

Criteria for Local Listing

The national list of statutory listed buildings is compiled and updated by English Heritage. These represent buildings of national importance and all are protected against unauthorised removal or alteration. There are approximately 333 such buildings in Bury. Other buildings are protected, though to a lesser degree, by inclusion within a conservation area.

In addition to these, each part of the Bury area has a wealth of buildings constructed between the 16th and 20th centuries and which are important to the general character of the borough. Whilst these buildings may not be of national interest, they are a valuable asset to the area's heritage and character, and they need to be recorded and protected as far as is possible. This is the reason for producing a local list of such buildings. The buildings on the local list should meet a certain standard of selection. The local list should also recognise other structures such as memorials, monuments and artwork, together with the contribution made by areas such as graveyards and former industrial and agricultural sites.

The broad criteria for selection now put forward is adapted from the Government's criteria for selection of buildings on the national statutory list, which are set out in paragraphs 6.10 to 6.12 of Planning Policy Guidance Note 15: Planning and the Historic Environment. The Council will consider buildings based on these criteria, but adapted to reflect local rather than national priorities. The spread of such buildings throughout the borough will also be a consideration, so that each part of the borough will have buildings within the list. There is an element of judgement in selecting such buildings, but in general terms, the following buildings/structures should be included in the local list.

Age and Rarity

- Buildings and structures less than 30 years old are not eligible for inclusion on the Local List
- Buildings constructed before 1840 that survive in anything like their original condition may be included.
- If built between 1840 and 1919 (late Georgian/Victorian/Edwardian), buildings that retain many of their original and special features, and that are of sufficient quality to distinguish them from other buildings of that period may be included.
- If built between 1919 and 1939, buildings that are a good example of the style of the period, or are a good example of a particular building type which was popular in the period, may be included.
- Buildings designed by a local or locally important architect may be included.
- If built between 1939 and 1945, rare surviving examples of wartime structures may be included.
- Buildings of exceptional quality, innovation and design built between 1946 and 1977 may be included.

Historic Interest

- Buildings or structures associated with an important historic figure or event may be included.
- Fine or rare examples of buildings that illustrate social, economic or industrial history, or a good example of town planning may be included.
- Buildings that illustrate an important part of Bury's cultural history may be included.
- Important parts of Bury's industrial history, for example, remaining structures related to the former Manchester, Bolton and Bury Canal, and agricultural sites, may be included.
- Important churchyards, memorials and monuments may be included.

Architectural Interest

- Buildings designed by an architect important to Bury or the region may be included.
- Buildings designed by an architect of national importance may be included.
- Buildings that are a good example of a style of building that is unique to the local area may be included
- Groups of buildings that together are a good surviving example of an historic architectural style may be included.
- Good early examples of a particular technological innovation in building type and technique may be included.
- Buildings that contribute to the character, setting and group interest of listed buildings and ancient monuments, and the character of conservation areas, may be included.

Structures and Street Furniture

Street furniture or other structures (boundary stones, mile stones, post boxes, memorials, lamp posts, statues, street surfaces, walls and railings) may be included if they meet the following.

- They are rare surviving examples of street furniture that contribute positively to the local area?
- They are important in terms of local history?
- The feature represents design innovation or is a good example of its type.
- Milestones should in general be included.
- Boundary markers installed before 1945 should be included.