

Heritage Statement

The Heritage Statement is for the applicant or agent to identify the heritage asset(s) that have the potential to be affected by the proposals and their setting.

The Heritage Statement should identify all heritage assets potentially affected and their settings; describe their significance; and assess the potential impact of the proposal on that significance, including direct physical change and change to their setting.

Heritage assets include designated and non-designated assets, as well as both buildings and below ground archaeology.

Please read the **Guidance notes** provided with this report to help you fill in the form correctly.

Further information on assessment of significance and assessing the potential impact of a proposal on that significance, including setting, can be found in (or their future updates):

- CLG (2012) **National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)** (especially paragraph 17, Section 12 and Annex 2 Glossary)
- CLG (2014) **Planning Policy Guidance (PPG)** (especially 18a, paragraph 001-063)
- Historic England (2015) **Good Practice Advice (GPA) note 2 Managing Significance in Decision Taking in the Historic Environment**
- Historic England (2015) **Good Practice Advice (GPA) note 3 The Setting of Heritage Assets**

The NPPF and PPG also include a Glossary and explanation of terms, such as 'heritage asset', 'setting' and 'significance':

Heritage asset: A building, monument, site, place, area or landscape identified as having a degree of significance meriting consideration in planning decisions, because of its heritage interest. Heritage asset includes designated heritage assets and assets identified by the local planning authority (including local listing).

Setting of a heritage asset: The surroundings in which a heritage asset is experienced. Its extent is not fixed and may change as the asset and its surroundings evolve. Elements of a setting may make a positive or negative contribution to the significance of an asset, may affect the ability to appreciate that significance or may be neutral.

Significance (for heritage policy): The value of a heritage asset to this and future generations because of its heritage interest. That interest may be archaeological, architectural, artistic or historic. Significance derives not only from a heritage asset's physical presence, but also from its setting.

(NPPF Annex 2: Glossary)

Appendix 1 relates to the Historic Environment Record (HER) Consultation Report. Here you must state whether or not supporting data from the HER is required.



There are 3 options:

- HER report attached (this must be completed by the Historic Environment Record Officer)
- HER report not considered necessary – email attached from HER
- HER report not required by the Local Planning Authority as detailed on the relevant website validation requirements

Please tick the relevant box at the back of this form as to which option applies.

Both the Heritage Statement and Appendix 1 must be completed in order to meet validation requirements of the Local Planning Authority – tick the boxes on the right hand side below to confirm the sections completed.

Note: All fields are mandatory. Failure to fully complete all fields may result in the form not being validated by the Local Planning Authority.

To be completed by the applicant – please tick relevant boxes	
1. Heritage Statement completed	
2. Appendix 1 completed	

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

The National Planning Policy Framework (Department for Communities and Local Government, March 2012) Section 128 states that: In determining applications, local planning authorities should require an applicant to describe the significance of any heritage assets affected, including any contribution made by their setting. The level of detail should be proportionate to the assets’ importance and no more than is sufficient to understand the potential impact of the proposal on their significance. As a minimum the relevant historic environment record should have been consulted and the heritage assets assessed using appropriate expertise where necessary. Where a site on which development is proposed includes or has the potential to include heritage assets with archaeological interest, local planning authorities should require developers to submit an appropriate desk-based assessment and, where necessary, a field evaluation.

National Planning Policy Framework:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policyframework--2>

Heritage Statement

Site name

Knowsley Village Hall

**Address of site
(including postcode)**

Knowsley Village Hall Knowsley Village L34 9EN

Grid Reference

343412, 395920

1. Schedule of Works

Please state the type of proposal e.g. extension to a listed building, internal alterations

The proposal of the works to be carried out on the site is for the conversion of the hall into three residential homes. Some minor alterations for windows and doors. The removal of the reception hall will help restore the special architecture of the building. The proposal will restore and help preserve the building for the future as currently neglected and in a state of disrepair.

Please list the works proposed e.g. replacement windows, removal of internal wall, reinstatement of original staircase, damp proofing works to basement etc.

Please expand box or attach additional sheets
Proposed works include removal of reception hall outside to reveal existing architecture features. Internal works to enable conversion into three dwellings.

2. Pre Application Advice

Have you consulted the Historic Environment Record?

Yes No YES

If Yes, please attach any correspondence to this Heritage Statement in Appendix 1 (including the HER Consultation Report)

Have you sought pre-application heritage advice from the relevant local planning authority?

Yes No NO

If Yes, please provide a copy of any written correspondence with reference number/contact name if applicable.

DR Ben Croxford
Reference CME3218

Have you sought pre-application heritage advice from Historic England?

Yes No NO

If Yes, please provide a copy of any written correspondence with reference number/contact name if applicable.

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3. What heritage asset(s), including their setting, are potentially affected by the proposals? (Please tick the relevant boxes below)

1: Scheduled Monument (SM)	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Listed Building (LB)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Conservation Area (CA)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Registered Park and Garden (RPG)	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Historic Battlefield (HB)	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Locally Listed Heritage Asset (LLHA)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7. Archaeological Notification Area (ANA)	<input type="checkbox"/>
8 Other Non-Designated Heritage Asset (including below ground archaeology)	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. What is known about the affected heritage asset(s)?

4 (a). Using the information obtained through research and on-site analysis provide a summary of the history of the site/building.

Please add a summary history of the site/building including specifically the parts that will be impacted by the proposals – e.g. how the site/building was originally laid out, how it has evolved, phases of construction and/or change Please also provide information on past impacts – e.g. modern extension, drainage, former footings, recent landscaping, gardening. **Please add any research material as an appendix to this report after Appendix 1.**

Two designated heritage assets close by are MME18559 and MME20796. The majority of the proposed works on the village hall will be internal. The removal of the more modern addition of the reception will increase the setting of the village back to its original. Revealing the architecture features.

6. How will the proposals impact on the significance of the heritage asset(s) and their setting?

Please discuss what impact the proposals have on the heritage asset(s) i.e. loss or disturbance of historic building fabric, below or above ground archaeological impacts, setting or change of relationship between buildings and altering scale. **(Please continue on separate sheet of paper if further space is required and attach as an appendix to this report after Appendix 1.)**

The impact will be to increase the appearance of the village setting restoring the front to original. Minimal changes to building on exterior except for proposed window openings to let light in for residential. This was the councils preferred choice for the future use as no viable alternative uses found. The building has been empty for a number of years. Currently boarded up and vandalism. Leaks on roof and damp effecting the future of the building.

7. How has the proposal been designed to conserve the significance of the heritage asset(s) and their setting?

Describe how the proposal has been designed to conserve and enhance the significance of the heritage assets (including below ground archaeology). Also describe how any harmful impacts have been avoided or minimised. For example, use of raft foundations, movement of the proposed extension to a less sensitive location.

(Please continue on separate sheet of paper if further space is required and attach as an appendix to this report after Appendix 1.)

The proposal has been carefully considered. High quality design with sustainable response to the unique site. Building will be of high quality. It will seek to not only fit in with its context but to enhance it. This will be achieved by respecting the local environment and landscape. Taking reference from the local setting. The proposal will have minimal impact on its surroundings. Making a positive contribution to the local area. Tree survey carried out to minimise harmful impacts. Biodiversity will be a net gain. The currently boarded up and vandalised building will be brought back into use. Helping to restore life to the centre of the village once again.

Contact details:

Historic Environment Record
Merseyside.HER@eas.sefton.gov.uk

Historic England
www.historicengland.org.uk

Local Planning Authority
Knowsley Council

Appendix 1

To be completed by the applicant – please tick the relevant box Please note one of these boxes must be ticked or your application will not be valid	
HER report attached	<input type="checkbox"/>
HER report not considered necessary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

<p>HER report not relevant for reasons indicated by the Local Planning Authority. These reasons are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The site is not located in an Archaeological Notification Area and is not a major development- The site is located in an Archaeological Notification Area but no below ground works (e.g. foundations or excavation) or demolition works are proposed and- The application is for change of use	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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