



<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Department for Communities (DfC): Consultation on Proposed Listing.</b>
<b>Committee Report Submitted To:</b>	<b>PLANNING COMMITTEE</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> September 2022</b>
<b>For Decision or For Information</b>	<b>For Decision</b>

<b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)</b>	
Strategic Theme	<b>Cohesive Leadership</b>
Outcome	Our elected members work collaboratively and make decisions on an evidence led basis and in line with its policies.
Strategic Theme	<b>Healthy, Active and Engaged Communities</b>
Outcome	The Borough comprises cohesive and stable communities which work collaboratively with a range of stakeholders to address issues and deliver on opportunities.
Lead Officer	Principal Planning Officer

<b>Budgetary Considerations: Not applicable in this case</b>	
Cost of Proposal	
Included in Current Year Estimates	
Capital/Revenue	
Code	
Staffing Costs	

<b>Screening Requirements</b>	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals. <b>Not applicable in this case.</b>		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes/No	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:

## **1.0 Purpose of Report**

1.1 To present the Department for Communities: Historic Environment Division (DfC) advance notice of listing to the Council.

## **2.0 Background**

2.1 DfC wrote to the Council on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022 (see Appendix 1) seeking comment (by 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022) on a proposed listing within the Borough under Section 80 (1) of The Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011.

2.2 The Council, in light of its ownership of the memorial, has also received an owner notification letter (see Appendix 2).

2.3 The proposed listing is as follows:

<b>Reference</b>	<b>Address</b>
<b>HB03/03/011</b>	War Memorial, Ballydevitt Road, Aghadowey, Co. Londonderry

## **3.0 Options**

3.1 Option 1: Agree to support the listing: or

Option 2: Agree to oppose the listing.

## **4.0 Recommendation**

**It is recommended** that the Planning Committee agree to either Option 1 or Option 2 (above) and agree to the Head of Planning responding to DfC:HED on behalf of the Council.

### **Appendices:**

Appendix 1: DfC letter to the Council.

Appendix 2: Owner notification letter to the Council.

## ADVANCE NOTICE OF LISTING

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Our Ref: HB03/03/011

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Mr Jackson

**RE: War Memorial, Ballydevitt Road, Aghadowey, Co. Londonderry**

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

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 the views of your Council on the proposed Listing within 6 weeks of the date of this Letter. *If there is no reply to this correspondence within the stated timescale we shall assume that you agree to the listing of the above building. Where this letter refers to building(s), this term includes all types of structures.*

I enclose a copy of the Second Survey Report and location map of the building(s) for your information.

I would advise that there is no right of appeal against listing. However, an owner or occupier can write to the Department or their local Council at any time, if they consider that the building is not of special architectural or historic interest sufficient to justify its listing. Where the owner, or council acting on their behalf, is indicating that it will be supportive of any opposition to the proposed listing, then any such view must be supported by factual evidence relating only to the *special architectural or historic interest*

ascribed to the building in the list description. The Department may then reassess the building's merit in light of the information supplied.

Yours faithfully

*Tina Clarke.*

**TINA CLARKE**

Enc: Second Survey DC Report  
Location Map

<b>Address</b> War Memorial Ballydevitt Road Aghadowey Co. Londonderry	<b>HB Ref No</b> HB03/03/011
<b>Extent of Listing</b> War memorial	
<b>Date of Construction</b> 1920 - 1939	
<b>Townland</b> Aghadowey	
<b>Current Building Use</b> Memorial	
<b>Principal Former Use</b> Memorial	

<b>Conservation Area</b>	No	<b>Survey 1</b>	Not_Listed	<b>OS Map No</b>	31-10
<b>Industrial Archaeology</b>	No	<b>NIEA Evaluation</b>	B2	<b>IG Ref</b>	C8652 2124
<b>Vernacular</b>	No	<b>Date of Listing</b>	27/10/2014	<b>IHR No</b>	
<b>Thatched</b>	No	<b>Date of Delisting</b>		<b>SMR No</b>	
<b>Monument</b>	Yes			<b>HGI Ref</b>	
<b>Area of Townscape Character</b>	No				
<b>Local Landscape Policy Area</b>	No				
<b>Historic Gardens Inventory</b>	No				
<b>Vacant</b>	N/A				
<b>Derelict</b>	No				

**Owner Category** Local Govt

## Building Information

### Exterior Description and Setting

A granite memorial on a stepped concrete plinth by John Robinson commemorating the two world wars and dating from 1921, with bronze flag and rifle motif and a bronze laurel wreath on a tapering granite obelisk. Located to the north side of Ardreagh Road, at the junction with Ballydevitt Road in Aghadowey.

Granite pedestal with polished panels to four sides inscribed to four sides with names of those lost in both wars. Inscription to base, reading clockwise from southwest; "AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN AND IN THE MORNING WE WILL REMEMBER THEM"/ THE MEN OF ULSTER HAVE SHOWN HOW NOBLY THEY FIGHT AND DIE KING GEORGE V./ THEIR NAME LIVETH FOR EVERMORE/ THE PATH OF DUTY WAS THE WAY TO GLORY." Obelisk decorated at southwest face with bronze

flags and rifles motif and a laurel wreath over; sits on a stepped concrete plinth accessed by a set of concrete steps.

A modest additional flat granite slab monument to "those killed in other conflicts" has been set into the SE bank of the grassy slope with a low cast-stone surround and a twisted metal rail and corner finial posts.

**Setting:**

The memorial is situated on a triangular corner site at junction of Ardreagh Road and Ballydevitt Road, enclosed to three sides by a rockfaced blackstone wall with dressed stone coping; modern timber fence to northeast; wrought-iron entrance gates to southwest. Laid with gravel and brick pavior pathway. Memorial sits on a grassy mound, accessed by a set of concrete steps enclosed by plinth walls. Granite slab memorial to grassy verge commemorates those lost in other conflicts. Flagpole to southeast.

**Material:** Granite, bronze and concrete.

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**Interior Overview**

N/A

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**Architects**

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**Historical Information**

Aghadowey War Memorial dates from 1921 and is thought to have been one of the first to be erected in Northern Ireland. The piece, consisting of a granite obelisk with polished panels, mounted on a cement pedestal, was carved by John Robinson & Son of York Street, Belfast and cost £700 ([www.ulsterwarmemorials.net](http://www.ulsterwarmemorials.net)). The memorial is first shown on the fourth edition OS map of 1924-33.

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**Architectural Interest**

- A. Style
- B. Proportion
- C. Ornamentation
- J. Setting

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**Historical Interest**

- S. Authenticity
  - T. Historic Importance
  - Y. Social, Cultural or Economic Importance
  - X. Local Interest
  - R. Age
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**Evaluation**

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**Replacements and Alterations**

None

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**If inappropriate, Why?**

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**General Comments**

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**Monitoring Notes – since Date of Survey**

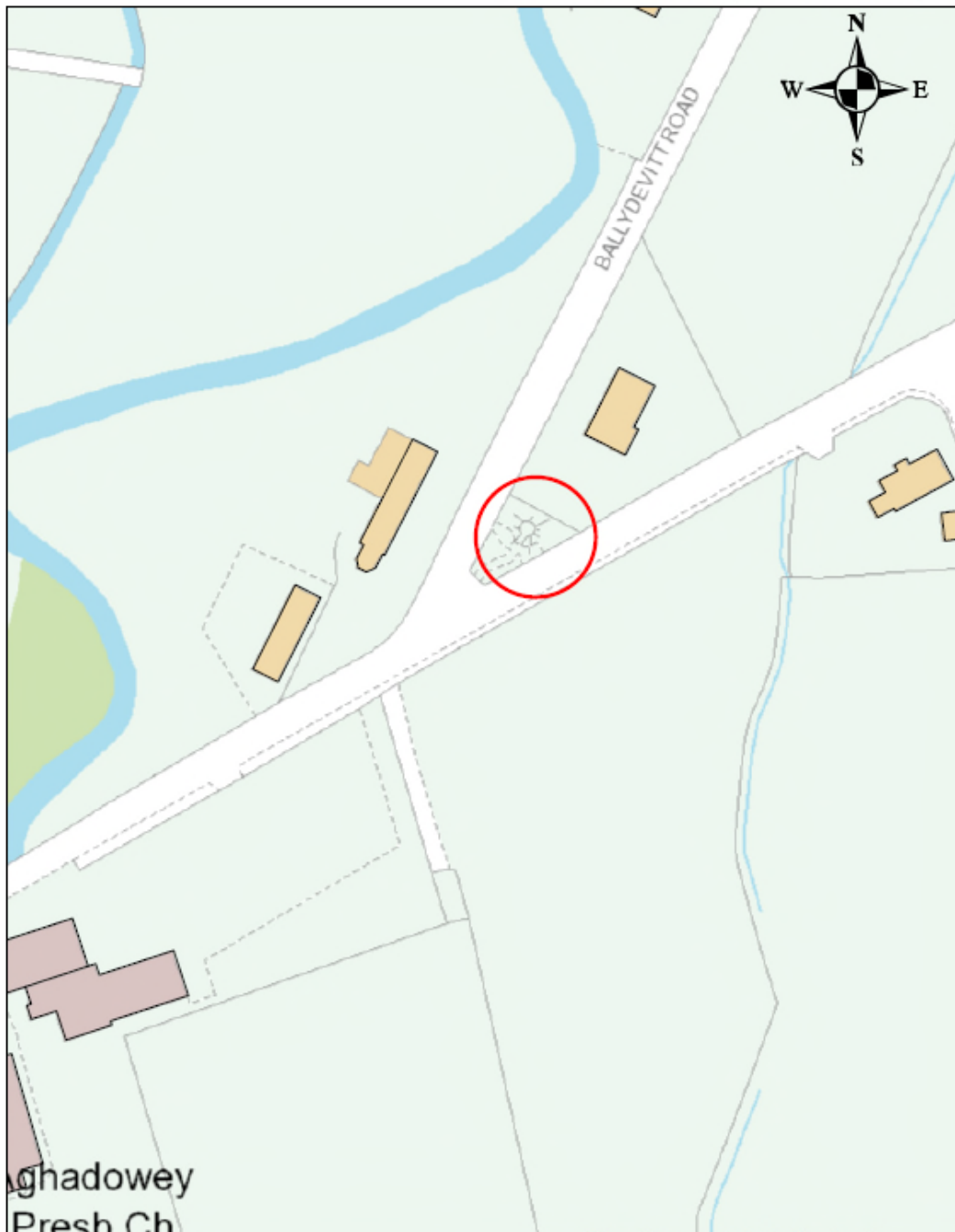
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**Date of Survey** 07/03/2013

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Coordinates: 286532E m333,800 421194N m372,775



**War Memorial Ballydevitt  
Rd Aghadowey  
Co. Londonderry**

**Title:** HB03/03/011  
**Scale:** 1:1250

**Date Printed:** 07 September 2021  
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Dear Sir/Madam

**ADVANCE NOTICE OF LISTING OF BUILDINGS OF SPECIAL ARCHITECTURAL OR HISTORIC INTEREST**

**RE: War Memorial, Ballydevitt Road, Aghadowey, Co. Londonderry**

The Department for Communities (the Department), is currently engaged in a survey of all Northern Ireland's buildings for the purpose of updating and improving on the list of buildings of special architectural/historic interest. Where this letter refers to building(s), this term includes all types of structures.

The Department is presently seeking the views of the Historic Buildings Council and your local district council that the above property should be listed as a building of '*special architectural or historic interest*'. This is in accordance with section 80 of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011.

Should you wish to comment upon this proposal we will be happy to consider your opinion. You may also wish to make your view known to your district council. Subject to a consideration of these comments and advice the building may then be listed.

I would make you aware that we have asked the district council to respond within 6 weeks from the date of this letter.

In considering whether to include a building in a list compiled under this Article the Department can only take into account the architectural and historic interest of a structure. Therefore, any proposals you may have in regard to its future are not relevant to this consideration.

Under section 80(2) however the Department can take into account not only the building itself but also:-

- (a) any respect in which its exterior contributes to the architectural or historic interest of any group of buildings of which it forms part; and
- (b) the desirability of preserving, on the ground of its architectural or historic interest, any feature of the building which consists of a man made object or structure fixed to the building or which forms a part of the land and which is comprised within the curtilage of the building.

Should the Department decide to list, this places certain responsibility on the owner, for example, a listed building has to be maintained in a way appropriate to its character and cannot be altered or demolished without prior planning approval.

I attach a copy of our draft report, in progress, which explains our understanding of the current heritage value of the building in more detail. Please note the survey is not an exhaustive description of every feature of a property, it is an overview of the property which highlights why it is of special architectural or historic interest.

While there is no statutory duty in the legislation to consult with owners, the department wants to work with owners and the local Council to ensure the accuracy of the record.

Please contact us should there be any inaccuracies noted. Likewise, if you have details of the history of the property, additional to that contained in the draft report, I should be most grateful if you would make this information available to me and I will ensure that it is considered by the appropriate architect. Guidance has also been produced to help explain what listing means and that changes can be managed in relation to a listed building. This information can be found on our website:-

[www.communities-ni.gov.uk/articles/listed-buildings](http://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/articles/listed-buildings)

This report, when concluded, (with the exclusion of internal and ownership information) will be published on our website in due course (with final amendments) and will be sent to your district council.


The Department will be in touch with you in due course regarding its final decision.

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