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Our ref: L01604772

6 March 2026

Dear Ms Smith

**Arrangements for Handling Heritage Applications Direction 2021
& T&CP (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015
& Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990**

**ARUNDEL WAR MEMORIAL AND OUTSIDE 5-7 HIGH STREET ARUNDEL BN18
9AB
Application Nos AB/149/25/L & AB/148/25/PL**

Thank you for your letters of 19 February 2026 regarding the above applications for listed building consent and planning permission. On the basis of the information available to date, we offer the following advice to assist your authority in determining the applications.

Historic England Advice

The Proposal

The proposal is to replace 2 listed streetlamps flanking the war memorial and another listed streetlamp by the west side of the bridge in Arundel High Street.

We note also that in one of the submissions, it mentions 4 other streetlamps to be replaced, that are not listed in their own right, but are on the top of the listed wall in Maltravers Street. If they are attached to this listed wall, they are deemed to part of the listed structure and therefore listed building consent for their replacement would also be required.

Significance of the streetlamps

The streetlamps by the war memorial are described in the listing as cast iron cylindrical posts, fluted, with "Egyptian" capitals and fluted cross bars. The one by the



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bridge is described with a similar style column and a 4 sided glass lamp with acroteria at upper corners and ornamental air vent above.

These three streetlamps are listed at grade II as a result of their age, historic fabric and original elegant design. They contribute to the town's historic character, particularly within its conservation area. In addition, two are listed for their group value flanking the War Memorial.

Impact of the proposals on Significance of the Streetlamps

The proposals would result in total loss of the original structures and thereby their significance. While we appreciate a modern replica would be created, this would not be historic or authentic and could not justify total loss unless the streetlamps were beyond repair.

We note that the submitted heritage statement does not provide any detailed assessment of significance of the streetlamps or an assessment of the impact of the proposals on that significance, as required by paragraph 207 of the National Planning Policy framework (NPPF).

We appreciate that if the streetlamp by the bridge is from the 1970s than it would be of less significance than those by the War Memorial. Anecdotal evidence suggests that this one was used as model for new replacements and not put back in the right place. If this is the case, it would be useful to know where the original is.

National Planning Policy Considerations

As the proposal would result in total loss of listed structures, it would need to be assessed against the heritage policies set out in the NPPF. Of particular relevance would be paragraph 213, which states that any harm to, or loss of, a designated heritage asset requires clear and convincing justification.

Paragraph 214 of the Framework goes on to state that consent for proposals leading to substantial harm (or total loss of significance) should be refused “unless it can be demonstrated that the harm is necessary to achieve substantial public benefits that outweigh the harm.”

Historic England's Position on the Proposals



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The current submissions fail to fully explain why the streetlamps have to be replaced. All that is said is that they need to be replaced on safety grounds and they are liable to suffer catastrophic failure due to cracking. However, no condition survey has been provided to better understand the existing condition and why this conclusion has been made.

We therefore do not think a clear and convincing justification has been provided nor any evidence as to whether other options such as repairs have been considered as required by the NPPF.

We have been involved with a successful project in Brighton which involved repairs to the Victorian seafront cast iron lighting columns and the provision of LED units within the lanterns.

We therefore recommend that a condition survey of the streetlamps, (including for those on the listed wall) is undertaken itemising and recording the condition of each one onto a graphic or photographic baseline.

This should be conducted by a specialist conservator who understand the materials that they are constructed of. The survey would form the baseline from which an informed assessment may be established to determine the most appropriate way forward.

We are able to provide a list of specialist metal conservators/restorers to assist with this work, if that would be helpful. We are also aware of methods to test the structural integrity of the streetlamps, if necessary.

In addition, Cast Iron Welding Services (CIWS) is a company that provides welding services to cast iron; has experience of working on heritage structures to specifications written by specialist metal conservators/restorers. They have carried out repairs to the seafront lighting and to the cast iron structure at Madeira Terrace in Brighton.

Recommendation

We recommend that the applicant is asked to provide the following information:

- A condition survey of the streetlamps to be conducted by a specialist conservator who understand the materials that they are constructed of. This will inform the most appropriate way forward.



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- A heritage impact assessment that more fully explains the significance of the listed structures, their materials and an assessment of the impact of the proposals on that significance.

Your authority should take these representations into account and seek amendments, safeguards or further information as set out in our advice. If there are any material changes to the proposals, or you would like further advice, please contact us.

Yours sincerely

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Yours sincerely,

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