

**Scrutiny Board (3) 2 February 2005,
Briefing Note re Buildings At Risk Register**

The Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee at their meeting on 5 Jan 2005 requested that an update on action taken on the buildings on the English Heritage Buildings at Risk Register since last reported to the Committee on 5 May 2004.

There are altogether 407 statutorily listed buildings in the city and over sixty of these are in council ownership; five appear on the Buildings at Risk Register. Action has or is being taken in relation to four of these:

Caludon Castle, Farren Rd

Work was completed in September 2004 consolidating the ruins. The City Council has received a grant of £14,903 towards the total cost of £37185 and English Heritage will be removing the building from their register, which is revised annually in April /May.

Spon End Terrace, 119-123 Upper Spon St

Leased to a Building Preservation Trust, Phases I and II already completed, Phase III works now funded and work to start about May 05 – to be removed from register as a consequence.

Medieval Basement, Tourist Information Centre, Bayley Lane

Work to the basement has been included in the Herbert Art Gallery and Museum Phase II, scheme, as a new underground link is to be constructed from the new museum and external landscaping works will cover the undercroft. These will include the marking of its position in the new paving. A report from a specialist in damp in historic structures has been completed and recommendations are being implemented. Potential for funding from English Heritage.

Medieval Basement, Earl St

Water ingress- condition being monitored following repair work by Severn Trent in 2003 to mains supply above the structure.

Non-conformist Chapel, London Road cemetery

The cemetery location deters potential for new use; no action at present time.

There are two buildings on at risk register that are not in Council ownership

Medieval Precinct wall to Charterhouse

Collapsed areas owned by Tile College and allegedly by Blue Coat School; Phase I repair work to worst part of wall in Council ownership completed 03-04, further work completed in December 04/January 05. This length not at risk any longer but consolidation and repair of the remainder is necessary and funding is being sought. Should the Council complete work on its section, this will not remove the wall from the Buildings at Risk register, if the other two owners do not act accordingly.

Old Grammar School, Hales Street

Owned by Holy Trinity Church; potential for re-use as part of Swanswell Redevelopment Scheme

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