
Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities

17th December 2025

Name of Cabinet Member:

Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities – Cllr N Akhtar

Director approving submission of the report:

Director of Regeneration and Economy

Ward(s) affected:

Earlsdon Ward and Henley Ward

Title:

Local Listing Consultation -

The Astoria Cinema, 71 Albany Road and Spigot Mortar off Shilton Lane

Is this a key decision?

No

Executive summary:

The City Council has an established nomination process for the nomination of additions to the Local List of Heritage Assets, available to the public via the authority's website at https://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/file/23529/local_list_criteria

The Local Authority has received a nomination to consider the Astoria Cinema, and the CCC Archaeology Officer has nominated the Spigot Mortar off Shilton Lane for Local Listing. Further to officers assessment, the nomination has been found to be valid and it is recommended that public consultation is now undertaken on the nomination to further inform decision making.

Recommendations:

The Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities is recommended to:

- 1) Approve the commencement of public consultation to consider The Astoria Cinema and Spigot Mortar off Shilton Lane for inclusion on the Local List of heritage assets.
- 2) Delegate authority to Head of Planning Policy and Environment, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities, to finalise the details of public consultation (including the period of consultation) in line with established processes.

List of Appendices included:

Appendix One – Conservation Officer Report - The Astoria Cinema

Appendix Two – Archaeology Officer Report - Spigot Mortar off Shilton Lane

Background papers:

City of Coventry Local List of Heritage Assets – criteria

https://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/file/23529/local_list_criteria

Other useful documents

N/A

Has it or will it be considered by scrutiny?

No - However, the role of Locally Listed Heritage assets in the planning system was considered by Scrutiny on 6th October 2022

Has it or will it be considered by any other council committee, advisory panel or other body?

No

Will this report go to Council?

No

Report title:

Local Listing Consultations – The Astoria Cinema and Shilton Lane Spigot Mortar.

1. Context (or background)

- 1.1 Locally listed buildings are buildings and sites within the local planning authority's area which make a positive contribution to its local character and sense of place because of their heritage value.
- 1.2 Whilst these buildings or sites may not be nationally designated, the Local List identification of these sites and their significance then merits consideration in future planning decisions.
- 1.3 A Local Listing designation does not serve to restrict development of a site or building which holds the designation, rather any application for redevelopment would need to evidence impacts to the designation, and where any loss is proposed, demonstrate that the benefits of a proposal outweigh the loss.
- 1.4 Coventry City Council have maintained a Local List of Buildings of Special Architectural and Historic Interest since (at least) June 1974. The list has evolved over time as nominations have been considered and if endorsed, placed onto the register.
- 1.5 The creation and maintenance of a Local List is a way to identify and celebrate historic buildings and sites which enrich the area, this identification and publication of designations also contributes to the Coventry Plan in the promotion of Coventry as a visitor destination and centre for the arts and culture.
- 1.6 The process establishes key assessment criteria of received nomination for consideration of inclusion to the Local List, in order that a nomination be valid and proceed to further stages of evaluation, applicants must demonstrate the nominations alignment with the articulated criteria.
- 1.7 This report considers undertaking of public consultation of 2 sites for consideration of inclusion into the Local List – these being informed by nominations to officers and building upon the findings of previous public consultation.
- 1.8 Officers have undertaken initial assessment of the 2 sites and found that they may be able to fulfil the criteria for local listing, subject to further research and findings of public consultation.

2. Options considered and recommended proposal

2.1 Do Nothing (Not Recommended)

The Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities could choose to not progress the nomination to public consultation, however noting the potential for alignment to the criteria for Local Listing this is not recommended.

2.2 Commence a public consultation (Recommended)

Further to an initial review of the nominations, officers recommend that a public consultation is undertaken, in order to make a future recommendation to Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities in regard to any addition to the Local List of Heritage Assets.

3. **Results of consultation undertaken**

3.1. This report seeks authority to commence the consultation exercise.

4. **Timetable for implementing this decision**

4.1 The decision will be implemented at the earliest opportunity.

5. **Comments from the Director of Finance and Resources and the Director of Law and Governance**

5.1. Financial Implications

The recommendation will have no financial impact.

5.2. Legal Implications

There are no legal implications associated with this report at this stage.

Consultation must be undertaken when proposals are still at a formative stage, must give sufficient reasons to permit the consultee to make a meaningful response, must allow adequate time for consideration and response, and the results of the consultation must be conscientiously taken into account in finalising any proposals.

6. **Other implications**

6.1. **How will this contribute to the Council Plan (www.coventry.gov.uk/councilplan/)?**

Assessment of Local List nominations contributes toward raising the profile of Coventry through promoting Coventry as a visitor destination and centre for the arts and culture, sports and leisure, music and events.

6.2. **How is risk being managed?**

There is no risk identified associated with the recommendation

6.3. **What is the impact on the organisation?**

The undertaking of public consultation will be deliverable within current resource.

6.4. **Equalities / EIA?**

A full Equality and Impact Assessment (EIA) was undertaken as part of developing the Local Plan. As part of that analysis, the Council had due regard to its public sector equality duty under section 149 of the Equality Act (2010).

6.5. **Implications for (or impact on) climate change and the environment?**

There is no direct impact from the recommendations of the report.

6.6. Implications for partner organisations?

None

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