

Historic Environment and Neighbourhood Planning

Identifying, recording and advocating the heritage and historic environment of your local area

A workshop from Worcestershire Archive and Archaeology Service and English Heritage

Consultation of the following resources will provide a solid introduction on how to consider and represent the historic environment within your Neighbourhood Plan. While the list is by no means comprehensive, ensuring each of the resources outlined is examined will provide valuable insights into the environments, landscape and character of your local area, alongside how to best advocate their preservation and enhancement through well-informed planning and conservation policy.

Developing your historic environment evidence base:

Worcestershire Historic Environment Record (HER)

<http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/archaeology/historicenvironmentrecord>

Worcestershire Historic Landscape Characterisation (HLC)

Accessed via the Worcestershire HER

Worcestershire Landscape Characterisation Assessment (LCA)

<http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/cms/landscape-character-assessment.aspx>

Worcestershire Archive Online Catalogue:

<http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/cms/archive-and-archaeology/search-our-records.aspx>

Worcestershire Archive and Archaeology Service Online Archaeology Library:

<http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/cms/archive-and-archaeology/search-our-records/online-archaeology-library.aspx>

Heritage Gateway

www.heritagegateway.org.uk

National Heritage List for England

<http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/professional/protection/process/national-heritage-list-for-england/>

Requesting a HER Search:

A Historic Environment Record Search is an ideal starting point when looking to consider the historic environment with your Neighbourhood Plan. This will provide mapping and information and all recorded heritage assets within your Neighbourhood Area, alongside historic mapping and information on all available sources. This will allow you to consider both the condition and character of the heritage assets, alongside identifying opportunities and priorities for enhancing the local evidence base. A search will be provided free of charge for each Neighbourhood Planning community. To discuss and request a search, please contact us using the information on the following page, or book an appointment to come and see us at The Hive, Worcester.

Guidance on identifying, managing and enhancing local historic environment and heritage:

The following guidance documents and toolkits are designed to provide an overview of the principles of recording and advocating the heritage and distinctiveness of your local area. They provide excellent instruction on good-practice approaches towards planning for the conservation and management of change to the historic environment. The documents all contain useful references for further, more detailed information if required.

English Heritage Guidance - www.english-heritage.org.uk/publications

English Heritage has commissioned an expansive collection of guidance documentation on all aspects of historic environmental management and planning. These are all available online from their online publications library.

Of particular value to Neighbourhood Planning are:

- The 'Understanding Place' Series
- 'Knowing Your Place'
- 'Making the most of your heritage assets'
- 'Using Historic Landscape Characterisation'
- 'Constructive Conservation'
- The 'Placecheck' methodology (<http://www.placecheck.info/english-heritage/>)

Worcestershire Farmsteads Assessment Framework:

<http://public.worcestershire.gov.uk/sites/archaeology/Reports/SWR22523.pdf>

Worcestershire Farmsteads Recording and Research Guidance:

<http://public.worcestershire.gov.uk/sites/archaeology/Reports/SWR23114.pdf>

Historic Environment Services Contact Information:

District Conservation Teams:

Bromsgrove : <http://www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/cms/environment-and-planning/conservation.aspx>

Malvern Hill : <http://www.malvernhills.gov.uk/conservation>

Redditch : <http://redditch.whub.org.uk/cms/environment-and-planning/planning-services/conservation.aspx>

Wychavon : <http://www.wychavon.gov.uk/cms/planning/heritage-and-conservation.aspx>

Wyre Forest : <http://www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk/planning-and-buildings>

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