

Draft Selection Criteria

The purpose of the Local List is to identify high quality, locally significant, built or landscape features which are not subject to any other heritage designation such as statutory listing or registered parks and gardens status. These features are termed ‘non-designated heritage assets’ in the government’s planning guidance. Heritage Assets are defined as “*A building, monument, site, place, area or landscape identified as having a degree of significance meriting consideration in planning decisions, because of its heritage interest. Heritage asset includes designated heritage assets and assets identified by the local planning authority (including local listing)*” (National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)). .

Within Camden there are a large number of these features that, although not meeting the criteria for statutory listing, are valuable for the role they play in contributing to the particular character of local places. Buildings may make up the majority of these features, but street furniture such as boundary markers, post boxes, memorials, lamp posts, and statues will also contribute, as will historic natural landscape features.

As this is a local list, we are looking for the features of Camden’s local areas that help make up its distinctive identity, the particular character that makes it different from elsewhere. Often it is the commonplace things around us that give this character, but they may be overlooked because of their very ordinariness. Pubs, shops, places of meeting, places of worship, benches, statues: subtle or idiosyncratic elements; all contribute to the particular character of a place. These things make a place special for local people, and help it to express a ‘personality’ that carries history, traditions, stories and memories into the present day and adds depth of meaning to a modern place.

In conservation areas many buildings are already identified as making a positive contribution to the area, and already benefit from protection under Camden’s planning policies. We are proposing to consider them for inclusion on the Local List only if they also demonstrate aspects of local significance that have not already been recognised by virtue of them meeting the separate criteria for making a positive contribution. These criteria are set out in English Heritage’s guidance Understanding Place: Conservation Area Designation, Appraisal and Management.

Nominations of features to the Local List will be assessed against a set of selection criteria, so that the process is consistent and the significance of each feature is properly considered. We have developed draft Selection Criteria for Camden’s local list, below, following the guidance in English Heritage’s Good Practice Guide.

To be considered for inclusion on the Local List nominations should satisfy **at least two** of the following criteria:

Architectural significance/interest this includes assets that

- a) are good examples of a style of building that is particular to the local area, **and/or**
- b) are good surviving examples of an historic architectural style, **and/or**
- c) are good examples of the work of a notable local or national builder, architect, engineer or designer **and/or**
- d) are good examples of a particular technological innovation or craftsmanship in building type, material or technique.

Historical significance this includes assets that

- a) represent a significant period in the area's history, **and/or**
- b) are associated with a locally important historic figure, **and/or**
- c) are associated with notable local historic events

Townscape Value this includes assets which play a key part in supporting the distinctive character of the local area, either as a landmark or by being examples of prevailing good quality built form of the area.

Social value this includes assets that have local community, cultural, religious, political educational or economic significance.

In addition, nominations to the list should retain the majority of the original features that contribute to their significance.