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# NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING- A STRATEGIC OVERVIEW

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## What are the benefits of including the historic environment in a Neighbourhood Plan?

Including heritage in your Neighbourhood Plan can:

- Help to protect and conserve those areas which are valued locally;
- Ensure that new development takes account of local distinctiveness;
- Identify opportunities for enhancement





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For effective policies the NP needs a sound  
*historic environment evidence base.*



- The NPPF (paragraph 58) requires Neighbourhood Plans to develop robust and comprehensive policies setting out the quality of development that will be expected in an area based upon an understanding and evaluation of its' defining characteristics.
- The aim is to ensure that developments (inter alia) “respond to local character and history, and reflect the identity of local surroundings and materials.....”



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## Improving your area

From evidence to action:

- Identifying important features for protection and enhancement
- Developing a “Local List”?
- Developing NP policies to conserve local distinctiveness
- Preparing design guidance for new development
- Promoting best practice
- Small scale improvements to enhance appearance





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## Historic Environment Checklist

1. Does the area include any heritage assets? Have you identified/listed them?
2. Has consideration been given to the Historic Environment Record?
3. Have you discussed your proposals with local authority heritage advisers and planning policy team?
4. Does the Plan have a clear vision for the historic environment?
5. How can the contribution made by the historic environment be used to achieve your aspirations for the design of development?

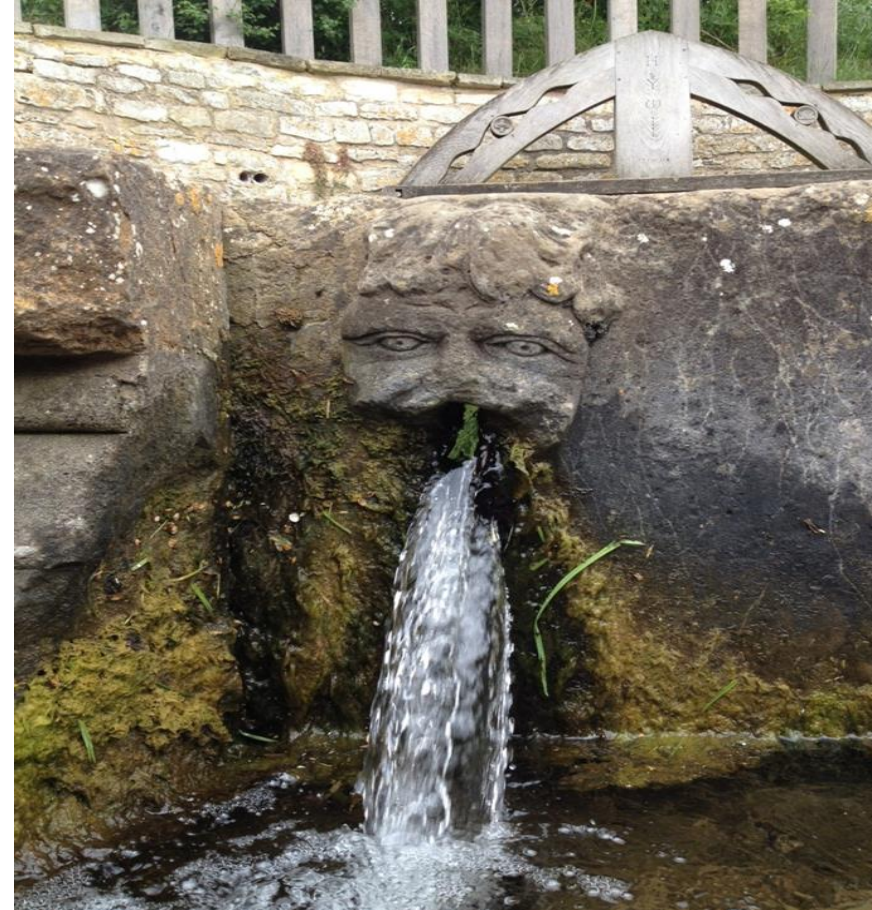




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6. What are the opportunities for protection, enhancement and greater appreciation of the historic environment?
7. What will be the impact of proposals on heritage assets, their settings or local character?
8. Have any such impacts and local character both been considered as part of conservation and design policies?
9. Has consideration been given to heritage assets at risk and whether proposals in the Plan could utilise these assets?
10. In light of the potential impacts on heritage assets have you consulted English Heritage and sought advice?





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## Further resources

<https://www.historicengland.org.uk/advice/hpg/historic-environment/neighbourhoodplanning/>



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## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS & THE HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT – SOME POSITIVE EXAMPLES

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Tettenhall- Wolverhampton MBC- “made” September 2014.

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