

How to Apply for Listed Building Status and the Principles for Selection

Introduction

A request has been made for TTC to consider the possibility of applying for listed building status for the post Second World War prefabricated bungalows at Lacey Avenue (Walsden) and Wadsworth Avenue (Shade).

Principles of selection

The following are the main criteria which the Secretary of State applies as appropriate in deciding which buildings to include in the statutory lists:-

- architectural interest: the lists are meant to include all buildings which are of importance to the nation for the interest of their architectural design, decoration and craftsmanship; also important examples of particular building types and techniques (eg. buildings displaying technological innovation or virtuosity) and significant plan forms;

- historic interest: this includes buildings which illustrate important aspects of the nation's social, economic, cultural or military history; - close historical associations with nationally important people or events; - group value, especially where buildings comprise an important architectural or historic unity or a fine example of planning (eg. squares, terraces or model villages). Not all these criteria will be relevant to every case, but a particular building may qualify for listing under more than one of them

Age and rarity are relevant considerations, particularly where buildings are proposed for listing on the strength of their historic interest. The older a building is, and the fewer the surviving examples of its kind, the more likely it is to have historic importance.

- Thus, all buildings built before 1700 which survive in anything like their original condition are listed
- Most buildings of about 1700 to 1840 are listed, though some selection is necessary.
- After about 1840, because of the greatly increased number of buildings erected and the much larger numbers that have survived, greater selection is necessary to identify the best examples of particular building types, and only buildings of definite quality and character are listed. For the same reasons, only selected buildings from the period after 1914 are normally listed. Buildings which are less than 30 years old are normally listed only if they are of outstanding quality and under threat. Buildings which are less than ten years old are not listed.

How to Apply

Although Historic England has its own strategy for selecting buildings for the listing process, anyone can nominate a building to be listed (via the application form on the Historic England website - <https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/apply-for-listing>)

Historic England makes a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) based on Principles of selection for listed buildings and the secretary of state makes the final decision as whether a site should be listed or not.

