

## Heritage Statement

The **Heritage Statement** is for the applicant or agent to identify the heritage asset(s) that have the potential to be affected by the proposals and their setting. Please read the **guidance notes** provided at the back of this report to help you fill in the form correctly. <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/planning/heritage/heritage-statements>

**Appendix 1** relates to the **Historic Environment Record (HER) Consultation Report**. You must state whether or not supporting data from the HER is required.

There are 3 options:

- HER report attached (this must be completed by the Historic Environment Record Team)
- HER report not considered necessary – email attached from HER
- HER report not required by the Local Planning Authority as detailed on the relevant website validation requirements

Please tick the relevant box at the **back of this form** as to which option applies.

Both the **Heritage Statement** and the **Historic Environment Record Consultation report (Appendix 1)** must be completed in order to meet validation requirements of the Local Planning Authority – tick the boxes on the right hand side below to confirm the sections completed.

Note: All fields are **mandatory**. Failure to fully complete all fields may result in the form not being validated by the **Local Planning Authority (LPA)**.

<b>To be completed by the applicant – please tick relevant boxes</b>	
1. Heritage Statement completed	✓
2. Appendix 1 completed	✓

# Heritage Statement

**Site name**

Preston Park

**Address of site  
(including postcode)**

Preston Park  
Preston Road  
Brighton  
BN1 6SD

**Grid Reference**

TQ 30801 05896

## 1. Schedule of Works

Please state the type of proposal e.g. extension to a listed building, internal alterations

Freestanding masonry faced modular building (constructed off site) containing a Changing Places toilet facility installed onto a new concrete slab.

External dimensions: approx.. 4700mm X 6200mm, height: approx.. 3950mm.

Pitched clay tiled roof, 4 x rooflights with obscure glass.

Please list the works proposed e.g. replacement windows, removal of internal wall, reinstatement of original staircase, damp proofing works to basement etc.

Installation of approx. 225mm thick mesh reinforced concrete slab on compacted mot.

New tarmac access path.

## 2. Pre Application Advice

Have you consulted the East Sussex Historic Environment Record, as the minimum requirement of the NPPF?

Yes  No

If no, please provide the reasons why not below, including any correspondence with the HER/LPA archaeological advisor or LPA validation team:

If Yes, please attach any correspondence to this Heritage Statement in Appendix 1 (including the HER Consultation Report)

Have you sought pre-application heritage advice from the relevant local planning authority?

Yes  No

If Yes, please provide a copy of any written correspondence with reference number/contact name if applicable.

**Validation ESHER number: 202035**

E-mail correspondence attached.

Have you sought pre-application heritage advice from Historic England?

Yes  No

If Yes, please provide a copy of any written correspondence with reference number/contact name if applicable.

**3. What heritage asset(s), including their setting, are potentially affected by the proposals? (Please tick the relevant boxes below)** (See guidance section: <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/planning/heritage/heritage-statements-what-heritage-assets-are-affected-proposals>)

1: Scheduled Monument (SM)	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Listed Building (LB)	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Conservation Area (CA)	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Registered Park and Garden (RPG)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. Historic Battlefield (HB)	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Locally Listed Heritage Asset (LLHA)	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Archaeological Notification Area (ANA)	<input type="checkbox"/>
8 Other Non-Designated Heritage Asset (including below ground archaeology)	<input type="checkbox"/>

**4. What is known about the affected heritage asset(s)?** (See guidance section: <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/planning/heritage/heritage-statements-what-known-about-affected-heritage-assets> )

**4 (a). Using the information obtained through research and on-site analysis provide a summary of the history of the site/building.**

Please add a summary history of the site/building including specifically the parts that will be impacted by the proposals – e.g. how the site/building was originally laid out, how it has evolved, phases of construction and/or change. Please also provide information on past impacts – e.g. modern extension, drainage, former footings, recent landscaping, gardening. **Please include / attach any research material as an addendum to this Statement after Appendix 1.**

Preston Park's history can be traced back the thirteenth century when a house was established on the site. As a Victorian park it was formally opened to the public in 1884. The park encompassed Preston Manor (to which the Park's land has previously belonged) and walled gardens. Much of the Victorian layout and all its buildings survive. In the 1920s and 1930s significant additional designed gardens were added.

The central area of the park is laid out to playing fields which it has done since the park opened. To the south of the playing fields is a children's play area and multi-sports courts, laid out in the 1980s and 1990s.

The proposed location is adjacent to the Rotunda Café area of the park on its southern end. The café has public toilets adjacent to the building.

The site proposed for the new building is currently grassed, with no previous structures or development understood to have been on the area previously. The 1911 Ordnance Survey map shows no structures on or adjacent to the proposed site. The 1932 Ordnance Survey map shows two structures in the vicinity - the current Rotunda café and the Whoopsadaisy building. The proposed site is still clear of any new structures in this period.

[View map: Ordnance Survey, Sussex LXVI.5 \(Brighton; Hove\) - Ordnance Survey 25 inch England and Wales, 1841-1952 \(nls.uk\)](#)

[View map: Ordnance Survey, Sussex LXVI.NW \(includes: Brighton.\) - Ordnance Survey Six-inch England and Wales, 1842-1952 \(nls.uk\)](#)

**4 (b) What research have you undertaken to understand the significance of the heritage asset(s) affected?**

**Please tick the relevant boxes**

HER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The Keep (East Sussex Record Office)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Map regression (historic maps)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Local Planning Authority sources	<input type="checkbox"/>

Historic England sources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Museum or Library (please provide details)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please state)	<input type="checkbox"/>

**(Please include / attach any research material as an addendum to this Statement after Appendix 1.)**

**5. What is important about the affected heritage asset(s) ('the significance')?** (See guidance section: <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/planning/heritage/heritage-statements-what-important-about-affected-heritage-assets> )

Use this space to describe the significance of the heritage asset(s) including their setting (and any below ground archaeology) identified in Section 3. Please see the guidance notes on page 9 on what a heritage asset is and how to define significance.

**(Please continue on a separate sheet of paper if further space is required and attach / include as an addendum to this Statement after Appendix 1.)**

<p>Preston Park provides visitors with a 'sense of place', which positively shapes how individuals think and feel about where they live. It has been found in studies by Historic England to transcend socio-economic factors.</p> <p>Being open to the public and free, Preston Park plays in role in the provision of health and wellbeing for it's users.</p> <p>Preston Park Manor is run by Brighton and Hove Council as a museum, illustrates Edwardian life.</p>
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**6. How will the proposals impact on the significance of the heritage asset(s) including their setting?** (See guidance section: <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/planning/heritage/heritage-statements-how-will-proposals-impact-significance-heritage-assets> )

Please discuss what impact the proposals have on the heritage asset(s) i.e. loss or disturbance of historic building fabric, below or above ground archaeological impacts, setting or change of relationship between buildings and altering scale. **(Please continue on a separate sheet of paper if further space is required and attach / include as an addendum to this Statement after Appendix 1.)**

The proposal will enhance the Park's accessibility for people in the community with profound disabilities, who may have otherwise been unable to visit the park due to the lack of space and specialist equipment for their toilet/changing needs. It will increase Brighton's inclusivity to residents and visitors.

The new proposal allows more people (the users with disabilities and their carers) to experience the 'sense of place' that the park has provided for over a century, as well as the health and other wellbeing benefits.

**7. How has the proposal been designed to conserve the significance of the heritage asset(s) including their setting?** (See guidance section:

<https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/planning/heritage/heritage-statements-how-has-proposal-been-designed-protect-significance> )

Describe how the proposal has been designed to conserve and enhance the significance of the heritage assets (including below ground archaeology). Also describe how any harmful impacts have been avoided or minimised. For example, use of raft foundations, movement of the proposed extension to a less sensitive location.

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The proposed building has been designed to 'blend in' with its surroundings, i.e. it is small, one story, masonry faced.

If, in future, the facility is no longer required or has come to the end of its useful life, it can be removed (in one modular piece, as it was installed), as can the slab and services, and the site can be returned to its original state.

**Contact details:**

County Archaeology Team  
[County.archaeology@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:County.archaeology@eastsussex.gov.uk)

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[County.HER@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:County.HER@eastsussex.gov.uk)

Historic England  
[www.historicengland.org.uk](http://www.historicengland.org.uk)

**Local Planning Authority**

Brighton & Hove City Council: <http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/planning/heritage>



## Appendix 1

<p><b>To be completed by the applicant – please tick the relevant box</b>  <b>Please note one of these boxes must be ticked or your application will not be valid</b>          For further help contact <a href="mailto:County.HER@eastsussex.gov.uk">County.HER@eastsussex.gov.uk</a></p>	
HER Consultation report attached	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HER Consultation report not considered necessary as confirmed in attached email from HER	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>HER Consultation report not relevant for reasons indicated by the Local Planning Authority. These reasons are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The site is not located in an Archaeological Notification Area and is not a major development</li> <li>- The site is located in an Archaeological Notification Area but no below ground works or demolition works are proposed</li> <li>- The application is for change of use</li> </ul>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  <input type="checkbox"/>  <input type="checkbox"/>

## Guidance Notes

The **Heritage Statement** should identify all **heritage assets** potentially affected and their settings; describe their significance; and assess the potential impact of the proposal on that significance, including direct physical change and change to their setting.

**Heritage assets** include designated and non-designated assets, as well as both buildings and below ground archaeology.

The **National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)** (Department for Communities and Local Government, July 2018) sets out the government's planning policies for England and how these are expected to be applied. The relevant section which relates to heritage is: **Section 189** which states that:

*In determining applications, local planning authorities should require an applicant to describe the significance of any heritage assets affected, including any contribution made by their setting. The level of detail should be proportionate to the assets' importance and no more than is sufficient to understand the potential impact of the proposal on their significance. As a minimum the relevant historic environment record should have been consulted and the heritage assets assessed using appropriate expertise where necessary. Where a site on which development is proposed includes or has the potential to include heritage assets with archaeological interest, local planning authorities should require developers to submit an appropriate desk-based assessment and, where necessary, a field evaluation.*

### **National Planning Policy Framework:**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2>

For **further information** on assessment of significance and assessing the potential impact of a proposal on that significance, including setting, can be found in (or their future updates):

- CLG (2012) **National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)** (especially paragraph 17, Section 12 and Annex 2 Glossary)
- CLG (2014) **Planning Policy Guidance (PPG)** (especially 18a, paragraph 001-063)
- Historic England (2015) **Good Practice Advice (GPA) note 2 Managing Significance in Decision Taking in the Historic Environment**
- Historic England (2015) **Good Practice Advice (GPA) note 3 The Setting of Heritage Assets**

The NPPF and PPG also include a Glossary and explanation of terms, such as 'heritage asset', 'setting' and 'significance':

**Heritage asset:** A building, monument, site, place, area or landscape identified as having a degree of significance meriting consideration in planning decisions, because of its heritage interest. Heritage asset includes designated heritage assets and assets identified by the local planning authority (including local listing).

**Setting of a heritage asset:** The surroundings in which a heritage asset is experienced. Its extent is not fixed and may change as the asset and its surroundings evolve. Elements of a setting may make a positive or negative contribution to the significance of an asset, may affect the ability to appreciate that significance or may be neutral.

**Significance (for heritage policy):** The value of a heritage asset to this and future generations because of its heritage interest. That interest may be archaeological, architectural, artistic or historic. Significance derives not only from a heritage asset's physical presence, but also from its setting. (NPPF Annex 2: Glossary)