

Belfast PLANNING COMMITTEE City Council

Subject:	Listing of Building
Date:	Tuesday, 18 th October, 2016
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Is this report restricted?	Yes	No	X
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes	X No	

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	Correspondence has been received from the Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA) regarding the proposed listing of buildings in Belfast. Article 80 (3) of the Planning Act (NI) 2011 requires the agency to consult with the Council before placing any building on the statutory list of buildings of special architectural or historic interest.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	 Committee is requested to: note the contents of Appendix 1; and support the proposed listings of the buildings detailed in paragraph 3.5 of this report
3.0	Main report
	Key issues
3.1	The Second Survey of all of Northern Ireland's building stock, is currently underway, to update and improve on the first List of buildings of special architectural or historic interest which began in 1974. This second survey is due to be completed in 2016.
3.2	In considering whether to include a building as Listed, the Department (NIEA) takes into account the architectural and historic interest of a structure and is also given the power to consider:-
	 any respect in which its exterior contributes to the architectural or historic interest of any group of buildings of which it forms part; and the desirability of preserving, on the ground of its architectural or historic interest, any feature of the building which consists of a manmade object or structure fixed to the building or which forms a part of the land and which is comprised within the

	curtilage of the building.
3.3	Should the Department for Communities decide to list, this places certain responsibility on the owner, for example, a listed building has to be maintained in a way appropriate to its character and cannot be altered or demolished without prior approval.
3.4	The summaries set out in Appendix 1 for the proposed listed buildings are taken from the property evaluation and detail the main features alongside the recommended class of listing. The appendix also sets out the summary of the four categories (A to B2) for Listed buildings in Northern Ireland.
3.5	The Department based on the completion of detailed surveys, is currently considering the listing of the following properties and has requested the Council's comments in this regard:
	 18 Donegall Pass, Belfast, BT7 1XA St. Paul's Church, 125 Falls Road, Belfast, BT12 6AB
	It is recommended that the Committee in recognition of the heritage value, as set out in the Appendix 1, supports the proposed listing by the Department for Communities.
3.6	Financial & Resource Implications
	None
	Equality or Good Relations Implications
	None
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	APPENDIX 1: Property Evaluations