

# WORTHING DRAFT LOCAL PLAN OCTOBER 2018 - HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT

This section has core policies on Conserving and enjoying Worthing's historic environment. CPI5 sets out the Council's strategic approach. CPI6 sets out things that proposed development should take into account and that the Council will consider when making decisions.

## What You Told Us

**The Historic Environment includes:**

- Listed Buildings and Buildings of Local Interest
- The intrinsic character of the town
- The setting of the Downs and coast
- The gaps/spaces between and in settlements
- Structures of historic relevance/visitor interest from the pier to beach huts
- Industrial heritage (like High Salvington Windmill and fishermen's huts).

**The Local Plan / Council should:**

- Have a positive strategy for the historic environment and heritage assets
- Embrace heritage led regeneration
- Integrate development into historic areas to support conservation / avoid adverse impacts
- Consider the role of enforcement action in heritage management
- Have a clear strategy for Conservation Areas
- Review the Buildings of Local Interest lists
- Protect key assets, the setting of the Downs, and the purposes of the National Park.

## What The Evidence Says

Worthing borough has a rich historic environment

- Pre-urban archaeology indicates that there was human activity in the area from the prehistoric period onwards;
- The late 18th Century saw Worthing develop as a seaside resort within a rural setting containing medieval villages;
- Over time separate settlements were absorbed into a continual conurbation with a mosaic of characters.

Today, Worthing's historic environment includes:

- 26 Conservation Areas
- 9 Environmental Areas of Special Character
- Over 360 Listed Buildings
- Over 1,000 Buildings of Local Interest
- 2 Scheduled Ancient Monuments
- 1 Historic Park and Garden and 10 locally listed Parks and Gardens of Historic Interest
- Numerous sites of archaeological interest
- Its setting (including views / relationships)
- Other undesignated assets



## What The Local Plan Is Proposing To Do

- Provide understanding as to what makes up Worthing's historic environment, why it is important, and where more information can be found.
- Set out the Council's commitment to the historic environment, including key elements of its work programme, which underpin its strategic approach to conserve and enhance Worthing's heritage assets for the enjoyment of current and future generations.
- Ensure that the historic character of the built and natural environment is taken into account in the design of new development, whether it is directly or indirectly affected, by setting out those things that applications should take into account and which the Council will consider when making decisions.
- Signpost relevant legislation and guidance and indicate what other measures (such as Article 4 directions to protect, and Enforcement Action to address disrepair) may be used.

There are a number of ways you can find out more about the Draft Local Plan.

You can visit the Council website or find hard copies of the documents at your local library. There is also an opportunity to come along to a 'drop in' session where you can find more information about the proposals and have a chance to ask questions.

Please visit our Draft Local Plan page for more information about these dates and times for the consultation events: [www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/worthing-local-plan](http://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/worthing-local-plan)

You can also keep up to date by following the Council's Facebook and Twitter pages at:

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/AdurWorthingCouncils](http://www.facebook.com/AdurWorthingCouncils)

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## Find Out More

You can read the planning policy on the Historic Environment and the full Draft Local Plan on our website:

[www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/worthing-local-plan](http://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/worthing-local-plan)

## Have Your Say

Do you agree with the proposed approach?

Please give us your views by 5pm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018. You can find details of how to comment and also information about consultation events by visiting the Draft Local Plan Page at:

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