

Cherwell *Local Plan*



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C18 IN DETERMINING AN APPLICATION FOR LISTED BUILDING CONSENT THE COUNCIL WILL HAVE SPECIAL REGARD TO THE DESIRABILITY OF PRESERVING THE BUILDING OR ITS SETTING OR ANY FEATURES OF SPECIAL ARCHITECTURAL OR HISTORIC INTEREST. THE COUNCIL WILL NORMALLY ONLY APPROVE INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL ALTERATIONS OR EXTENSIONS TO A LISTED BUILDING WHICH ARE MINOR AND SYMPATHETIC TO THE ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORIC CHARACTER OF THE BUILDING.

9.39 Listed buildings represent a finite resource and an irreplaceable asset, and it is important that this limited supply is protected and preserved.

9.40 The character of a listed building is determined by the detail of its structure as well as its appearance. Even minor internal or external alterations can lessen the value of such a building if they destroy important architectural features or are visually incongruous.

9.41 It is an important principle that disabled people have easy access to and within historic buildings. The Council will seek the provision of suitable access in accordance with other policies in the plan, where possible without compromising a building's special interest and will take into account advice from the Centre for Accessible Environments.

9.42 The Council will operate a flexible approach to structural matters as advised in PPG15 paras 3.16-3.29.