

INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION OF THE NEWHALL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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Dear Mr Lawrence and Mr Evans

NEWHALL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN EXAMINATION

Further to my letter of 25 September 2019, I have some questions on which clarification from Newhall Parish Council and Cheshire East Council would assist me in my examination of the Newhall Neighbourhood Plan (the Plan). May I request the submission of responses to my questions below within **two** weeks of the date of this letter, although an earlier response would be most welcome.

Policy HER1 considers proposals for development affecting any heritage asset and appears to include non-designated heritage assets (NDHA) within that description. Paragraph 9.1 of the Plan notes that, in addition to the 17 Listed Buildings, there are 12 important features of historical interest listed in the Cheshire Historic Environmental Record which are then listed in Figure M of the Plan. Paragraph 9.3 lists 9 more properties which make a “vital contribution to the integrity of the Aston Conservation Area”. Paragraph 9.4 also refers to smaller features such as the cast iron “finger signs” and the “Cheshire Rails” which should be protected. Paragraph 9.5 then states that these heritage assets should be protected from inappropriate development and, where possible, enhanced.

Questions:

1. Are the buildings and features referred to in Paragraph 9.3 and Figure M intended to be defined as NDHA to be considered under Policy HER1?
2. Have they already been included on a local list by Cheshire East Council?
3. Was guidance in “Local Heritage Listing: Historic England Advice Note 7” used in compiling the list?

In the interests of transparency, may I prevail upon you to ensure a copy of this letter is placed on the Parish Council and local authority’s website.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Your sincerely

Andy Mead

Examiner