



## Planning Bulletin: January 2020

*This monthly note highlights some of the recent and forthcoming developments in the world of planning from a heritage perspective. For further information about any of the items, please follow the links provided or use the contact information on the last page. Please note that this is not necessarily a complete review of matters and is not intended to provide any legal advice on the issues raised. Unless otherwise stated, it does not comprise the formal position of Historic England on these matters.*

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## Legislation and Matters Arising

### Emerging Legislation

#### *Government Bills*

- ***Agriculture Bill***: amongst other things the Bill authorises expenditure for certain agricultural and other purposes; to make provision about direct payments following the United Kingdom's departure from the European Union and about payments in response to exceptional market conditions affecting agricultural markets; to confer power to modify retained direct EU legislation relating to agricultural and rural development payments and public market intervention and private storage aid. The Bill was introduced to the House of Commons and given its First Reading on 16 January. The Second Reading is scheduled for 3 February.
- ***Clean Air (Human Rights) Bill 2019-20***: amongst other things the Bill establishes the right to breathe clean air; requires the Secretary of State to achieve and maintain clean air in England and Wales; and to enhance the powers, duties and functions of the Environment Agency, the Committee on Climate Change, local authorities (including port authorities), the Civil Aviation Authority, Highways England, Historic England and Natural England in relation to air pollution. The Bill was introduced to the House of Commons and given its First Reading on 13 January. The Second Reading is yet to be scheduled.

## *Private Bills*

- *Highgate Cemetery Bill*: was deposited with Parliament on 27 November 2019. The Examination took place on 18 December and the Bill was found to be compliant with Private Business Standing Orders. The Bill was introduced to the House of Lords and had its First Reading on 22 January.

## **Heritage Planning Case Database**

- Historic England tweets planning decisions of heritage interest, via [@HeritageAdvice](#), and these are then collated into the Heritage Planning Case Database. This is a searchable online database of appeal and call-in decisions relating to planning permission (that affects a heritage asset) and listed building consent. Cases have been summarised using a standard list of search terms, for ease of use; searches can also be carried out by address, date or decision reference.

## **Advice**

### *Historic England Guidance*

- Historic England Advice Note 13 *Minerals Extraction and Archaeology* has been published and is available to download [here](#). It is written for use by all those involved in mineral planning and it provides advice for making decisions about archaeology as part of mineral development within the English planning process.

### *Historic England Advice*

- Good Practice Advice notes (GPAs) and Historic England Advice Notes (HEANs) are all available on the Historic England [website](#), and are listed in Appendix I to this Bulletin for ease of reference.

### *Forthcoming Historic England Advice*

- A HEAN on *Permission in Principle* is being currently being drafted and should be consulted on soon.

## **Training**

### *Current Training*

- Historic England provides training and guidance to help local authorities, heritage professionals, owners and voluntary organisations look after England's heritage. Training that is currently available covers a wide range of topics, many directly linked to planning matters and Historic England advice. Our training programmes are:
  - Historic Environment Local Management (HELM): training on managing the historic environment for local authorities, regional agencies and national organisations. Visit the webpages for course dates and booking. New courses include *Finding New Uses for Former Military Land*; which aims to prepare local authorities for dealing with commonly encountered issues around the conservation of heritage assets during the development of former military sites focusing on large-scale, landscape assets. HELM courses include:
    - Finding New Uses for Former Military Land (Chatham Historic Dockyard, Chatham. 6 February 2020)
    - Statements of Heritage Significance (venue TBC, Liverpool. 27 February 2020)

- Statements of Heritage Significance (Somerset Cricket Club, Taunton. 12 March 2020)
- Heritage Practice: training courses for heritage specialists in technical subjects and techniques. Visit the webpages for details of courses.
- Essentials Training: training course on fundamental heritage skills for local authority planners and early entrants into historic environment services. Visit the webpages for details of current courses.
- Online training: webinars and other resources to help supplement the short course training opportunities and make them more widely available. The online training includes recordings of webinars and other, longer courses to work through.
- All courses, and further information, can be accessed on the Historic England website.
- To be added to the mailing list for training events and webinars, or if you would like to suggest topics for courses, webinars or online training please email [helmbookings@historicengland.org.uk](mailto:helmbookings@historicengland.org.uk).

## Infrastructure

*Heritage - The Foundation for Success: Modern Infrastructure and the Historic Environment*

- Historic England has published an introduction to *Modern Infrastructure and the Historic Environment*, which demonstrates through a small selection of case studies how well-designed modern infrastructure can add to the success of a locality, allowing people to enjoy and celebrate England's historic environment.

## Other Initiatives

*Building Better, Building Beautiful Commission Report*

- The Commission has published its final report, called *Living with Beauty*. The Report focusses on three aims for the planning system: Ask for Beauty, Refuse Ugliness, and Promote Stewardship. It makes 44 policy proposals in eight areas:
  - Planning: create a predictable level playing field
  - Communities: bring the democracy forward
  - Stewardship: incentivise responsibility to the future
  - Regeneration: end the scandal of left behind place
  - Neighbourhoods: create places not just houses
  - Nature: re-green our towns and cities
  - Education: promote a wider understanding of placemaking
  - Management: value planning, count happiness, procure properly

Historic England's response to the Report can be found [here](#).

### *Future High Streets Fund*

- The Government has announced the first 14 of 20 pilot areas to receive tailored expert support for the rejuvenation of their town centres as part of the *Future High Streets Fund*. The 14 areas are in addition to the first 101 places to benefit from up to £25 million each, which were announced last summer, with a further six to be announced in the pilot phase.

### *Gasworks and Redundant Gasholders*

- Historic England has published *Gasworks and Redundant Gasholders: Guidelines for their Evaluation and Recording*; guidance that is designed to inform an understanding of their significance, whilst ensuring adequate records (both above and below-ground) are made where evidence is likely to be damaged or destroyed. The guidelines will be of particular relevance to local planning authorities (including their historic environment advisers), heritage consultants and contractors, and the national gas networks (whose portfolios of former gasworks are now being released for development).

### *Heritage and the Economy*

- Research published by Historic England shows heritage was worth £31 billion to England's economy in 2019. It shows that heritage is an important sector which contributes to economic prosperity and growth through jobs in the heritage and construction sectors and from tourism. This new report has a focus on skills, examining the skills needs and gaps in the heritage sector.

### *High Streets*

- Treorchy High Street, in the Rhondda Valley, Wales, has been named the UK's best in this year's *Great British High Street Awards*.

### *Public Houses*

- MHCLG has announced funding of £1.15 million to support community pubs through two programmes. £650,000 will be allocated to the second *More Than a Pub* programme. £500,000 will be allocated to *Pub is The Hub* to enable a range of projects providing new, pub-based community services.

### *Neighbourhood Plans for New Garden Towns and Villages*

- The Government has announced £6 million of funding for 21 garden towns and villages already in the pipeline across England to progress their proposals towards delivering up to 200,000 new homes. An additional £1.9 million will be given to 51 councils in England to support new neighbourhood plans

### *Raynsford Review- Planning 2020 'One Year On'*

- The Town & Country Planning Association has published an update to the 2018 Review of Planning, entitled *Raynsford Review- Planning 2020 'One Year On': 21<sup>st</sup> Century Slums?* The Review found little, or no, progress in addressing six key priority areas identified in the original Report. These were:
  - The purpose of planning
  - Strengthening the plan-led system
  - People and planning
  - Strategic Planning
  - Land value and betterment taxation
  - Skills, morale and capacity

### *Taylor Review Pilot Scheme*

- It has been announced that the Taylor Review pilot scheme, a £1.8 million scheme to help listed places of worship, provided grants towards repairs at 54 historic buildings between September 2018 and March 2019. As well as providing funding, the Taylor Review pilot scheme has also provided advice, guidance and financial support to listed places of worship of all faiths and denominations in Greater Manchester and Suffolk in order to build a sustainable future for these historic buildings.

### *Town of the Year Competition*

- Communities Secretary Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP has announced a new *Town of the Year Competition* to celebrate towns across England. The competition, to be launched later this year, will celebrate communities' efforts in areas such as entrepreneurship, technology, community, enterprise and integration.

## **Current Consultations**

- Historic England is consulting on a *Local Authority Strategic Framework*, setting out its priorities for engagement with local authorities (closing date 3 February).
- MHCLG is consulting on *The Future Homes Standard: Changes to Part L and Part F of the Building Regulations for New Dwellings*, including proposed options to increase the energy efficiency requirements for new homes in 2020. The Future Homes Standard will require new build homes to be future-proofed with low carbon heating and world-leading levels of energy efficiency (the closing date has been extended to 7 February).
- The Marine Management Organisation (MMO) is consulting on the *draft North East, draft North West, draft South East and draft South West Marine Plans*. The draft Marine Plans are prepared under the policy framework provided by the Marine Policy Statement, and together they underpin the marine planning system for England. A series of webinars between 30 January and 13 February with details available here (closing date 6 April).
- The Environment Agency is consulting on *River Basin Planning: Challenges and Choices* (closing date 24 April). It is seeking views on:
  - the challenges that limit the benefits society obtains from the water environment in the river basin districts in England (the challenges)
  - the best way to address these issues (the choices)

## **Recent Consultation Responses**

- Historic England's response to the MHCLG technical consultation on *Development Corporation Reform* is available here.

## Calendar

### *February 2020*

- 3 Historic England consultation on a Local Authority Strategic Framework closes.
- 6 HELM training course: Finding New Uses for Former Military Land (Chatham Historic Dockyard, Chatham)
- 7 MHCLG consultation on *The Future Homes Standard: Changes to Part L and Part F of the Building Regulations for New Dwellings* closes
- 27 HELM training course: Statements of Heritage Significance (venue TBC, Liverpool)

### *March 2020*

- 12 HELM training course: Statements of Heritage Significance (Somerset Cricket Club, Taunton)

### *April 2020*

- 1 The Faculty Jurisdiction (Amendment) Rules 2019 comes into force
- 6 The MMO consultation on the *draft North East, draft North West, draft South East and draft South West Marine Plans* closes.
- 24 Environment Agency consultation on *River Basin Planning: Challenges and Choices* closes

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# APPENDIX I: HISTORIC ENGLAND PLANNING ADVICE

## *Good Practice Advice Notes (GPAs)*

- The GPAs provide information on good practice, particularly looking at the principles of how national policy and guidance can be applied. They are the result of collaborative working with the heritage and property sectors in the Historic Environment Forum, and have been prepared following public consultation:
  - *GPA1: The Historic Environment in Local Plans* (March 2015)
  - *GPA2: Managing Significance in Decision-Taking in the Historic Environment* (March 2015)
  - *GPA3: The Setting of Heritage Assets* (December 2017)
  - *GPA4: Enabling Development (forthcoming)*

## *Historic England Advice Notes (HEANs)*

- The HEANs include detailed, practical advice on how to implement national planning policy and guidance. They have been prepared by Historic England following public consultation:
  - *HEAN 1: Conservation Areas: Designation, Appraisal and Review (Second Edition)* (February 2019)
  - *HEAN 2: Making Changes to Heritage Assets* (February 2016)
  - *HEAN 3: Site Allocations* (October 2015)
  - *HEAN 4: Tall Buildings* (December 2015)
  - *HEAN 5: Setting up a Listed Building Heritage Partnership Agreement* (November 2015)
  - *HEAN 6: Drawing up a Local Listed Building Consent Order* (November 2015)
  - *HEAN 7: Local Heritage Listing* (May 2016)
  - *HEAN 8: Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment* (December 2016)
  - *HEAN 9: The Adaptive Reuse of Traditional Farm Buildings* (October 2017)
  - *HEAN 10: Listed Buildings and Curtilage* (February 2018)
  - *HEAN 11: Neighbourhood Planning and the Historic Environment* (October 2018)
  - *HEAN 12: Statements of Heritage Significance* (October 2019)
  - *HEAN 13: Minerals Extraction and Archaeology* (January 2020)