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Dear Councillor Cutts

Council Meeting – 13 January 2021

With reference to the verbal response I gave to your question on a local list of heritage assets submitted to the above meeting, I provide some further detail below.

A local list of heritage assets (“local list”) identifies those assets that are not protected by statutory national designations but are of local heritage interest, contributing to the sense of place and history of the local area. Preparing a local list means that the significance of heritage assets on the list is given due consideration by the Local Planning Authority, when change is being proposed.

The Council’s Local Plan indicates that a local list will be produced and maintained by the Council and sets out in policy the criteria that will apply to those heritage assets on the list when determining planning applications. The Local Plan does not include a timetable to produce a local list, nor is this required by Government.

The Council has had to prioritise heritage work, this has meant that work on the Buildings at Risk Strategy and Register has been the main focus to date. This is the priority advised by Historic England, as these registers can help direct resources to save Listed Buildings at risk of loss. This work has been postponed recently due to the pandemic, with the heritage officer reassigned to other duties for several months. Work has now restarted and the Buildings at Risk Strategy and Register is programmed to be considered by Cabinet later in 2021, although a specific date has not yet been set. Once the Buildings at Risk Strategy and Register has been approved, the Council can allocate resources to the production of a local list.

Some preliminary work on a local list has been completed, by producing technical information on buildings of local importance in Wickersley to support the Parish Council in producing their draft Neighbourhood Plan. This work can be expanded with material provided by the Rotherham Civic Society to form the basis of a draft local list for the borough.

To try to accelerate work on a local list, officers have also recently worked with South Yorkshire colleagues on the submission of a local list funding bid to central Government. If successful, this would enable the South Yorkshire Archaeology Service to appoint a specialist to work with the four South Yorkshire authorities on a local list for the County. The bid includes provision of an online local list that will also encourage the public to submit and comment on proposed additions to the list.

At time of writing the outcome of the funding bid has not yet been announced by the Government.

Yours sincerely,



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