



<b>Subject:</b>	Listing of Street Signs
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<b>Is this report restricted?</b>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Is the decision eligible for Call-in?</b>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	Correspondence has been received from the Historic Environment Division (HED) regarding the proposed listing of nine street signs in Belfast. Article 80 (3) of the Planning Act (NI) 2011 requires the HED to consult with the Council before placing any building on the statutory list of buildings of special architectural or historic interest.
1.2	For the purpose of clarity, the signs being considered are considered by HED to fall within the definition of the word ‘building’.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	Committee is requested to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• note the contents of Appendix 1</li><li>• consider and if appropriate endorse the proposed listing of the street signs as detailed in paragraphs 3.8 of this report.</li></ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
3.1	“Listed building” is defined in section 80(7) of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 where is outlines that a “listed building” means a <b>building</b> which is for the time being included in a list compiled under this section.
3.2	“Building” is defined in section 250(1) of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011. The term “building” <b>includes any structure or erection</b> , and any part of a building, as so defined, but does not include plant or machinery comprised in a building. Section 80 under “Lists of buildings of special architectural or historic interest” states that: <i>80 — (1) The Department—</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) <i>shall compile lists of <b>buildings (which means structure/ erection) of special architectural or historic interest; and</b></i></li><li>(b) <i>May amend any list so compiled.</i></li></ul>

3.3	The Second Survey of all of Northern Ireland's building stock is currently underway, to update and improve on the first List of buildings of special architectural or historic interest which began in 1974.
3.4	<p>In considering whether to include a building as Listed, the Historic Environment Division (HED) takes into account the architectural and historic interest of a structure and is also given the power to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• any respect in which its exterior contributes to the architectural or historic interest of any group of buildings of which it forms part; and</li> <li>• the desirability of preserving, on the ground of its architectural or historic interest, any feature of the building which consists of a manmade object or structure fixed to the building or which forms a part of the land and which is comprised within the curtilage of the building.</li> </ul>
3.5	Should the Department for Communities decide to list a property, this places certain responsibility on the owner in terms of maintenance of both the structure and the setting to ensure that the character is maintained. The listed building (sign) cannot be altered or demolished without prior approval.
3.6	Whilst the Council has received notification as both the identified owner and the statutory Planning Authority it should be noted that the Council whilst owner of the signs is not the landowner of the sites on which they are located. As indicated in paragraph 3.8 below a number of these signs are sited within private properties. It is therefore proposed that should the Committee support the proposed Listing then confirmation will be sought from HED that they have notified the property owners to ensure they have the opportunity to respond to the proposals - in accordance with the Listing Process guidelines.
3.7	The summaries set out in Appendix 1 for the proposed listed street signs are taken from the evaluation in the consultation report and details the main features alongside the recommended class of listing. The appendix also sets out the summary of the four categories (A to B2) for Listed Buildings in Northern Ireland under the ongoing work as part of the Second Survey.
3.8	<p>The notification from HED confirms that following detailed surveys the views of Council are requested in relation to the proposed listing of the following street signs at various intersections detailed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beersbridge Road and Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast (back edge of footpath)</li> <li>• Summerhill Parade and Barnett's Road, Belfast (back edge of footpath / garden)</li> <li>• Knockland Park and Barnett's Road, Belfast (relocated to back edge of footpath)</li> <li>• Cherryvalley Park and Kensington Road, Belfast (back edge of footpath / garden)</li> <li>• Kensington Road and Knock Road, Belfast (back edge of footpath / garden)</li> <li>• Eastleigh Drive and Kincora Avenue, Belfast (garden)</li> <li>• Clonlee Drive and Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast (garden)</li> <li>• Belmont Church Road and Sydenham Avenue, Belfast (back edge of footpath)</li> <li>• Carolhill Gardens and Holywood Road (back edge of footpath)</li> </ul>
3.9	<p><u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u></p> <p>The listing of a sign would place certain responsibility on the council as the owner of these historic streets signs, for example, it must be maintained in a way appropriate to its character and cannot be altered or demolished without prior approval.</p>
3.10	The potential cost of maintenance, restoration and replication of historic tiles street signs cannot be estimated at this stage as it would require the appointment of a specialist contractor to carry out the manufacture of appropriate replacements elements and their

3.11	sympathetic installation. <u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u> None
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	<b>APPENDIX 1: Listed Sign Evaluations</b>