

Report to:

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Relevant Officer:

Jan Cresswell, Conservation Officer

Date of Meeting:

13 June 2023

LIST OF BUILDINGS OF LOCAL ARCHITECTURAL AND/OR HISTORIC INTEREST: DROMORE, 137 PRESTON NEW ROAD, BLACKPOOL

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To request the formal adoption of Dromore, 137 Preston New Road, Blackpool, and to recommend adoption onto the List of Buildings of Local Architectural and/or Historic Interest and to consider the objection received.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To consider the adoption of Dromore, 137 Preston New Road, Blackpool, onto the list of buildings of local architectural and/or historic interest and adoption by the relevant Cabinet member and to consider the objection received.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 The listing has been reviewed by a suitably qualified independent officer, who states that the building meets the criteria for local listing.

3.2 Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.3 Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

4.0 Other alternative options to be considered:

4.1 If the Committee believes the building does not meet the criteria, it should not recommend adoption onto the Local List

5.0 Council Priority:

5.1 The relevant Council priority is 'Communities: creating stronger communities and increasing resilience'.

6.0 Background information:

- 6.1 'Dromore' was nominated through the online public nomination system by a local historian. He proposed it as a candidate for local listing because of its architectural merit as an Arts and Crafts style house, and its historic interest as one of the first properties on Preston New Road. It was also associated with a local businessman.
- 6.2 A datasheet was prepared (Appendix 7a) which was assessed by an expert panel, who decided it met the criteria for local listing because of its architectural and historic interest. A letter was sent to the owner on 6 January 2023 to explain the process and requesting any representations to be made prior to the planning committee meeting on 7 March 2023.
- 6.3 Following telephone and email correspondence with the owner, an objection was received on 9 February 2023 together with a heritage assessment explaining why it was considered the property did not meet the criteria for local listing (Appendix 7b).
- 6.4 In line with the procedure for administering appeals against local listing, a suitably qualified officer from a neighbouring authority was asked to provide a review of the datasheet and heritage assessment, and to confirm whether or not the building met the criteria for local listing. The review was carried out on 10 March 2023, and this confirmed that the building did meet the criteria (Appendix 7b), and it is therefore requested that it is now recommended for adoption onto the Local List.

7.0 List of Appendices:

- 7.1 Appendix 7a - Local list datasheet/Heritage assessment submitted by appellant.
Appendix 7b - Appeal assessment.

8.0 Financial Considerations

- 8.1 None.

9.0 Legal considerations:

- 9.1 None.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

- 10.1 None.

11.0 Equalities considerations:

- 11.1 None.

12.0 Sustainability, climate change and environmental considerations:

- 12.1 None.

13.0 Internal/external consultation undertaken:

13.1 None.

14.0 Background papers:

14.1 None.