

## **APPENDIX B: Glossary and Definitions**

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### *Alteration*

Work intended to change the function or appearance of a place

### *Authenticity*

Those characteristics that most truthfully reflect and embody the cultural heritage values of a place

### *Conservation*

The process of managing change to a significant place in its setting in ways that will best sustain its heritage values, while recognising opportunities to reveal or reinforce those values for present and future generations

### *Conservation area*

'An area of special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance', designated under what is now s69 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990

### *Context*

Any relationship between a place and other places, relevant to the values of that place

### *Designation*

The recognition of particular heritage value(s) of a significant place by giving it formal status under law or policy intended to sustain those values

### *Fabric*

The material substance of which places are formed, including geology, archaeological deposits, structures and buildings, and flora

### *Harm*

Change for the worse, here primarily referring to the effect of inappropriate interventions on the heritage values of a place

### *Heritage*

All inherited resources which people value for reasons beyond mere utility

### *Heritage, cultural*

Inherited assets which people identify and value as a reflection and expression of their evolving knowledge, beliefs and traditions, and of their understanding of the beliefs and traditions of others

### *Heritage, natural*

Inherited habitats, species, ecosystems, geology and landforms, including those in and under water, to which people attach value

*Historic environment*

All aspects of the environment resulting from the interaction between people and places through time, including all surviving physical remains of past human activity, whether visible or buried, and deliberately planted or managed flora

*Historic Environment Record*

A public, map-based data set, primarily intended to inform the management of the historic environment (previously known as a Sites and Monuments Record (SMR))

*Integrity*

Wholeness, honesty

*Intervention*

Any action which has a physical effect on the fabric of a place

*Maintenance*

Routine work regularly necessary to keep the fabric of a place in good order

*Material*

Relevant to and having a substantial effect on, demanding consideration

*Natural change*

Change which takes place in the historic environment without human intervention, which may require specific management responses (particularly maintenance or periodic renewal) in order to sustain the significance of a place

*Object*

Anything not (now) fixed to or incorporated within the structure of a place, but historically associated with it

*Place*

Any part of the historic environment, of any scale, that has a distinctive identity perceived by people

*Preserve*

To keep safe from harm

*Proportionality*

The quality of being appropriately related to something else in size, degree, or other measurable characteristics

*Public*

Of, concerning, done, acting, etc. for people as a whole

*Renewal*

Comprehensive dismantling and replacement of an element of a place, in the case of structures normally reincorporating sound units

*Repair*

Work beyond the scope of maintenance, to remedy defects caused by decay, damage or use, including minor adaptation to achieve a sustainable outcome, but not involving restoration or alteration

*Restoration*

To return a place to a known earlier state, on the basis of compelling evidence, without conjecture

*Reversible*

Capable of being reversed so that the previous state is restored

*Transparent*

Open to public scrutiny

*Setting*

The surroundings in which a place is experienced, its local context, embracing present and past relationships to the adjacent landscape

*Significance [of a place]*

The sum of the cultural and natural heritage values of a place, often set out in a statement of significance

*Significant place*

A place which has heritage value(s)

*Sustain*

Maintain, nurture and affirm validity

*Sustainable*

Capable of meeting present needs without compromising ability to meet future needs

*Value*

An aspect of worth or importance, here attached by people to qualities of places

*Value, aesthetic*

Value deriving from the ways in which people draw sensory and intellectual stimulation from a place

*Value, communal*

Value deriving from the meanings of a place for the people who relate to it, or for whom it figures in their collective experience or memory

*Value, evidential*

Value deriving from the potential of a place to yield evidence about past human activity

*Value, historical*

Value deriving from the ways in which past people, events and aspects of life can be connected through a place to the present

*Value-based judgement*

An assessment that reflects the values of the person or group making the assessment