

7.0 How the results of the study will be used

This research study has been undertaken to assist in the monitoring and management of Liverpool's World Heritage Site. The study will be used as a benchmark against which progress will be measured over forthcoming years in improving the heritage/townscape merit of the Site and in addressing the heritage need of the Site.

1. Paragraphs 199-210 of The Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention (UNESCO 2005) require that Periodic Reports on World Heritage Sites should be submitted to the World Heritage Committee by the State Party. The Operational Guidelines advise that the periodic reporting is "...important for more effective long term conservation..."
2. Planning decisions within the World Heritage Site will continue to be made:
 - in accordance with the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Listed Buildings) 1990
 - against the policies of the Liverpool Unitary Development Plan (until such time as it is replaced by the emerging Liverpool Local Development Framework)
 - in the context of the advice in PPG 15 (Planning and the Historic Environment)
 - in the context of the Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention (UNESCO 2005)
 - with a view to achieving the objectives of the Liverpool World Heritage Site Management Plan, and
 - in the context of other relevant policies and documents
3. Heritage Merit
 - 3.1 Listed buildings and unlisted buildings of heritage merit

A fundamental objective of all of the statutes/documents listed above is to secure the proper repair and maintenance of important heritage assets. The general presumption by Liverpool City Council in making planning decisions regarding the World Heritage Site is that all listed buildings and unlisted buildings of heritage merit will be retained and properly maintained.

3.2 Buildings of neutral and negative impact upon the townscape character of the Site

This study has identified buildings which have a neutral impact upon the townscape character of the Site and buildings which have a negative impact upon the townscape character of the Site. In consideration of the policies, documents and matters outlined at paragraph 3 above, it is anticipated that no objection will be raised to the principle of any proposal for the demolition and appropriate redevelopment of these buildings.

3.3 Buildings which make a negative impact upon the townscape character of the Site

Liverpool City Council wishes to be proactive in enhancing the townscape character of the World Heritage Site. It will use the study to inform discussions regarding the demolition or enhancement of buildings which make a negative impact upon the townscape character of the Site. For the avoidance of doubt, the City Council has no intention of seeking the demolition of such buildings immediately, but these buildings could be the subject of discussions between the City Council and their owners and other agencies with a view to seeking their replacement or enhancement, as and when the opportunity arises.

4 Heritage Need

4.1 The City Council is committed to improving the standard of maintenance of historic buildings and, through restoration, reducing the number of Buildings At Risk within the City, especially within the World Heritage Site and its Buffer Zone. This study will be used to inform action on this issue, particularly in setting up grant aid schemes such as the World Heritage Townscape Heritage Initiative and in using powers available to the City Council under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Listed Buildings) 1990. For the avoidance of doubt, the City Council will always attempt to consider Buildings At Risk issues in full consultation with their owners and to adopt strategies in partnership with them. Urgent Works Notices, Repairs Notices and Compulsory Purchase will be considered only as a last resort when all other options have been explored.



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