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Dear Sir or Madam

Infrastructure Delivery Plan

Thank you for inviting Historic England to comment on the above document. Historic England is not an infrastructure provider but as the Government's statutory adviser on the historic environment, we are keen to ensure that the protection and enhancement of the historic environment is fully taken into account at all stages and levels of the planning process, including the provision of infrastructure.

We offer the following advice on infrastructure and the historic environment, which I hope will be helpful.

NPPF paragraph 20 advises that:

“Strategic policies should set out an overall strategy for the pattern, scale and quality of development, and make sufficient provision for:

...

c) community facilities (such as health, education and cultural infrastructure); ...”

Historic England considers cultural infrastructure to include all heritage assets within the Borough. The importance of cultural infrastructure to the character, authenticity, creativity and general attractiveness is widely, and increasingly recognised. For example, London now has a Cultural Infrastructure Plan¹.

While it is difficult to quantify a requirement for cultural infrastructure, given the importance of cultural infrastructure, as identified in the NPPF, Historic England asserts that it would be reasonable to expect the plan to aim to at least maintain existing levels of cultural assets that exist within the Borough. Clearly, regimes for the protection of heritage assets are already in place. However, for heritage assets that are identified as

¹ https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/cultural_infrastructure_plan_online.pdf



'at risk', while a range of mechanisms may be used to save these assets, none of these are guaranteed. Therefore, Historic England is keen that any opportunity to save heritage assets is explored. To this end, we would suggest that you consider adding to the IDP any heritage assets that have been identified as 'at risk', either at national level, by Historic England, or locally, by Fareham Borough Council. Table 3 would appear to be an appropriate location for such inclusions. We would suggest this would be considered 'important', using the scale already being used. Fort Fareham is identified by Historic England as at risk. A survey was carried out by the council in 2006 but clearly this may need updating. Please see links below:

Historic England's Heritage at Risk Register, entry for Fort Fareham:

<https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/heritage-at-risk/search-register/list-entry/46643>

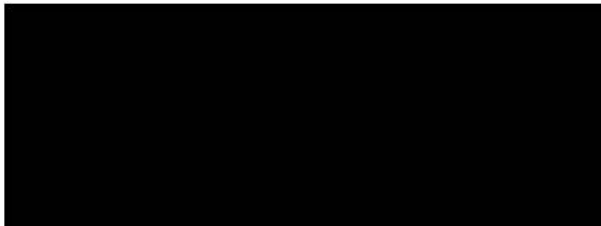
Fareham Borough Council Buildings at Risk Survey 2006

https://www.fareham.gov.uk/PDF/planning/local_plan/Examination/doi4buildingsatrisksurvey2006.pdf

Historic England strongly advises that the Borough Council's conservation staff are involved with discussions on infrastructure as they are often best placed to advise on local historic environment issues.

We hope these comments are helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries. Thank you again for consulting Historic England.

Yours sincerely



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