

Heritage Statement Template

This template has been prepared to guide applicants and their agents in preparing heritage statements or statements of heritage significance. The NPPF states that, the detail of statements must be proportionate to the significance of the asset and enough to understand the potential impact of a proposal on the significance of a heritage asset.

For this reason, in many cases the template will only serve as a guide and a more detailed assessment will be required. It is strongly suggested that for all proposals that a suitably qualified heritage professional be involved.

Site Address

1. Description of Heritage Asset

- a) What heritage assets are affected by the proposal (please tick all those that apply)

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	Yes	No
A listed building?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please identify which grade below:		
Grade I	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Grade II*	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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A scheduled ancient monument?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A site of archaeological interest?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Within a designated conservation area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Within a registered historic park and garden?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other non-designated Heritage Asset?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
In the setting of/ adjacent to one of the above?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- b) Describe the character and appearance of the heritage asset. (Please continue on separate sheet of paper if necessary)

- c) Describe the development site and its relationship with its surroundings (please continue on a separate sheet of paper if necessary)

2. Statement of significance

- a) What research have you undertaken to understand the significance of the heritage asset(s) affected?

Please tick all those that apply

	Yes	No
Historic Environment Record	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Historic maps	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Historic England	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Museum/Library	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Local Heritage Groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conservation Area Appraisal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please state) Click or tap here to enter text.		

b) Using the information you have, please provide a summary of the history of the site/
building

c) What is important about the heritage asset(s), what is it's significance?

3. Design considerations

Have you consulted the Historic Environment Record?

Yes No

Have you sought pre-application advice?

Yes No

Have you sought pre-application advice from Historic England?

Yes No

- a) Describe the proposed development. Refer specifically to the element of the heritage asset(s) that will be affected by the proposal. Where the works involve demolition a structural survey will be required as part of any application.

4. Assessment & mitigation

- a) How will the proposals impact the significance of the heritage asset(s)?

Please explain what impact the proposals have on the heritage asset i.e. loss or disturbance of historic building fabric, below or above ground archaeological impacts, setting or change of relationship between buildings and altering scale

b) How has the proposal been designed to preserve/ conserve the significance of the heritage asset(s)?

Please explain how the proposal has been designed to conserve and enhance the significance of the heritage assets. Also describe how any harmful impacts have been avoided or minimised. For example, use of raft foundations, movement of the proposed extension to a less sensitive location.

Guidance & Useful information

Central Bedfordshire Council:

[Archaeology, Heritage & Conservation | Central Bedfordshire Council](#)

Central Bedfordshire and Luton Historic Environment Record (HER)

[HeritageGateway - Home *](#)

Bedfordshire Archives

[Hosted By Bedford Borough Council: Bedfordshire Archives](#)

Bedfordshire Heritage Library

[Bedfordshire Heritage Library - Local and Family History - The Virtual Library \(culturalservices.net\)](#)

The Higgins Bedford (formerly Bedford Museum)

[Home \(thehigginsbedford.org.uk\)](#)

Historic England

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[Statements of Heritage Significance: Analysing Significance in Heritage Assets | Historic England](#)