



City of Coventry Local List of Heritage Assets – nomination form

Name and location of your candidate heritage asset (if necessary, please provide a photograph and a map showing its location):

Albany Hotel (Pub) , Albany Road, Coventry

1. **WHAT IS IT?** Is it one of the following? (tick one):

- a **building or group of buildings** Tick
- a **monument or site (an area of archaeological remains or a structure other than a building)**
- a **place (e.g. a street, park, garden or natural space)**
- a **landscape (an area defined by visual features or character, e.g. a city centre, village, suburb or field system)**

2. **WHY IS IT LOCALLY VALUED?** Indicate what is it about the asset that provides its interest, and why it is valued locally. Please complete one or more of these categories.

Evidential interest: It is an important resource for understanding and learning about the area's history. This might include *archaeological interest* firm evidence of potential to reveal more about the human past through further study.

The Newcombe Brothers who developed Hearsall-Earlsdon had strong nonconformist beliefs and were against social drinking and their deeds forbade building public houses. In all the acres of land developed in Earlsdon during the 19th century, only two pubs were opened before the 2nd World War. (The Albany & The Clarence). The Albany was built on land not owned by them in 1907. It was built as an hotel having 5 guest rooms and a club room on the 1st floor. There was also a billiard room, coffee room, bar, lounge and smoke room on the ground floor.

Historic interest: It is important to understanding an association with a person, illustrates an

aspect of the area's past that makes an important contribution to its identity or character), or an *associative interest* (it connects us to people and events that shaped the identity or character of the area).

In the past, its original clubhouse has been the home of several groups including the Amalgamated Society of Toolmakers and the Small Heath Harriers.

Aesthetic interest: It makes an important contribution to the positive look of the area either by design or fortuitously. This might include *artistic interest* (it includes artistic endeavour to communicate meaning or use of design (including landscape design) to enhance appearance) or *architectural interest* (an example of an architectural style, a building of particular use, a technique of building, or use of materials).

It is typical of the commercial premises that were built in the Edwardian development of the new suburb of Earlsdon.
It is built of red brick with extensive and finely worked stone window and door surrounds and has a slate roof.

Communal interest: It is important to the identity, cohesion, spiritual life or memory of all or part of the community. This might include *commemorative or symbolic interest*, that reflect meanings of a place for the people who relate to it.

A pub is a hub for the local community and provides a social need for people to get together to share their happiness and sadness or just to have a good natter.

3. WHAT ELSE COULD MAKE ITS LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE SPECIAL? Indicate why any of the following features make the heritage significance of the asset stand out above the surrounding environment:

<p>Age ... Is it particularly old, or of a date that is significant to the local area?</p>	<p>It was built in 1907. It is contemporary with the surrounding roads in Earlsdon, which were constructed around this time.</p>
<p>Rarity ... Is it unusual in the area or a rare survival of something that was once common?</p>	<p>It is one of only two pubs built in the early 20th century in the Hearsall - Earlsdon area.</p>
<p>Integrity ... Is it largely complete or</p>	<p>The exterior is largely intact and it retains the original outbuildings (possibly</p>

<p>in a near to original condition?</p>	<p>stables). The interior has a separate original bar and a lounge with a stage which was created decades ago by amalgamating 2 other rooms.</p>
<p>Group value ... Is it part of a group that have a close historic, aesthetic or communal association?</p>	<p>It has been the community's meeting place for over 100 years.</p>
<p>Coventry's identity ... Is it important to the identity or character of the city or a particular part of it? (see the Local List Criteria)</p>	<p>The building is a vital part of the character of Albany Rd, Earlsdon.</p>
<p>Other ... Is there another way you think it has special local value?</p>	<p>A pub is at the heart of the community providing a meeting place and entertainment for local residents.</p>