



I have an FOI request concerned with protecting old buildings, which are intended for development.

Some councils require a document whose title is along the lines of "Heritage Design Access & Justification Statement" to support an application to develop an existing property.

1. Does your Local Authority require such submissions to accompany planning applications? If so,
2. What class of applications fall within this requirement?

Information on the requirements to submit a Heritage Assessment / Appraisal through the planning process is detailed in the Council's 'Validation Checklist for Planning Applications'. This document is accessible on our website at the following link:

[Validation Checklist for Planning Applications](#)

3. Which team in the LA requires the submission to be made, (in the circumstances defined in the reply to Q1, above)?

If a Heritage Assessment / Appraisal is required with a planning application submission, it would be submitted to the Council's Development Management Team.

4. What steps, if any, are taken to verify the information contained in applicants' completed submissions?

This question could not be specifically answered as a FOI Request, but for your information the Development Management Team process planning applications in accordance with national planning legislation, with the following link to the Government's website providing an overview of the planning system in England:

[Overview of the planning system \(England\)](#)

The above which includes reference to national and local planning policy and guidance, such as the National Planning Policy Framework (Link here - [National Planning Policy Framework - GOV.UK](#)), national planning practice guidance (Link here - [Planning practice guidance - GOV.UK](#)), the Borough's Development Plan (Link here- [Development Plan](#)) and the associated local planning guidance ([Planning guidance](#)).

The determination of a planning application against the above local and national planning policies and guidance, along with all other material planning considerations, including consultation from statutory and non-statutory consultees such as, having regard to the assessment of Heritage Assessments / Appraisals particularly, the Council's Conservation Officer, Historic England and the Greater Manchester Archaeological Advisory Service, amongst other bodies, is undertaken by the Council's Development Management Case Officer on each application, having due regard to the individual merits of each case.

<p>5. What penalties, if any, are levied in the event that false or misleading information is submitted? If no to Q1</p>	<p>In the context of the response to Q4, planning permission or listed building consent, or any such relevant planning approval, could be refused by the Local Planning Authority, or quashed through judicial (or appropriate) process if approval was granted and later found to be flawed or prejudiced.</p>
<p>6. Does your LA have any plans to introduce a system to ensure planning applicants strive to protect heritage?</p>	<p>Already in place through the national planning system and above referenced local and national planning policies and guidance, with applications assessed in this context, including input from specialist heritage related statutory and non-statutory consultees.</p>