

# Oxfordshire County Council



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Date 11 May 1989

Bampton National School (now Youth Centre), Church View.

Described by N. Pevsner and J. Sherwood, Buildings of Oxfordshire (Penguin 1974) as built in 1871, apparently following trades directories (e.g. Post Office Directory of Oxon., 1871, Kelly's Dir. Oxon., 1883), and a date-stone of 1871 over the north-east doorway. Other evidence, however, suggests that the schools were built c. 1863-4, and designed by the well-known Oxford architect William Wilkinson: (1) The Builder, xxi (1863), 485 refers to the laying of the foundation stone of the new parochial [sic] schools at Bampton, with two schoolrooms, designed by Wilkinson. A. Saint, Oxoniensia, xxxv (1970), 71 says these are not the schools south of the church, perhaps because of the datestone, but gives no reason. (2) The Post Office Dir. of Oxon. for 1864 and 1869 describes the National School as recently built. (3) A Sale Catalogue for the earl of Shrewsbury's Bampton estate, 20 Oct. 1870, includes a plan of 1870 showing the schools already built, apparently in their present form. (Oxon. Record Office, Crowdy I, 51, plan 3). (4) The datestone commemorates only the granting of the freehold to the vicar and churchwardens by the earl of Shrewsbury in May 1871, and does not explicitly give a building date.

Although (1-4) represent only circumstantial evidence a thorough search of the parish records (in the Oxon. Record Office) and of local newspapers for 1863-4 and 1871 may provide more information.

Simon Jamley

(ASSISTANT EDITOR, V.C.H.)

THE BUILDER - Vol. 21 P.485 - July 4th 1863

BAMPTON.

The first stone of the new parochial schools was laid a few days since. The buildings will consist of two schoolrooms, for 156 children, constructed of walling stone from the neighbourhood, with Bath stone dressings, and are being carried out under the direction and from the designs of Mr W Wilkinson of Oxford.

## B. CONSERVATION AREAS, HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND ARCHAEOLOGY

### CONSERVATION AREAS

**3.45** Conservation Areas are defined as areas of special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance. Individual buildings, trees, open spaces, landscape features and the historic settlement pattern all combine to create a 'sense of place'. It is this character, rather than simply individual buildings, that Conservation Area status seeks to preserve and enhance.

**3.46** There are currently 40 conservation areas in West Oxfordshire (at October 1993) and these are listed in Table 3.1. There are however many more settlements in the District of sufficient architectural and historic interest to merit Conservation Area status. The District Council will continue a rolling programme to designate further conservation areas and extend existing ones. (Advice and a broadsheet on Conservation Areas can be obtained from the Planning Department).

**3.47** The designation of a Conservation Area is a positive process. The aims are to protect the existing character, to preserve, enhance and adapt buildings of special interest, to improve the surroundings and to ensure that any new development is sympathetically designed to "fit in" with the established character and to enhance the area. Great care is required in Conservation Areas to ensure that the 'new' is skilfully integrated with the old.

**3.48** Within a Conservation Area consent is needed for the complete or partial demolition of both listed and unlisted buildings and walls. The importance of trees is emphasised by the legal requirement to inform the Council of the intention to carry out tree surgery or removal. (Outside Conservation Areas the demolition of dwelling houses and of buildings adjoining dwellings may need the prior approval of the local authority under recent legislative changes).

**3.49** In conservation areas it is essential that the details of any proposed development can be considered from the outset in order to assess the impact on the special architectural or historic character of the area. Thus, applications should be accompanied with sufficient information that such an assessment can take place. Applicants are advised to approach the Planning Department at an early stage to discuss their proposals.

**POLICY BE10:** The special architectural, historic and environmental character of the conservation areas will be preserved or enhanced, and every effort will be made to ensure that this character is not eroded by appropriate *[sic—is corrected elsewhere to "inappropriate" – Ralph]* demolition or the introduction of unsympathetic development proposals either within or adjoining the designated area. The existing buildings, major land uses, historic street pattern and open spaces should remain largely undisturbed.

**POLICY BE11:** Where existing buildings make an important contribution to the character of the area and/or are important in their own right, applications to demolish such buildings will normally be refused. Where the building proposed to be demolished lies within a conservation area and redevelopment of the site is proposed, details of the scheme should form an integral part of the application seeking demolition consent.

**POLICY BE12:** Within conservation areas, applications should be accompanied by sufficient information to illustrate that the proposal would preserve or enhance the character of the area.

**POLICY BE13:** Trees which make a contribution to a conservation area should normally not be removed unless dead, dying or dangerous. Where removal is necessary, suitable replacement trees should normally be planted, having first been approved by the local planning authority.

## LISTED BUILDINGS

**3.50** Buildings and structures of special architectural or historic interest are normally referred to as "Listed Buildings". They are included on Statutory Lists compiled and published by the Secretary of State. The District Council, whilst not responsible for the listing of buildings, is charged with the responsibility of administering the legislation in respect of them.

**3.51** The first Statutory Lists for West Oxfordshire were published in 1952. Since that time interest in the preservation of old buildings has increased and the original lists have become dated. Consequently a national re-survey was authorised in the 1980's with the result that in West Oxfordshire there are now about 3,130 listed structures, representing a three-fold increase.

**3.52** Listed Building Consent must be obtained prior to carrying out works of demolition, extension, or alteration, both inside or out, which affect the character, interest or appearance of a Listed Building. \* Alterations to buildings in ecclesiastical use and scheduled Ancient Monuments which are listed are subject to special arrangements. Clarification should be sought by writing to the Planning Department.

**3.53** The character or appearance of an historic building can easily be adversely affected by small changes such as alterations to chimneys, windows or doors, or the removal of original internal features, such as staircases. When considering applications for Listed Building Consent the Council will, therefore, keep in mind the need to preserve the intrinsic character of a building. To do this, alterations should be kept to a minimum, repairs carried out in preference to replacement and the dangers of over restoration guarded against. Extensions should never dominate the original building and, generally, the use of traditional or matching materials is considered the most appropriate. Great care should be taken to preserve all features of interest and original detailing. \*\*

**3.54** The display and inappropriate design of signs or advertisements on a listed building can damage the character of the building. Listed building consent will normally be required for such signs even if no consent is necessary under the Advertisement Regulations. The character and appearance of a Conservation Area may similarly be greatly harmed by unsuitable signs (see also Policy BE7).

**POLICY BE14:** the special features of all listed buildings should be preserved. Any additions or alterations to an historic building will normally be required to be in scale and sympathy with the original character of the building and the use of traditional materials will be encouraged. No development will be allowed which would detract from the setting of the building.

\* *It is essential that applications for Listed Building Consent are accompanied by accurate drawings including plans, elevations and sections. These should clearly show the work as existing and as proposed. Applicants may be asked to supply working details to illustrate their proposals.*

\*\* *These points, and many others, are set out in a Technical Digest issued by the Secretary of State in an appendix to Circular 8187 (Historic Buildings and Conservation Areas -Policy and Procedures). The Council will be guided by this advice.*

For reference, **POLICY BE7:** states: The district council will exercise strict control over advertisements in order to protect the special character of West Oxfordshire. In particular it will normally not allow a proliferation of signs or standardised advertisement styles in a location which requires a more individual approach.

The council will seek to ensure that:

- (i) The use of inappropriate modern materials and overlarge, garish or inappropriately illuminated signs are avoided;
- (ii) New shop fronts, blinds and signs are carefully designed to relate to the scale and character of the building and street frontage as a whole;
- (iii) Shop fronts of architectural merit are retained.

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11 October 1994

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Dear Mr Heron,

**BAMPTON OXFORDSHIRE  
THE OLD BOARD SCHOOL**

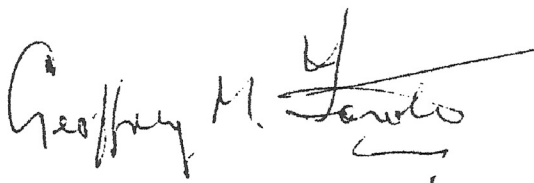
Further to my telephone call of 30th September following a conversation with David Brock, our County English Heritage Officer, I now enclose photographs and relevant documents concerning the Bampton Old School.

The Bampton Parish Council at its September meeting passed a resolution requesting that immediate application should be made for this building to be listed as a building of architectural and historic interest. It is owned by the Oxfordshire County Council and under possible development plans is under threat of either demolition or radical alteration by the County Council and their agents (W. S. Atkins of Eynsham).

The building is admirably suited to the present use as a Youth Centre and is highly regarded by the community not only as a village facility but as an interesting and attractive building by a notable local architect forming one of the focal points of this historic village.

I must apologise that some of the plans are basic but in the circumstances it is difficult for me to pursue the detail at this stage without creating embarrassment. However, should you require further information please do not hesitate to let me know; the achievement of the objective being the all important factor.

Yours truly,



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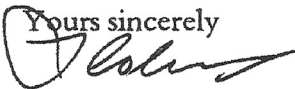
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MR-SL857/94  
Date  
19th October 1994

Dear Mr Fowler

**PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990,  
BUILDINGS OF SPECIAL ARCHITECTURAL OR HISTORIC INTEREST.  
BAMPTON OLD SCHOOL, CHURCH VIEW, BAMPTON, OXON.**

Thank you for your letter of 11th October in which you asked us to consider adding the above mentioned building to the statutory list.

We are seeking the advice of English Heritage, the Department's statutory advisers on listing matters, and will notify you of our decision as soon as we have received their recommendations.

Yours sincerely  


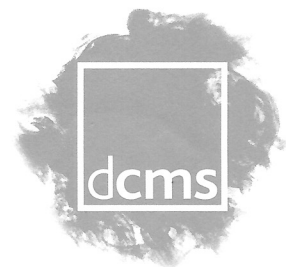
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LISTING BRANCH**

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Your Ref:

Our Ref: KH-SL376-00

8 March 2000



Dear Mr Page

**PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS ) ACT 1990  
BUILDINGS OF SPECIAL ARCHITECTURAL OR HISTORIC INTEREST  
NATIONAL SCHOOL, CHURCH VIEW, BAMPTON, WEST OXFORDSHIRE**

Thank you for your letter of 2 March to English Heritage in which you asked the Secretary of State to consider listing the above-mentioned building.

To enable the Secretary of State to consider your request please send us clear original photographs of the building showing all accessible sides as they are at present and if possible, a selection of internal photographs. (please label the photographs on the back) and an Ordnance Survey map extract (or an up-to-date site plan) showing the exact location; if possible please indicate on the map the position from which the photographs were taken. I would also be grateful if you could provide the name, address and telephone number of the owner of the building.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Kevin Clarke', written over a horizontal line.

Kevin Clarke  
Listing and Archaeology Branch

With effect from 20 March 2000 I can be contacted on 020 7211 6911



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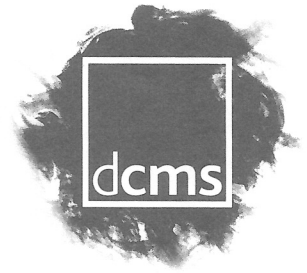


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Your Ref:

Our Ref: KH-SL376-00

1 March 2001



Dear Mr Page

**PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS ) ACT 1990  
BUILDINGS OF SPECIAL ARCHITECTURAL OR HISTORIC INTEREST  
FORMER BAMPPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL, CHURCH VIEW, BAMPPTON, WEST  
OXFORDSHIRE**

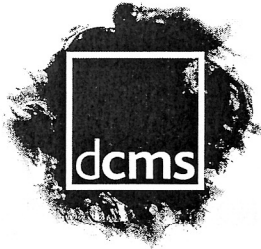
I refer to your letters of 28 September and 2 March asking the Secretary of State to consider the above-mentioned building for inclusion in the Statutory List.

After careful consideration of all the evidence, including advice from English Heritage, the Secretary of State has decided to list the building. It was added to the list on today in Grade II having been judged to be a building of special architectural or historic interest. I enclose a copy of the list entry for your information.

Yours sincerely

Kevin Clarke  
Listing and Archaeology Branch





## SCHEDULE

The following building shall be added to the list:-

SP3103

BAMPTON

CHURCH VIEW

1289/13/10004

Former Bampton  
Primary School

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National school, now youth club. 1863; by William Wilkinson of Oxford. Rock-faced limestone with Bath stone dressings. Steeply-pitched state roofs with stone coped gables. Stone axial and lateral stacks with weathered set-offs.

PLAN: An arrangement of classrooms in two parallel ranges with a cross-wing on the left (S) end. High Victorian Gothic style.

EXTERIOR: 1-storey. Asymmetrical 5-bay east front; large gabled cross-wing on left with integral gabled porch on its left, two smaller gables set back at centre and large gabled porch on right; the porches have depressed 2-centred arch doorways with plank doors with ornate strap-hinges and buttresses with weathered set-offs, the right-hand porch with inscribed plaque in gable indicating that the freehold was granted by the Earl of Shrewsbury to the parish; the gables have large 2, 3 and 4-light mullion windows with cusped heads; at centre later C19 small flat-roofed addition. Gabled 3-bay rear (W) elevation, large gable on right with smaller gable to its left and gabled wing projecting on left with lateral stack to left of centre with weathered set-offs; two right gables have large 4-light mullion-transom windows. Similar windows in gables on north side. South side has large mullion-transom window breaking eaves and later C19 flat-roof addition.

INTERIOR: Classrooms with arch-braced roofs.

Sources

The Builder, XXI (1863), 485.

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Signed by authority of the  
Secretary of State

*Eleanor Hodge*

ELEANOR HODGE

Department for Culture, Media and Sport

Dated: 1 March 2001

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

3<sup>rd</sup> AMENDMENT OF THE 123<sup>rd</sup> LIST OF BUILDINGS OF SPECIAL

ARCHITECTURAL OR HISTORIC INTEREST

DISTRICT OF WEST OXFORDSHIRE (OXFORDSHIRE)

WHEREAS:

1. Section 1 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 ("the Act") requires the Secretary of State, for the purposes of the Act and with a view to the guidance of local planning authorities in the performance of their functions under the Act and the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 in relation to buildings of special architectural or historic interest, to compile lists of such buildings, and he may amend any list so compiled.
2. On 4 May 1989, the Secretary of State compiled a list of buildings of special architectural or historic interest situate in the District of West Oxfordshire (that part comprising the parish of Bampton).
3. The Secretary of State, having consulted with the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England and such other persons or bodies of persons who appear to him appropriate as having special knowledge of, and interest in, such buildings, considers that the said list should be amended in the manner set out in the Schedule hereto.

NOW THEREFORE the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by Section 1 of the Act, hereby amends the said list in the manner set out in the Schedule hereto.