie – Heritage Officer (Permanent FTE)
- Nicola Bishop - Heritage Officer (Permanent FTE)
- Stephanie Parsons – Assistant Heritage Officer (Fixed Contract FTE)
- Louise Sjogren Taylor – Assistant Heritage Officer (Fixed Contract FTE)

The [Heritage and Archaeology Team Leader](#) position is also currently out to advert with a closing date of 10th April 2022.

2. Local Heritage List Project

The Local Heritage List project has now received over **2000 nominations**. This is a significant landmark and testament to the hard work of the project team, volunteers and community groups who have all engaged with the project and helped to identify local assets across the county. We want to keep this momentum going by encouraging more volunteers to register on the [local list platform](#) and to view our outreach talks on our [YouTube channel](#).

Project highlights to-date:

- **Currently 2160** candidate sites nominated for Local Listing.
- We currently have **140 registered users** on our Local Heritage List web platform.
- A core group of **18 volunteers** are busy nominating, researching and enriching sites online.
- Currently involved with **38 groups and organisations**.
- **15 parish councils** are working with us to nominate and enrich sites.

The Council remains on target to submit nominations to Members for adoption by Autumn this year.

3. Updates to Statutory List

- Ice House, Stoke Park (refused)
- Stoke Poges Golf Club (refused)
- Lych gate and attached stone and flint wall, Church of St Giles, Church Lane, Stoke Poges (accepted)

- Lillies Farmhouse, Weedon (early C19th timber frame, George Deevey makeover) (accepted)

4. Buildings at Risk

- **Manor Farm, Gawcott** – Urgent works have been completed on site, costs have been recovered through sale and the case successfully closed. Applications from new owners to carry out full repairs now received.
- **Mentmore Towers** – warrant for access and survey completed, working to find solutions and currently considering options.
- **Whiteleaf Cottages** - fire-damaged cottages, Whiteleaf
The owner has submitted a pre-application request for advice on the reinstatement of the cottages and enabling development. Negotiations ongoing.
- **Brunel Shed, High Wycombe** - Building work is on site nearing completion and progressing for the conversion and extension of this Grade II LB.
- **2-3 High Street, High Wycombe** - Building work now completed on this Grade II LB, cocktail bar due to open soon.

5. Appeal Decisions

- 21/00028/REF & 21/00029/REF Petford Lea – dismissed due to harm to the CA and setting of LB's, design and backland development.
- 21/03163/APP Winslow Road, Great Horwood - alterations to C19th cottage and extension. Dismissed due to harm to the NDHA and would fail to enhance and preserve the character and appearance of the CA.
- 21/02273/APP Land At School End, Great Horwood - Erection of three dwellings, dismissed due to effect of the proposed development on the character and appearance of the conservation area and rural setting.

6. Development Management

Majors

- HMP Grendon & Springhill Prison – Refused at Committee
- Hollands Farm – allocated site, heritage advice offered
- Princess Risborough - Outline PA received for the 1st half of the urban expansion area for 1,100 houses.

PPAs & HPA's

- **Clivedon Estate** -
- **Stoke Park** -
- **Chilterns Shopping Centre** - work is continuing on proposals for the redevelopment of the in the centre of High Wycombe.
- **Wycombe Abbey School** – plans are moving forward on the preparation of a masterplan for the school site.
- **Marlow Film Studios** - plans progressing, three design panel meetings taken place , aim to submit plans in May.

Planning Advice

- We are continuing to receive a high number of requests for specialist advice from owners of listed buildings and for development in conservation areas.
- Input on the Kingsbury and Market Square regeneration and Walton Street improvement works.

SPD's & Design

- Shopfronts – Heritage Team currently exploring options for a SPD focussing on design of shopfronts.

7. Conclusion

It has been an exceptionally busy time for the Heritage Team and resources have been stretched. Now recruitment has largely been completed the team is in a much stronger position to move forward with our key priorities including the adoption of the Local Heritage List.