



Historic Building Recording

What is Historic Building Recording?

Building recording creates a permanent record of a structure, often ahead of any material changes or demolition, think of it as a 'building biography'.

This work is usually requested by a Local Planning Authority as a condition of development, although trusts and private owners would potentially commission it for their personal records.

Recording helps to:

- * promote the understanding and appreciation of historic buildings;
- * to secure an understanding of a building and its significance to inform the preparation of a scheme of conservation, repair or alteration;
- * inform decisions relating to the approval or implementation of a scheme of development as part of the planning or conservation process; and
- * to assess the significance of groups of buildings, settlements and landscapes, and provide a basis for strategic heritage management

How is the Historic Building Recording done?

The first stage is to define a level of recording, to comply with Historic England standards.

Typically, these would be in line with level 1 to 4 defined in Historic England's 2016 publication *Understanding Historic Buildings A Guide to Good Recording Practice*.

Level 1 is the simplest and requires just a visual record, Level 4 is the most detailed and draws on analysis, photography, and measured survey to produce a record of the buildings' history of development and use.

Our historic buildings team would then visit the site to make a written, drawn and photographic record of the structure.

Results of the site recording and photography are presented as a formal report, with an analysis of the development of the building.

When do you need Historic Building Recording?

It is usually a condition of planning consent, requested by the Local Planning Authority. This would be required where material changes to the building are proposed and a permanent record is considered appropriate.

Why ELG Heritage?



Our heritage specialists appraise historic buildings and places of all natures.

ELG have extensive experience of compiling HIA's and are competent in providing expert and professional advice to owners of listed buildings and properties in conservation area.

We successfully manage change to heritage assets through consideration of their heritage significance and setting and we can manage the planning application/listed building consent process for you.

Our heritage experience includes work on World Heritage Sites, Listed Buildings, Conservation Areas, Scheduled Monuments and Registered Parks and Gardens as well as non-designated heritage assets.

Our building recording specialist has qualifications and expertise including a BA (hons) Archaeology from Queen's University, Belfast, MA Conservation Studies (Historic Buildings) University of York and experience in libraries, collections and archiving

Contact our heritage team to see how we can help with your heritage project and to obtain a free consultation.

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