

APPENDIX 1: Structure Evaluations

Background

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. This second survey in Belfast was due to be completed in 2017 but is ongoing.

The structures being considered are considered by HED to fall within the definition of the word 'building'.

*"Listed building" is defined in section 80(7) (lists of buildings of special architectural or historic interest) of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011: "(7) In this Act "listed building" means a **building** which is for the time being included in a list compiled under this section.*

*"Building" is defined in section 250(1) (interpretation) of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011. The term "building" **includes any structure or erection**, and any part of a building, as so defined, but does not include plant or machinery comprised in a building;*

*Under section 80 Lists of buildings of special architectural or historic interest
80—(1) The Department—*

*(a) shall compile lists of **buildings (which means structure/erection)** of special architectural or historic interest; and*

(b) may amend any list so compiled.

In considering whether to include a building as Listed, the Department (NIEA) takes into account the architectural and historic interest of a structure and is also given the power to consider:-

- any respect in which its exterior contributes to the architectural or historic interest of any group of buildings of which it forms part; and
- 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.

Should the Department for Communities decide to list, this places certain responsibility on the owner, for example, a listed building has to be maintained in a way appropriate to its character and cannot be altered or demolished without prior approval.

The summaries below are taken from the from the evaluation in the consultation report and details the main features alongside the recommended class of listing.

Boundary Post at Shandon Park Golf Club, Knock Road, Belfast

HB26/11/018

Evaluation

A cast-iron marker post dated 1918, unaltered and in its original setting. Displaying an ornamental capping and inscribed plaque and also a shield on its obverse face as well as on its front. Marking the outer extent of the administrative jurisdiction of the former Belfast Corporation and of Pottinger District Electoral Division. It is of historical significance as a remnant of the first election in Britain and Ireland when nearly everyone (bar women under 30) had the right to vote. It also marks a short-lived period in the province's political development up to the formation of Northern Ireland and the Stormont administration in 1922. It is relatively rare as many of these posts have succumbed to road widening and random removal. It has group value with three nearby boundary posts also along the line of the Knock River (HB26/11/009, /010 and /011).

Proposed NIEA listing – **B2**

Extent of proposed listing – **Boundary Post**

Image:



Electrical service pillar at the South end of Linenhall Street, Belfast

HB26/30/116

Evaluation

Freestanding, cast-iron electrical 'service' or 'section pillar' sited at the edge of a pavement, which is likely to have housed electrical components relating to Belfast's former tram (and later, trolleybus) network. Broadly Classical in styling and probably dating to 1905, it is thought to be one of only one of two such pillars to have survived and quite possibly one of the very few remaining structures associated with Belfast's tramways. It is largely intact externally and, aside from its rarity, remains attractive piece of early 20th century street furniture in its own right.

Proposed NIEA listing – **B2**

Extent of proposed listing – **Pillar**

Image:



Electrical service pillar at the East end of Wellington Park, Belfast

HB26/28/170

Evaluation

Small, freestanding cast-iron electrical 'service' or 'section pillar' sited at the edge of a pavement, which is likely to have housed electrical components relating to Belfast's former tram (and later, trolleybus) network. Broadly Classical in styling and dating to 1905 or slightly later, it is thought to be one of only one of two such pillars to have survived and quite possibly one of the very few remaining structures associated with Belfast's tramways. It is largely intact externally and aside from its rarity, remains attractive piece of early 20th century street furniture in its own right.

Proposed NIEA listing – **B2**

Extent of proposed listing – **Pillar**

Image:



Note:

Listed buildings in Northern Ireland are divided into four categories:

Grade A

Special buildings of national importance including both outstanding grand buildings and the fine, little altered examples of some important style or date.

Grade B+

Special buildings that might have merited A status but for relatively minor detracting features such as impurities of design, or lower quality additions or alterations. Also buildings that stand out above the general mass of grade B1 buildings because of exceptional interiors or some other features.

Grade B1 and B2

Special buildings of more local importance or good examples of some period of style. Some degree of alteration or imperfection may be acceptable.