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Councillor A Napper

19th October 2020

By email

Dear Councillor Napper

Council Meeting – 30th September 2020

Thank you for submitting a question for the above Council meeting.

You ask ***“What is RMBC’s position with regards to Grade II listed buildings in Rotherham?”***

The Council’s policy on Listed Buildings is contained within the adopted Local Plan with reference specifically to Policies CS23 ‘Valuing the Historic Environment’ and SP40 ‘Listed Buildings’ which seek to protect and enhance the Borough’s heritage assets, including Grade II Listed Buildings.

Listed Buildings are buildings or structures which are included in a list of buildings of special architectural or historic interest. Listing acknowledges the buildings special interest and also helps us understand our history. All types of buildings and structures can be listed, from civic buildings to ordinary cottages, bridges, walls, milestones, stocks, telephone boxes and lampposts may even be listed. Not all the items on the lists are beautiful or attractive – some are included purely for their historical value and associations.

Buildings are listed to ensure that their special interest is considered before decisions on their future are made. This does not mean that the building and its surroundings must be preserved intact at all costs. What it does mean is that changes will only be permitted if they respect the particular character and interest of the building and its setting or that exceptional circumstances of a proposal clearly outweigh any harm that is identified.

I hope above information adequately answers your question.

Yours sincerely



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