

## Opinion

# Planning Update

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Battle Neighbourhood Plan  
*Your monthly update*

## What buildings should be protected?

**T**he Neighbourhood Plan group in conjunction with the Town Council and the newly formed Heritage Working party is compiling a list of buildings for protection against development. Some 183 buildings are already protected through listings on the National heritage List for England

These include for example such diverse structures as the K6 red telephone box in Park Lane, and the Romano/British iron works in Beauport Park. And we should not forget the Railway station, designed by William Tress in a Gothic style which echoes that of the Abbey. Even older is the Bowl Barrow in Petley Wood.

Others are in the Battle Conservation area. Local heritage listing affords an extra layer of protection and is a means for this community to identify heritage assets that are valued as distinctive elements of the local historic environment. In order to create such a list residents are invited to nominate a building or open space in Battle, Netherfield and Telham or the intervening countryside.



There are contemporary buildings that we would wish to consider: for example The Emmanuel Centre, which is regularly used by residents and outside organisations for meetings and clubs. And the sculpture representing

1066 on the roundabout at North Trade Road. Of domestic interest is the former workhouse (designed in 1840) at Frederick Thatcher Place, which is one of the very few architectural designs by Frederick Thatcher in Britain. He was born in

Hastings in 1814, became an architect and then moved to New Zealand in 1843, where he trained as a priest but continued to design buildings..

In Netherfield, buildings of interest include The White Hart public house, which dates back to at least 1866. It is associated with views painted by Turner, as are the fields in front of the Netherfield Arms pub, itself a building with social and communal value. This dates back to 1901 (Sussex census). Of more recent construction is the Polish War Memorial outside Netherfield.

Telham has fewer buildings apart from the Black Horse Pub. This was formerly known as the Horse and Groom, probably built in the late 1800's. The other notable building is the Church of the Ascension, constructed in 1876 for locals not wishing to walk to St. Mary's.

Do you have buildings or open spaces you want included. And are the categories defined as you would wish. You can contact the Steering group through the Town Clerk, giving location and name of buildings or open spaces.