

Local Listing

All our most important buildings such as the parish church, the manor house, the heritage barn and other historic houses are protected as listed buildings. Similarly buildings within Dronfield's three conservation areas also have a measure of protection albeit it often seems quite weak.

We are now inviting members and local residents to nominate other historic features which they think are worthy of protection and recording and which are not already listed. Features nominated may be of historic, archaeological, architectural or artistic interest and should also be significant in some other way such as being rare, associated with particular people or events or be pleasing to the eye.

We intend to submit the nominated features to the Derbyshire Historic Environment Record (HER) http://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/Gateway/Results_Application.aspx?resourceID=1023&index=1. The Record already contains many Dronfield and district items so it would be worth checking the list before submitting anything.

Examples of features which are not on the HER or listed include school board buildings, red telephone boxes, any old post boxes, some 19th and 20th century housing such as Dronfield's first council housing on Fletcher avenue, the site of Dronfield's gas works, and we are sure many other features which are important to us.

Does Local Listing Protect sites?

Local Planning authorities, in our case NEDDC, have the power to develop local lists of heritage assets which planning inspectors may take into account when considering planning applications or appeals. Our council does not operate local listing. Bassetlaw District Council is a good example of best practice in local listing (see <https://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/everything-else/planning-building/conservation-heritage/non-designated-heritage-assets.aspx>).

Until NEDDC has the capacity to operate local listing we are proposing adding sites to the Derbyshire HER which will give some protection if there are threats of inappropriate development. These sites can then be proposed for a local list when one is developed.

How to submit suggestions

The easiest way would be to send a photograph of your suggested feature to our web address including your name and contact details and a brief description of the feature. If you want to get some ideas of the sort of features which could go on the HER have a look at the HER web site above. Once we have received your suggestions we will acknowledge them and if necessary try to find out a bit more about it. Remember buildings which are already listed do not need to be included as they already have protection. There may, however be some buildings or features in the conservation areas which are need of local listing and submitting to the HER to give them greater protection.