

<b>Department for Communities (DfC) – Council Consultation on Proposed Listing.</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> December 2019</b>
<b>PLANNING COMMITTEE</b>	

<b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)</b>	
<b>Strategic Theme</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
Leader and Champion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Our Elected Members will provide civic leadership to our citizens working to promote the Borough as an attractive place to live, work, invest and visit.</li> </ul>
Protect the environment in which we live	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All environments in the area will benefit from pro-active decision making which protects the natural features, characteristics and integrity of the Borough.</li> </ul>
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Local Development Plan Manager
<b>Cost:</b> (If applicable)	N/A

## For Decision

### 1.0 Background

1.1 The Department for Communities (DfC);HED wrote to Council on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019 advising that they are considering a listing within the Borough, under Section 80(1) of The Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 (see Appendix 1).

### 2.0 Detail

2.1 Revised Annex C of PPS6: Planning, Archaeology and the Built Environment (see Appendix 2), sets out the grading categories of listed buildings in Northern Ireland.

2.2 The proposed “B2” Grade listing is as follows:

- Music Centre, 23 Charles Street, Ballymoney, BT53 6DX (also known as the Ballymoney Performing Arts Centre).

### 3.0 Options

**Option 1:** Agree to support the listing: or

**Option 2:** Agree to oppose the listing.

### 4.0 Recommendation

4.1 **IT IS RECOMMENDED** that Members agree to Option 1 or 2 above (as detailed at Appendix 1) and to the Head of Planning responding to DfC on behalf of Council.

**Appendices:**

**Appendix 1:** DfC Consultation Report – proposed listing.

**Appendix 2:** Grading Categories for Listed Buildings in Northern Ireland.

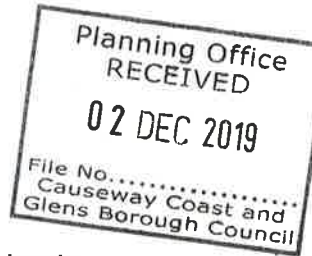


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NINE Lanyon Place  
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Belfast  
BT1 3LP

## ADVANCE NOTICE OF LISTING



Head of Planning  
Local Planning Office  
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Tel: (028) 90819 332

Our Ref: HB04/15/020

Date: 29/11/2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

### LISTING OF BUILDINGS OF SPECIAL ARCHITECTURAL OR HISTORIC INTEREST

**MUSIC CENTRE  
AKA BALLYMONEY PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE  
23 CHARLES STREET  
BALLYMONEY  
BT53 6DX  
CO. ANTRIM**

At present, the listing of the above-mentioned property is being considered under section 80(1) of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011.

I would welcome receipt of your offices views on the proposed Listing within 6 weeks of the date of this Letter. *Comments received outside this period will not normally be considered.*

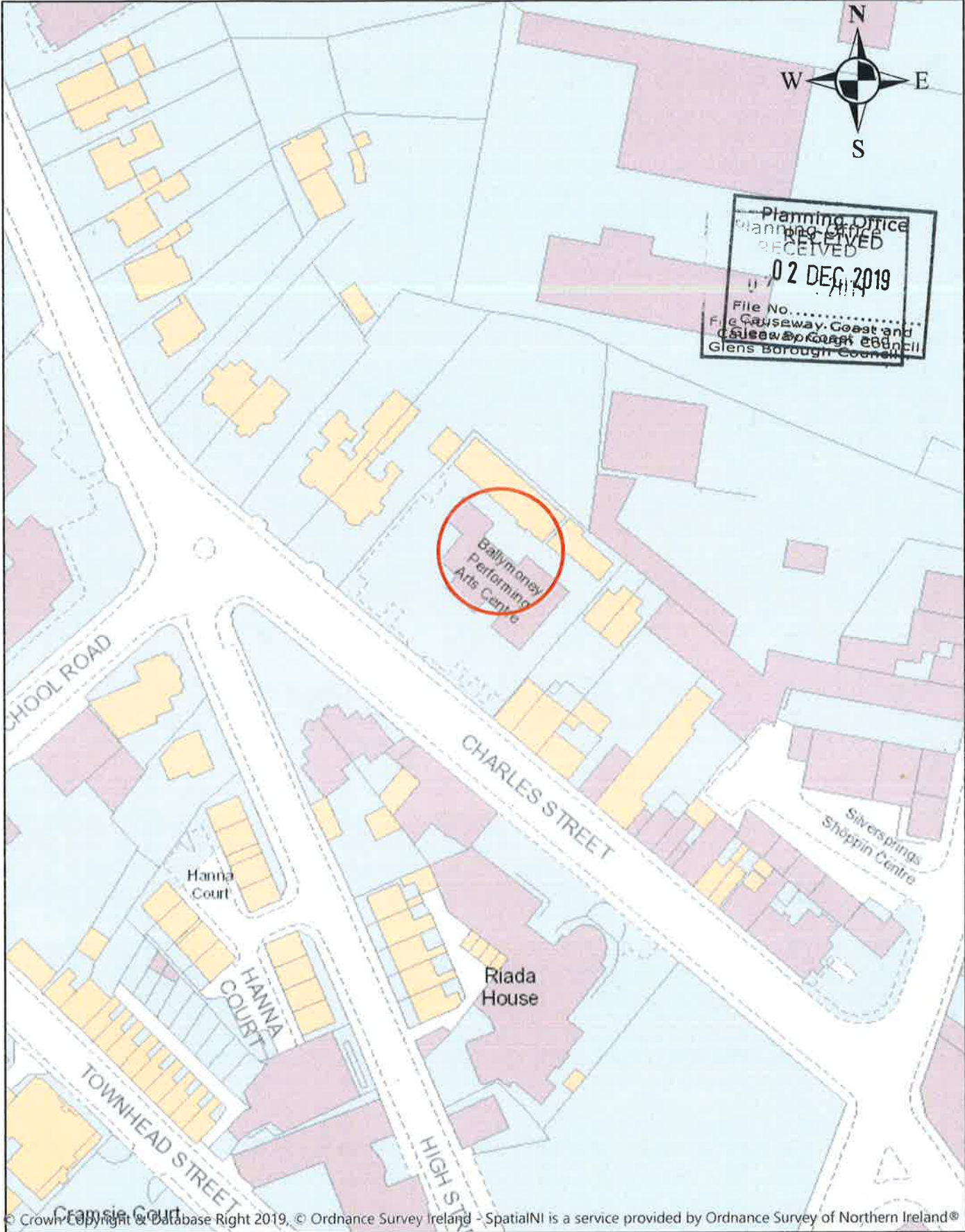
Please find enclosed a copy of the location map together with a copy of our Second Survey Report of the building for your information. Where this letter refers to building(s), this term includes all types of structures.

Grid Ref: C9473 2607

**GERALDINE BROWN**

LB2 – Advance Notice of Listing

Enc Second Survey HBC Report  
Location Map



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Second Survey Database – HBC Consultation Report HB04/15/020

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File No.....  
Causeway Coast and  
Glens Borough Council

<b>Address</b> Music Centre, aka Ballymoney Performing Arts Centre, 23 Charles Street, Ballymoney, BT53 6DX, Co. Antrim
<b>Extent of Listing</b> School
<b>Date of Construction</b> 1900 - 1919
<b>Townland</b> Townparks (Ballymoney)
<b>Current Building Use</b> School
<b>Principal Former Use</b> School

**HB Ref No** HB04/15/020



<b>Conservation Area</b>	No	<b>Survey 1</b>	Not_Listed	<b>OS Map No</b>	22/13NW
<b>Industrial Archaeology</b>	No	<b>HED Evaluation</b>	B2	<b>IG Ref</b>	C9473 2607
<b>Vernacular</b>	No	<b>Date of Listing</b>		<b>IHR No</b>	
<b>Thatched</b>	No	<b>Date of Delisting</b>		<b>HGI Ref</b>	
<b>Monument</b>	No			<b>SMR No</b>	
<b>Area of Townscape Character</b>	No				
<b>Local Landscape Policy Area</b>	No				
<b>Historic Gardens Inventory</b>	No				
<b>Vacant</b>	Yes				
<b>Derelict</b>	No				

**Owner Category**

**Building Information**

**Exterior Description and Setting**

2-storey Edwardian red-brick school building, built 1905-06 to designs by James A. Hanna (Denis O'D Hanna's father) as a technical school and extended in 1914 to designs by Hobart & Heron. Located on Charles street in Ballymoney, just N of the town centre, next to mixed-use commercial buildings and 20th century houses. The school faces SW and is rectangular in plan with a pitched roof, a pair of large projecting gables to main SW elevation and single-storey flat-roofed projections to the SW corner and the rear. (Originally T-Plan with one centrally located projecting gable to main elevation, the second projection was added as part of 1914 extension to SE.)

Generally all walls are red-brick with no plinth at the base and a brick string course at first floor level. The window openings are a mixture of square-headed and round-headed, some with reconstituted stone surrounds and all window cills are reconstituted stone. There is a cast metal box profile gutter on brick dentils at the eaves and most of the downpipes are cast metal. The roof is asbestos slate with plain ridge tiles.

#### Front elevation (SW)

- Consists of two large symmetrical 2-storey gabled projections with an entrance bay between them and a small flat-roofed porch projection to NW corner.

Gables have one large square-headed sexpartite window at ground level with reconstituted stone head and reveals; head is rounded profile and reveals are squared. There is a large Palladian style window flanked by 2 no. round-headed arched windows at first floor level. The Palladian window has reconstituted stone surround with moulded architraves and keystone details; plain soldier course headers to arched windows. Gable is parapeted with roll-top terracotta coping and corbelled brick kneelers. It is decorated at the apex with a pair of brick pilasters on foliate terracotta and reconstituted stone corbels, brick pinnacles and a terracotta panel with foliate terracotta tiles. The side walls of both gabled projections are plain red-brick.

The entrance bay at ground level has a door opening on the left and a window on the right. The openings have similar window heads to gable. The window is bipartite with 2 no. opening lights at the top. The door is segmental arch-headed in boarded painted timber with original knob and has a tripartite glazed overlight. To the right of the doorway is a single brick pilaster on a foliate terracotta and reconstituted stone corbel, similar to the gable. At first floor level are 3 no. evenly spaced square-headed openings with brick soldier heads; windows have opening lights at top.

The porch to NW corner has door to right similar to entrance door and a tri-partite window to left similar to ground level gable windows. It has a parapeted roof above, stepped over doorway and framed with a decorative brick pilaster similar to the gable. There is a decorative cast metal downpipe with hopper to left of window.

To the left-hand side of the roof there is 1 no. tall red-brick chimney; 2 stage with a moulded recon. stone capping and clay pots (other similar chimney probably removed during 1914 extension/remodeling works)

#### Rear elevation (NE)

The rear elevation has a large 2-storey gable to right-hand side, a large 2-storey projecting gable to the left-hand side and a narrow 2-storey bay in the middle. Both gables have plain clipped verges; sprocketed eaves on the right-hand gable.

There are 2 no. single-storey flat-roofed toilet blocks, a large one connected to the N corner and a small one attached to the gabled projection on its NW face.

The right-hand gable has a large square-headed tripartite central window with a plain recon. stone surround flanked by 2no. square-headed openings. At ground level there is a smaller square-heading opening in the centre flanked by 2 no. larger segmental arch-headed windows; centre window with recon. stone surround and arched windows with brick soldier heads. Windows were generally boarded with timber but appear to be painted timber single-glazed with top opening lights.

Left-hand side projecting gable is similar to the right but with only central window at first floor and 2 no. openings at ground level; square headed door to right and segmental arch-headed window off-centre (both boarded).

Central narrow bay has 2 no. openings at first floor, 1 no. long vertical stair window and 1 no. standard window; both square-headed with soldier course heads. There are 2 no. small windows of similar detail at lower level above roof of toilet block (all windows were boarded and lower ones were partially obscured from view).

The toilet blocks generally have plain square-headed windows (boarded at the time of survey). The larger block has a recon. stone window heads and fascia and the smaller block has brick heads and a painted timber fascia. At the right-hand side of the small toilet block there is a set of external steps with painted metal guarding rail leading to a basement door.

#### Side elevation (NW)

Consists of 2-storey projecting gable to the left-hand side with side wall of single-storey porch projection



attached to right. The gable has 1 no. tripartite window at ground level and a Palladian style window at first floor. Gable copings and kneelers are similar in detail to SW elevation but there are no decorative brick and terracotta wall details. Windows are similar in detail to SW elevation but ground level windows were boarded with timber at the time of the survey.

#### Side elevation (SE)

2-storey with a gable to the centre. The gabled section has a Palladian style window at first floor with similar detail to SE gable. The ground floor has 6 no. evenly spaced square-headed openings with brick soldier heads; a door to the left and 5 no. windows. Continuous brick hood mould and string course above the openings (boarded with timber at the time of the survey). There is 1 no. tall red-brick chimney; moulded recon. Stone capping and 6 no. clay pots.

#### Materials:

Roof: Asbestos slate  
RWG: Generally cast metal / some replacement uPVC  
Walls: Smooth red clay brick and reconstituted stone –brick generally laid in Stretcher bond to original 1905 building/ Some English garden wall bond to later extensions  
Windows: Generally single-glazed painted timber / Some casements with hoppers and some sliding-sash tbc.

The school is set back slightly from the street and sits within its own landscaped grounds surfaced in tarmac, with mature trees along SW boundary. There are original entrance gates, railings, piers and low walling on the SE boundary to Charles Street. The piers and walling are red-brick. There are recon. Stone mouldings and caps on the piers; moulded brick coping on the walls. The railings are decorative wrought iron (replacement timber fencing on top of low walling). There is a linear range of single-storey outbuildings on the NE boundary (1 no. with concrete block walling and corrugated asbestos roof/ 1 no. with boarded timber walling and asbestos slate roof).

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#### Interior Description

The interior was not accessible at the time of the survey due to a bird infestation. On inspection through a window there is an intact classroom visible with wall panelling to dado level, panelled doors with glazed upper panels, moulded timber door architraves and clerestory hopper style glazed panels/windows.

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#### Architects

Hanna, James A

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#### Historical Information

This building, originally a Technical School to serve the Ballymoney area, was constructed in two main stages. The original phase, dating from 1905-06 and built to designs of architect James A. Hanna of Belfast, consisted of a basically cruciform structure with the front elevation dominated by the north-westernmost (left-hand) projecting gable, and two smaller and seemingly identical gabled projections to either side elevations, of which only that to the north-west still survives.[ref 5] The second phase, completed in 1914 to designs by Hobart & Heron, witnessed the addition of a large extension to the south-east, fronted by a gabled projection to match the existing, but obliterating the symmetry of Hanna's original composition.

The building occupies what was previously an undeveloped site. Sometime prior to spring 1905, Ballymoney Rural and Urban District Councils decided to erect a 'school for technical instruction' and had secured a 999-year lease of the ground in Charles Street from Lord Antrim 'at a nominal rent.' [1] Work commenced in mid-1905 under local contractor Albert McMaster, with Messrs Jameson & Son, also of Ballymoney, undertaking the plumbing and gas-fitting, [2] and the school was officially opened by the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, the Earl of Aberdeen, on 21 November 1906. In its original form, the building contained 'a science laboratory, manual workshop, domestic economy room, drawing classroom, and additional rooms for class teaching, all these being well equipped and furnished.' [4]



By early 1914 the Ballymoney Rural and Urban District Joint Technical Committee had decided to extend the premises.[7] The work on this appears to have been complete by the end of that year, as a plan of the in the valuers' office notebook from later that year shows the layout much as present and tells us that the building costs totalled £3,030 with 'furnishing' amounting to an additional £1,500.[6] The valuers tell that at this time the although the local authority run technical school occupied most of the building, six upper floor rooms were rented by Ballymoney Intermediate School, a private institution that became Ballymoney High School in 1924 and later again Dalriada School; it appears to have remained here until 1937.

The building is marked as a 'Technical School' on the 1921-31 and 1951 OS maps, although by at least late-1950 the school itself had become known as 'Ballymoney Technical College'. [11] Separate outbuildings to the rear shown on the latter map. On that of 1970 the outbuildings are shown at their present extent and the single-storey block to the northern corner of the main building had been added. By the date the College had moved into its new purpose-built premises (opened c.1968) along Coleraine Road a short distance to the north-west (now Northern Regional College). At some point in or before 1975 the old building became the Ballymoney Music Centre [13], a role it retained until the 2000s. The Centre closed c.2008 and the building is believed to have remained vacant since then.

**References – Primary sources**

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**Criteria for Listing**

NB: In March 2011, revised criteria were published as Annex C of Planning Policy Statement 6. These added extra criteria with the aim of improving clarity in regard to the Department's explanation of historic interest. For records evaluated in advance of this, therefore, not all of these criteria would have been considered. The criteria used prior to 2011 are published on the Department's website under 'listing criteria'.

**Architectural Interest**

- A. Style
- B. Proportion
- C. Ornamentation
- H+. Alterations enhancing the building
- H-. Alterations detracting from building
- J. Setting

**Historical Interest**

- V. Authorship
- Y. Social, Cultural or Economic Importance
- X. Local Interest

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**Evaluation**

Edwardian red-brick former technical school, built 1905-06 to designs by James A. Hanna (Denis O. D Hanna's father) and extended in 1914 to designs by Hobart & Heron. With most of its external fabric intact, it exhibits many classical features from the period. Originally T-plan the building was extensively remodeled in 1914, almost doubling in size. This later addition of a second, symmetrical projecting gable

with decorative brick and terracotta detailing and reconstituted stone window surrounds in 1914 complimented the original design, though it is of slightly lesser quality in terms of materials and workmanship to the original building. Despite these alterations the building retains its proportions and ornamentation. Although originally built as a technical college, at some point in or before 1975 the old building became the Ballymoney Music Centre, a role it retained until the 2000s. Located in its original setting with ornate entrance screen, just N of Ballymoney town centre, it is of significant local architectural and historic interest.

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**Replacements and Alterations**

Inappropriate

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**If inappropriate, Why?**

Window heads replaced in modern concrete with curved/chamfered detail inappropriate to style  
Addition C1914 positive but of slightly lesser quality than original building of 1905

Asbestos roof

Flat roofed toilet block and outbuildings

Removal of railings

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**General Comments**

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**Monitoring Notes – since Date of Survey**

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**Date of Survey**    06/11/2019

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## Appendix 3

### Grading of Listed Buildings:

(Taken from section C22 of PPS 6: revised Annex C: Criteria for Listing)

Buildings listed by the Department are divided into four grades; A, B+, B1 and B2 to give an indication of their relative importance. Gradings in Northern Ireland (unlike elsewhere in the UK) are not statutory. The categories contained within the list can be defined as follows:

**Grade A:** buildings of greatest importance to Northern Ireland including both outstanding architectural set-pieces and the least altered examples of each representative style, period and type.

**Grade B+:** high quality buildings that because of exceptional features, interiors or environmental qualities are clearly above the general standard set by grade B1 buildings. Also buildings which might have merited Grade A status but for detracting features such as an incomplete design, lower quality additions or alterations.

**Grade B1:** good examples of a particular period or style. A degree of alteration or imperfection of design may be acceptable. Generally B1 is chosen for buildings that qualify for listing by virtue of a relatively wide selection of attributes. Usually these will include interior features or where one or more features are of exceptional quality and/or interest.

**Grade B2:** special buildings which meet the test of the legislation. A degree of alteration or imperfection of design may be acceptable. B2 is chosen for buildings that qualify for listing by virtue of only a few attributes. An example would be a building sited within a conservation area where the quality of its architectural appearance or interior raises it appreciably above the general standard of buildings within the conservation area.