

Heritage assets

A guide to Listed Buildings, Locally Listed Buildings, Conservation Areas, Historic Parks and Gardens.

This is a guide to Listed Buildings, Conservation Areas, Historic Parks and Gardens and Locally Listed Buildings and explains where you can obtain further information. It is not a statement of law. Separate guides are available dealing with archaeological assets and trees in conservation areas.

What is a heritage asset?

Heritage assets are buildings, structures, archaeological remains or places which are considered to contribute positively to the historic interest of the City. They combine to help create a more interesting and attractive City for the people who live, work and visit here and require special consideration through the planning process.

Listed Buildings

What is a listed building?

A listed building is a building or structure considered by the Secretary of State for Culture Media and Sport to be of national special architectural or historic interest. Several factors will influence this decision, including the age or rarity of the building, technological innovation, architectural or historic associations.

Listing a building in planning law gives it legal protection from demolition or inappropriate alterations which would destroy historic features or affect its character and setting, in order that they can be preserved for future generations to enjoy.

When a building is listed it affects both the exterior and the interior of the building, together with any outbuildings, walls or other structures that were built before 1 July 1948 within the curtilage or grounds of the listed building.

Buildings can be listed as grade I, grade II* or grade II.

Grade I - are buildings of exceptional quality and make up just 1.5% of the total number of listed buildings within the City.

Grade II* - these buildings are considered to be of particular importance (6.8%).

Grade II - make up the vast majority (91.7%), and are of special interest.

How do I find out if a building is listed?

Listed buildings and their descriptions can be found on the Historic England web site. Visit: historicengland.org.uk

How do I request that a building become listed ?

Anyone can put a building forward for listing to Historic England and guidance about doing this can be found at: historicengland.org.uk

Locally listed buildings are graded A, B or C and are added to the list due to their architectural, historical or archaeological interest. They are an important part of the City's unique heritage and identity.

As with statutorily listed buildings if your property is on the local list you should make sure that any work you undertake preserves any features of historic or architectural interest, and is in keeping with the character of the original building and its setting.

How do I find out if a property is on the local list?

We currently have more than 400 buildings on our local list. If you would like to check whether a building is on the local list visit:

[birmingham.gov.uk/conservation](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/conservation)

Conservation Areas

Getting permission to make changes

Before starting any work it is recommended that you check with us first to see whether any consent is required. Works in a conservation area may require planning permission and/or conservation area consent.

In addition trees are protected due to the positive contribution they make to the character of conservation areas.

Registered Historic Parks and Gardens

What is a registered historic park and garden?

These are parks and gardens which the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport considers to be of national interest. As with listed buildings they are categorised as grade I, grade II* or grade II.

There are 15 registered historic parks and gardens in the City and range from the Victorian cemeteries

Getting in touch

The quickest and easiest way of getting in touch:

Web

Submit your application here:
planningportal.gov.uk/applications

Further guidance available here:
birmingham.gov.uk/checklists

Further guidance on the Heritage of Birmingham:
birmingham.gov.uk/conservation

General planning guidance:
birmingham.gov.uk/planning

E-mail

Help submitting your application:
planning.registration@birmingham.gov.uk

Call

Planning and Regeneration general enquiries:
(0121) 303 1115

Postal address for paper applications

Planning and Regeneration
PO Box 28
Birmingham
B1 1TU

Your views

Let us have your comments, compliments or complaints:
birmingham.gov.uk/yourviews

Other useful contacts

Historic England

Web: historicengland.org.uk

Garden History Society

Web: gardenhistorysociety.org.uk

Georgian Group

Web: georgiangroup.org.uk

Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings

Web: spab.org.uk

Twentieth Century Society

Web: c20society.org.uk

Victorian Society

Web: victoriansociety.org.uk

