

# Powys Local Development Plan

## Supplementary Planning Guidance

### Historic Environment

#### SUMMARY

**The Historic Environment SPG should be used by those who are involved in development proposals that may affect Registered Historic Landscapes, Registered Historic Parks and Gardens or Listed Buildings, or sites or features contained on the Historic Environment Record**

This SPG is aimed at applicants, agents, members of the public, elected Members, and Council Officers who are involved in development proposals that may affect the above-mentioned historic assets. These assets are not covered by their own separate SPGs. For guidance on Conservation Areas and Archaeology, please see the relevant separate SPGs. This SPG provides guidance on how these historic assets should be considered when designing developments and when making planning decisions.

**Historic assets, including those covered by this SPG, contribute to the economic, environment and social well-being of Powys**

The Powys Local Development Plan, through policy SP7, identifies Registered Historic Landscapes, Registered Historic Parks and Gardens, and Listed Buildings, along with their settings, as strategic assets that should be safeguarded from unacceptable development. **Section 5** of the SPG provides an explanation of local planning policy relating to these historic environment designations.

**Historic assets are protected through national legislation, policies and guidance aimed at ensuring they are protected, conserved and enhanced**

Listed Buildings are nationally important buildings or structures included on a statutory list compiled and maintained by the Welsh Ministers and have statutory protection through the listed building consent process. The Register of Historic Parks and Gardens is due to become a statutory register later in 2021. The Register of Historic Landscapes is a non-statutory designation that identifies the most important and best surviving historic landscapes in Wales. Registered Historic Parks and Gardens and Registered Historic Landscapes do not have statutory protection meaning that they are not subject to a separate consenting process. However, all three types of historic assets, and their settings, are protected through the planning system and are material planning considerations in making planning decisions. **Section 4** of the SPG summarises the relevant legislation, policy and guidance relating to planning and archaeology.

## **The Historic Environment Record contains information on historic assets of national and local importance**

Information on historic sites and features of national and local importance can be found on the Historic Environment Record, compiled and maintained by the Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust, on behalf of Welsh Ministers, and accessed via the Archwilio website. The Local Planning Authority is required by statutory guidance to use the information contained on the Historic Environment Record to inform planning policy and planning decisions. **Section 7** of the SPG provides guidance on how to use the Historic Environment Record to research the historic interest of a development site.

## **Further information about historic assets and the historic environment is available from a range of different sources**

This SPG provides an overview of the type of information available on historic assets and the historic environment from national web-based information and maps to more local level information. For details of these resources, see **Section 4** of the SPG.

## **This SPG sets out the key stages and steps to follow for all developments that may impact on Registered Historic Landscapes, Registered Historic Parks and Gardens, Listed Buildings, and their settings**

Applicants should follow the key stages and steps set out in **Section 6** relevant to the type of historic asset(s) likely to be affected by the development before a planning application is submitted. This will help to ensure that the potential impact of the development on the significance of these historic assets is considered at an early stage in the planning and design of the development.

## **Applicants should obtain pre-planning application advice from the Council where developments are likely to impact on historic assets or their settings before submitting a planning application**

It is important to obtain pre-planning application advice from the Council at an early stage to avoid delays and costs at a later stage. This will enable guidance to be provided on the level of information that may be required to be submitted with the planning application and also on the appropriateness of the siting and design details of the scheme. Applicants should also contact the Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust for advice on developments that may impact on sites or features on the Historic Environment Record. See **Appendix 5** of the SPG for contacts details.

## **Planning applications that may affect historic assets will need to be accompanied by detailed supporting information**

The Local Planning Authority needs sufficient information in order to assess the potential impact of a development proposal on historic assets. In cases where a development is likely to impact on Listed Buildings, Registered Historic Parks and Gardens and Registered Historic Landscapes, applicants may need to submit additional information and/or assessments. See **Section 6** and **Appendix 4** of the SPG for further guidance on the type of information that may be needed.

### **The SPG also contains guidance on developments that may impact on the Montgomery Canal and its historic assets**

There is a high number of historic assets associated with the Montgomery Canal, which is also designated as a Special Area of Conservation and Site of Special Scientific Interest. Local planning policy is supportive of the sensitive restoration of the Canal and also protects its historic and nature conservation designations. See **section 6** of the SPG for more detailed guidance on historic environment issues relating to the Canal, including guidance on key design considerations for development on or adjacent to the Montgomery Canal.