



BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL



# Historic Environment Report 2016-2017

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## Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the Borough's progress in meeting all Historic Environment related indicators. It covers the period 01<sup>st</sup> April 2016 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 (the monitoring period).

The indicators contained in this monitoring report are those considered to provide relevant information on the production and monitoring of Bedford Borough Council's Local Development Documents. The regulations setting out the time period monitoring reports will cover in the future, and the requirement of Local Authorities to submit their monitoring reports to the Secretary of State have also been withdrawn. The requirement of the Localism Act 2011 is merely that authorities must make their monitoring reports publicly available and for them to cover an appropriate period of time.

Saved policies in the adopted Local Plan 2002 are still used to determine planning applications whilst newer planning policy documents are drafted. As new documents are adopted they replace the corresponding older policies in the 2002 Local Plan. Therefore, this monitoring report monitors both the adopted Bedford Borough Local Plan 2002 as well as more recently adopted Local Development Documents such as the Core Strategy and Rural Issues Plan, the Bedford Town Centre Area Action Plan and the Allocations and Designations Local Plan.

This report covers the following section:

### Heritage and Built Environment

This monitors the historic environment, listed buildings and considers the impact of the policies and documents related to heritage.

## Indicator HB1: Listed buildings at risk

### Progress:

2017	2 entries on the national at risk register (Church of All Saints, High Street, Turvey grade I and Congregational Chapel, High Street, Roxton grade II*) 20 Entries on local at risk register (including the above buildings on the national register).
2016	2 entries on the national at risk register (Church of All Saints, High Street, Turvey grade I and Congregational Chapel, High Street, Roxton grade II*) 23 Entries on local at risk register (including the above buildings on the national register).
2015	2 entries on the national at risk register (Church of All Saints, High Street, Turvey grade I and Congregational Chapel, High Street, Roxton grade II*) 30 Entries on local at risk register (including the above buildings on the national register).
2014	1 entry on the national at risk (Church of All Saints, Church Lane, Little Staughton grade I)
2013	2 entries on the national at risk register (Cardington No. 1 Shed at RAF Cardington grade II* and Church of All Saints, Church Lane, Little Staughton grade I) 28 entries on the local at risk register
2012	1 entry on the national at risk register (Cardington No. 1 Shed at RAF Cardington grade II*) 35 entries on the local at risk register
2011	1 entry on the national at risk register (Cardington No. 1 Shed at RAF Cardington grade II*) 36 entries on the local at risk register
2010	1 entry on the national at risk register (Cardington No. 1 Shed at RAF Cardington grade II*) 39 entries on the local at risk register (reported last year as on national register)
2006-10	1 entry on the national at risk register Priority B (Cardington No. 1 Shed at RAF Cardington grade II*)
2005	2 entries on the national at risk register (records grades I and II* only)
2004	24 entries on the local at risk register
2000	33 entries on the local at risk register

The Congregational Chapel in Roxton, grade II\*, is still on the national register and is identified as in slow decay. Church of All Saints in Turvey, grade I, is also still on the national register. A repair scheme has been implemented. This building is awaiting removal from the national list, following completion of these works. The number of buildings on the local at risk register has reduced to 20, including those buildings on the national list. Buryfields Farmhouse in Bolnhurst/ Keysoe has now been delisted. 4 Hinwick Village has now been renovated/ repaired. The Granary at Riseley Lodge Farm North East of House, Bowers Lane, Riseley the roof has been repaired although is still considered to be a vacant building. These buildings are no longer considered to be vulnerable and at risk.

## Local At Risk Register: Buildings at Risk by Parish and Grade

Site	Grade
<b>BEDFORD</b>	
Bedford Hospital (Main South Block) Kimbolton Road	II
<b>CARLTON AND CHELLINGTON</b>	
Monument to Sir Robert Darling, 1 1/2 metres from s.e. Corner of chancel, St Nicholas Church	II
<b>KEMPSTON RURAL</b>	
Meadow Farmhouse West End Road	II
<b>KNOTTING AND SOULDROP</b>	
Barns At Strawberry Hill Farm	II
<b>LITTLE BARFORD</b>	
Barn North of Farmhouse, Lower Farm	II
<b>PODINGTON</b>	
Gatepiers To Drive Entrance, Hinwick Hall	II
<b>RENHOLD</b>	
Ice House To Howbury Hall St Neots Road	II
Garden Wall To Howbury Hall St Neots Road	II
Great Dairy Farmhouse St Neots Road	II
<b>ROXTON</b>	
Dovecote At Forty Farm Great North Road	II
Forty Farmhouse Great North Road	II
Chawston Lodge	II
Congregational Chapel High Street Roxton	II*
<b>SHARNBROOK</b>	
Former Farmhouse At Hill Farm Mill Road	II
Magniac Mausoleum St Peter's Churchyard Church Lane	II
<b>STEWARTBY</b>	
Two Kilns And Four Chimneys At The Stewartby Brickworks	II
<b>TURVEY</b>	
Great Oaks Farmhouse Bedford Road	II
Church of All Saints High Street Turvey	I
<b>WILDEN</b>	
Manor Farmhouse High Street	II
<b>WILLINGTON</b>	
Garden Wall At Manor Farm Church End	II

(Source: Bedford Borough Council, English Heritage at Risk Register)

## Indicator HB2: Shopfronts and Advertisements in Conservation Areas SPD

SPD objective	Associated target	Indicator
To improve the appearance of new shopfronts within conservation areas, where they are introduced into historic areas or old buildings	Improve the appearance of new shopfronts in conservation areas	a) Standard of shopfronts in conservation areas
<b>Progress</b>		
<p>26 planning applications decided where policy BE16 of the Borough Local Plan 2002 was used, 21 of which were approved, and 4 of which were refused. 1 application was withdrawn.</p> <p>The SPD was referred to in 9 of the above 26 applications either in the Officer's Report, or in the Decision Notice and all 9 of these applications are within the conservation area.</p>		
SPD objective	Associated target	Indicator
Encourage a higher standard of shopfronts on newer buildings	Improve standard of shopfronts on newer buildings	b) Standard of shopfronts on new buildings
<b>Progress</b>		
<p>21 applications were received in the town centre conservation area which would have required alterations to shop fronts on buildings (including applications for new units, sub-division of current units, change of use of current units or applications for alterations to existing shopfronts). Of these 21, the SPD was mentioned in 9 instances, 7 of which were on newer (postwar) buildings. 1 application on a postwar building was refused whilst the remaining 8 applications on postwar buildings were permitted.</p> <p>3 applications were received between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 for free standing advertising units around the town centre. 1 was in the conservation area with the remaining 2 applications located in Cardington Parish. All were granted permission with all but one referring to the SPD.</p>		
SPD objective	Associated target	Indicator
New advertisements should respect the character and style of the building and the area in question, in terms of design, materials and location.	Improve advertisements in terms of respecting local character, design, materials and location	c) Standard of new advertisements

## Progress

9 planning advertisement applications decided where SPD was mentioned, either in the officer's report or the decision notice. 8 were approved, and 1 was refused. Of the 9 applications, 9 were in or adjacent to conservation areas. 12 advertisement applications in conservation areas were decided where the SPD was not mentioned.

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