

## MEDWAY COUNCIL LOCAL HERITAGE ASSET LIST

### DRAFT SELECTION CRITERIA

#### General

Local heritage assets are also known as non-designated heritage assets in planning policy. The criteria set out below are tailored to Medway's unique heritage so that any proposed heritage asset assessed using this criteria will be representative of that heritage. There are certain assets where it is assumed that all that fall into this category will be NDHAs. The first groupings of assets to be included on the list are:

- A. *Historic Farmsteads in Medway noted in the Kent Historic Environment Record which are still in existence*
  
- B. *Historic Park and Gardens in Medway in the Kent Gardens Trust Kent Compendium*

#### Medway Heritage Themes

A nominated asset is more likely to be designated as a Local Heritage Asset if there is a strong link with one or more of the following themes of Medway's heritage identified in the 2017 Heritage Asset Audit:

- Industrial
- Maritime and Riverside
- Military and defence
- Religious

#### Selection Criteria

Assets will be included on the list if they meet one or more of the following criteria:

##### *Historical interest*

- Connection to local history or events
- The age of the asset
- Reflects the historical function or use of an area
- An asset that has associations with an important local figure

##### *Architectural interest*

- A certain quality of architecture

- Design which relates to local style, materials, construction methods, or craft techniques
- An unusual built form

#### Cultural interest:

- Reflects the cultural identity of the community, a connection to events of local history

#### Rarity:

- A rare or unique asset within its context

#### Abundance:

- A large number of assets which are only found within the local context
- A clear historic relationship

#### Artistic or aesthetic interest:

- An asset which demonstrates human skill and creativity, such as a sculpture, or a mural

#### Townscape interest:

- An asset which positively contributes to the local area
- A key landmark
- Has a role in the skyline
- Demonstrates town planning of different generations
- Rare or distinctive street furniture
- Cohesive street plans and patterns