

APPENDIX 1: Listed Building Property Evaluation

Background

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 in Belfast was due to be completed in 2017 but is ongoing.

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.

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.

The summary below is taken from the property evaluation and details the assessment in relation to the class of listing proposed.

1. Ballynafeigh National School Florenceville Drive, Belfast, BT7 3GY HB26/01/015 Property evaluation

Ballynafeigh National School is a simple redbrick former school building, built in 1905, located off Ormeau Road west of Ballynafeigh Methodist Church (HB26/01/016). It is based around a simple T-plan with a simple aesthetic of brick gables, enhanced by selective stone details, particularly around the north gable. It retains much of its original detailing although the interior has been modernised. The school provides an important social record through the external memorial stones remembering donors to its construction, and association with James John Philips, a prominent architect of Methodist churches and schools. It is also representative of the emphasis of the Methodist church in the late nineteenth and early-twentieth-century on education. Its simple character helps to tie the neighbouring church into the surrounding streetscape of brick houses, and it enhances the character and historical legibility of the area.

Proposed NIEA listing – **B1**

Extent of proposed listing – **Former School**

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Note:

Listed buildings in Northern Ireland are divided into four categories:

Grade A

Special buildings of national importance including both outstanding grand buildings and the fine, little altered examples of some important style or date.

Grade B+

Special buildings that might have merited A status but for relatively minor detracting features such as impurities of design, or lower quality additions or alterations. Also buildings that stand out above the general mass of grade B1 buildings because of exceptional interiors or some other features.

Grade B1 and B2

Special buildings of more local importance or good examples of some period of style. Some degree of alteration or imperfection may be acceptable.