

SAVE Britain's Heritage comments

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We write to submit the SAVE Britain's Heritage response to the draft London Plan consultation. We are a charity dedicated to campaigning for threatened historic buildings across the UK and promoting sustainable re-use.

SAVE has been involved with helping to secure the future of a number of important London landmarks including Smithfield Market, Bethnal Green Town Hall, Battersea Power Station and the Great Northern Hotel at King's Cross - amongst many others over our 43 year history.

As pointed out in recent research by Historic England (Heritage Counts, 2017) The historic environment is a significant contributor to the economy attracting domestic and international tourists. This in turn supports thousands of jobs and contributes to national and local economic growth.

However, London is exposed to unprecedented development pressure to alleviate both the housing crisis and provide new commercial space and this can put historic buildings and spaces at risk. We would like to see further assurance that these types of buildings, including statutory listed buildings, conservation areas and locally listed buildings, are protected as assets – not only for their social and community value, but for their economic importance through tourism, jobs and economic growth and their contribution to local identity and character. This is particularly acute for locally listed buildings which do not enjoy the same level of protection as statutory listed buildings.

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In policy HC1 we would like to see a strengthened emphasis on heritage and the role it plays in London. The intrinsic value of historic buildings should be underlined more explicitly in the London Plan. London's built heritage is one of its biggest assets in economic, social and environmental terms. Historic buildings generate income and contribute to the local economy, improve people's well-being and represent an invaluable resource in terms of embodied energy and materials. Policy HC1 should also make a strong statement about the important role that locally listed buildings play to character and neighbourhoods and that they should be protected by the London Boroughs.

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Neutral - CAZ, Culture, Design, Economy, Historic Environment, Mix of uses, Night-time Economy, Regeneration, Social Infrastructure, Tourism, Town Centres

Historic buildings support cultural facilities and creative industries.. As recent evidence compiled by Historic England shows, “The historic environment forms a vital part of the nation’s infrastructure by providing premises for businesses, amenities and utilities. Many of the shops, restaurants, hotels, offices, warehouses and industrial units within our towns and cities are located within pre-1919 traditional buildings. Therefore, the historic environment isn’t just about the past but is also an important part of current commercial activity.” (Heritage Counts, 2017: Heritage and the Economy).