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SOUTH LAKE LAND LOCAL PLAN 2040

Historic Environment

Local Plan Review Topic Sheet

Introduction

This is one of a number of short topic sheets that have been prepared as part of our early conversations with communities on the Local Plan Review. It is designed to provide some key facts and highlight issues relating to protecting the historic environment. It is hoped that it will prompt discussions and enable people to join in the conversation.

Some key facts and issues:

- The Local Plan area **has 10 Conservation Areas** and appraisals have been prepared for each.
- **Conservation Area Management Plans** are in preparation for the Cartmel and Burton-in-Kendal Conservation Areas.
- There are **1,064 listed buildings, 59 Scheduled Monuments** and **4 Registered Parks and Gardens** in the planning authority area.
- The district has a wealth of locally important historic buildings and the preparation of a **'local list'** of these 'non-designated' heritage assets has commenced.
- There are **16 heritage assets identified as being 'at risk'** on Historic England's national register in the district, including 2 listed buildings, 13 scheduled monuments and the Burton-in-Kendal Conservation Area:
- There is an **'Article 4' direction in Kendal Conservation Area** to place additional controls on the development that can take place without planning permission.
- The Council, Historic England and Burton in Kendal Parish Council are funding a 3-year Partnership Scheme to seek the village's removal from the 'at risk' register.

What does the Local Plan say about protecting the historic environment?

- It seeks to protect and enhance our valuable historic environment, including all designated and non-designated heritage assets.



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- It sets out detailed requirements for developments that may affect our historic environment to ensure that they do not cause unacceptable harm to the character and setting of heritage assets, such as listed buildings, conservation areas, archaeology, historic parks and gardens and locally important buildings.
- It encourages and supports the re-use of redundant historic buildings to give them a new lease of life.
- It supports the preparation of Conservation Area Management Plans.
- It supports the consideration of extra controls within conservation areas (Article 4 directions) to restrict permitted development rights that could cause harm to their special character and appearance.
- It supports the safeguarding of locally important archaeological sites.
- It requires the surveying and recording of heritage assets that may be affected by development and for this to be added to the local Historic Environment Record that is maintained by the County Council.

What does this mean for the Local Plan Review?

- South Lakeland is rich in historic and cultural heritage with an abundance of designated and non-designated heritage assets that contribute to its special character. Insensitive development poses a risk to the area's heritage and character which in some areas has been eroded over time by small incremental changes. The Local Plan Review offers an opportunity to reconsider the strategic and more detailed policies on the historic environment and to update these with reference to the revised planning policy and guidance.