

Registered Historic Parks, Gardens and Landscapes

5.28 The Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest is maintained and updated by Historic England. Entries on the Register are graded I, II* and II, and they are graded independently of any buildings within them.

5.29 The designation requires local authorities to consult Historic England on development affecting Grade I and II* Registered Parks. It also requires local authorities to consult the Garden History Society on works to all grades of parks and gardens. The effect of proposed development on a registered park or garden, or its setting, is also a material consideration in the determination of planning applications. Hillingdon has one entry in the Register, namely Church Gardens, Harefield, which is designated Grade II.

Policy DMHB 8: Registered Historic Parks, Gardens and Landscapes

- A) Development within, or adjacent to a registered or historic park, garden or landscape, must respect its special character, environmental quality, important views and vistas.**
- B) Development proposals should make provision (based on detailed research) for the restoration and long term management of the park, garden or landscape.**
- C) Applications which impact detrimentally on the significance of a registered park or garden will normally be refused.**

War Memorials

5.30 War memorials commemorate local people who lost their lives in the two World Wars and other armed conflicts. They are a familiar and cherished part of the townscape of the Borough. War memorials take a variety of forms, including simple stone crosses, gardens, Books of Remembrance, Rolls of Honour and stained glass windows. In some cases, complete buildings have been dedicated as war memorials.

5.31 All memorials have inherent significance due to their commemorative purpose and will be considered as heritage assets. However, some memorials will have a higher level of architectural significance because they are the work of a noted architect, sculptor or artist, and are statutory listed or located in Conservation Areas. Works to move, remove or make alterations or repairs to a war memorial, may require planning permission and/or Listed Building Consent.

Policy DMHB 9: War Memorials

War memorials and their wider settings will be protected, and there is a general presumption in favour of their retention in situ. They should be well maintained and their alteration, removal or sensitive relocation will only be considered when fully justified within a Heritage Statement.

High Buildings and Structures

5.32 For the purposes of this policy, high buildings and structures are those that are substantially taller than their surroundings, causing a significant change to the skyline. The Council's Townscape Character Assessment confirms that Uxbridge and Hayes are the most suitable locations for high buildings in the Borough. However, the sensitivities of the context and, in particular, the townscape of both centres will be an important constraint on the ultimate location, footprint, height and design of these structures. Outside these two centres, the character of the Borough is mainly low rise and suburban in nature. Therefore high buildings are generally inappropriate outside these two centres.

5.33 High buildings and structures are likely to have a greater effect on their surroundings than other building types, because of their potential significant visual impact, impact on the transport network, microclimate and surrounding occupiers' daylight and sunlight. Within the two town centre locations identified in Hillingdon's Townscape Character Study can also offer the potential to regenerate an area, and high buildings, can create and/or emphasise a point of civic or visual significance.

5.34 The criteria in Policy DMHB 10: High Buildings and Structures should be read in conjunction with those set out in London Plan Policy 7.7: Location and design of high and large buildings, and the relevant sections of the Council's Townscape Character Study. This policy provides additional detail which is important for establishing Hillingdon's local context.

5.35 In order to enable the assessment of proposals against the criteria under Policy DMHB 10: High Buildings and Structures, the Council will require an accurate visual representation to be submitted, which shows the proposal in near, middle and distant views, including its appearance at street level and its relationship to other tall buildings within the locality. Much of the Borough is constrained by height restrictions to ensure proposals will not be a potential hazard to aviation safety. This is a critical issue given the importance and location of London Heathrow Airport and RAF Northolt.