

Response to Request for Information

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Listed Building Consent Applications

Request:

I am conducting a research project looking at how digital information relating to the historic environment is preserved in the long term. In order to do this I would like to request some information from Wolverhampton City Council planning department / planning services.

1. How many Listed Building Consent applications for adaptation or demolition were validated in 2015?
There were 29 Listed Building Consent applications in 2015 (these can be accessed at <http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/planningapplications>.)
2. Of these, how many times did the submission include a Heritage Statement or Heritage Impact Assessment?
This information is also on:
<http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/planningapplications>
This is not information we record separately. Please note that Heritage Statements are submitted in a variety of formats, from sections within a Design and Access Statement, to full separate reports.
3. How many times did a planning officer or specialist advisor (e.g. conservation officer, heritage officer, historic environment advisor) request supplementary information to inform consent such as a Historic Building Survey and Report in 2015?
This is not information we record.
4. How many times did Planning or Listed Building Consent include a condition for Historic Building Recording to be carried out in 2015?
This information is on <http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/planningapplications>. In addition to any recording for Planning or Listed Building Consent, a request was made to record the Steam Mill before it was demolished (under the dangerous buildings act). This is an ongoing project.
5. How many times was a requirement to archive digital data included with a request for historic building or structure recording in 2015?
In general, a requirement to upload a copy of any Historic Building Recording report to OASIS/ADS is made as part of preservation by record. A specific requirement was made to collect and process the digital data from the Steam Mill in a way suitable for archiving (including full photographic indexes and raw

laser scan data). A copy of this data was requested to be sent to the Historic Environment Record and to the Wolverhampton City Archives once the project is complete. However neither of these places are suitable repositories for long term digital archiving, and it is hoped that alternative arrangements are made with the ADS (Archaeology Data Service - <http://archaeologydataservice.ac.uk/>) at some point in the future.

6. How do you ensure that historic building information submitted as part of the Planning or Listed Building Consent process is accessible to the public in the long term?

Reports and statements submitted as part of any application are made available online via <http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/planningapplications> . In addition, Historic Building information submitted ad hoc during pre-app and informal discussions, and reports submitted as a discharge of conditions are made accessible to the public via the Historic Environment Record. Information within the Historic Environment Record is available on request directly from the Historic Environment Team, and is also available online at Heritage Gateway and Black Country History website.

<http://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/gateway/default.aspx>

<http://blackcountryhistory.org/> .

Where appropriate, hard copies reports are also deposited with the Wolverhampton City Archives service and digital copies uploaded to OASIS/Archaeology Data Service.