

Committee: Cabinet

Agenda Item

Date: 23 July 2015

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Title: Buildings at Risk

**Portfolio Holder: Councillor S Barker
Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for
Environmental Services**

Key decision: **No**

Summary

1. This report updates Cabinet on the Listed Buildings at risk within the district and the work being carried out by officers.

Recommendations

- A. That the report is published and the proactive work to work with owners to restore buildings and bring them back to use is endorsed.

Financial Implications

2. None – If any action is taken which could have a financial impact which requires Cabinet approval this will be sought prior to any action taking place.

Background Papers

3. The following papers were referred to by the author in the preparation of this report and are available for inspection from the author of the report.

None

Impact

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Communication/Consultation	The document will be placed on the website.
Community Safety	None
Equalities	None
Health and Safety	None
Human Rights/Legal Implications	None
Sustainability	None

Ward-specific impacts	District wide
Workforce/Workplace	Planning and Housing Policy Team

Situation

5. This report and the attached document provides an update on the current state of Listed Buildings and other structures within Uttlesford. Historic England (was English Heritage) publishes a national register of buildings or heritage assets at risk. The Historic England register only includes those buildings registered as Grade I or II*. Uttlesford District Council publishes its own register, jointly with the County Council, of those buildings at risk within Uttlesford which are Grade II.
6. These two documents have been combined for the first time and are published as one document. Officers have visited the sites recently and identified a number of buildings which following previous Council encouragement have been repaired and can now be removed from the register.
7. The proactive work on Conservation Area Appraisals has now come to an end and the attention of the team will now turn towards proactive work to encourage owners to restore their buildings and bring them back into an acceptable use.

Risk Analysis

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Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
Failure to see Listed Buildings repaired which leads to the loss of important historic fabric and/or the building.	2 – work is costly and can take time to carry out.	2- Loss of heritage assets within the district	Joint working between Historic England and UDC Conservation Officers to encourage owners to invest in their buildings and bring their repair up to an acceptable standard.

1 = Little or no risk or impact

2 = Some risk or impact – action may be necessary.

3 = Significant risk or impact – action required

4 = Near certainty of risk occurring, catastrophic effect or failure of project.