

ARE YOU PROMOTING A SITE THROUGH A LOCAL PLAN?

Have you undertaken a heritage assessment?



Expertise is required in order to identify heritage assets, their significance and the likely impacts of proposed development. Our approach to heritage assessments ensures sufficient, but not excessive, investigation to provide the informed and balanced judgment of the significance of a heritage asset and of any development impacts.

A positive strategy for the historic environment in local plans can ensure that site allocations avoid harming the significance of both designated and non-designated heritage assets, including effects on their setting, while at the same time presenting possible opportunities for the historic environment. **Planning policy recognises heritage as part of the solution for long-term sustainable growth and not as a block on development.**

This year has seen an increase in strategic heritage assessments for clients to ensure heritage considerations are included as part of their site promotion documents, either where councils have failed to undertake such an assessment, or increasingly we are asked to test council judgments on their perceived degree of harm to heritage assets. We draw upon our successful involvement at public inquiries for such work along with over 15 years of experience of heritage assessment for small and large-scale development projects across the U.K.

All our assessments are informed by site visits early in the process that serves to highlight constraints and enhancement opportunities. We, in conjunction with our in-house GIS capability, then identify areas within your site where development effects on heritage assets will be lowest and/or inappropriate, and where possible, suggest mitigation to reduce harm or enhancement in and around heritage assets.

Our range of heritage services includes:

- Archaeology and heritage due diligence prior to land acquisition
- Desk-based assessments for EIA and planning applications
- Heritage statements
- Heritage setting assessment
- Environmental statement chapters
- Rapid heritage appraisal
- Field walking and historic landscape surveys
- Defining, procuring and managing fieldwork
- Resolution of heritage issues through negotiation with consultees
- Conservation management plans
- Statements of significance
- Expert witness for public inquiry.

If you need advice on any aspect of the historic environment, or how it may influence your application, please contact one of our specialists:

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