



Heritage and History

Policy BE5: Heritage Assets

- A. The Council will take a positive approach to the conservation of heritage assets and the wider historic environment, through being supportive of proposals which:
- i. Sustain and where possible, enhance the significance of heritage asset(s) and their setting,
 - ii. Make a positive contribution to local character, distinctiveness and sense of place, and
 - iii. Where appropriate, find new and sustainable uses for heritage assets, or retain them in viable uses consistent with their conservation.
- B. All proposals (including development that involves alteration, demolition or improved energy efficiency) affecting either a designated heritage asset or its setting, or a non-designated heritage asset, will be required to submit the following:
- i. A description of the heritage asset and its setting, proportionate to its significance.
 - ii. A clear identification of the impacts of the impacts of the development proposal on the heritage asset and its setting.
 - iii. A clear justification as to why the impacts could be considered acceptable.
 - iv. Demonstrate how the proposal is consistent with national policy; and
 - v. Demonstrate how the proposal is consistent with and local heritage guidance (including for example Conservation Area management plans).

12.20. Trafford's historic environment makes a major contribution to the attractiveness, character and local distinctiveness of the borough. The many heritage assets, both designated and undesignated, include buildings, monuments, archaeology, structures, parks, views, vistas,



landscapes, sites and places of significance that contribute to the high quality of the historic environment.

- 12.21. Heritage assets are an irreplaceable record of the borough, which can contribute to our learning and understanding of the past including its social and economic history and are also a resource for the future. It is therefore essential that we seek to preserve and where appropriate, enhance these special buildings and sites.
- 12.22. In line with National guidance, the Local Plan sets out a positive approach to the management of the historic environment and makes clear to applicants the overarching approach to decision making for development which affects heritage assets.
- 12.23. Historic buildings, including those in conservation areas, can be sensitively adapted to meet the needs of climate change and energy saving while preserving their special interest and ensuring their long-term survival. In assessing applications for retrofitting sustainability measures to historic buildings, the Council will take into consideration the public benefits gained from the improved energy efficiency of these buildings, including reduction of fuel poverty. These considerations will be weighed up against the degree to which proposals will change the appearance of the building, taking into consideration the scale of harm to appearance and the significance of the building.

Consultation Question 12-5

Do you support Policy BE5? Are there any changes required which would improve the policy? Please provide any supporting evidence which you think is relevant.