

GUIDELINES FOR INCLUSION OF SITES ON THE LGT INVENTORY

Historic and other landscape spaces included on the London Inventory should meet one or more of the following criteria. These criteria are not mutually exclusive categories and more than one of them may be relevant in the assessment of any particular site.

1. Historic England's National Heritage List for England, Parks & Gardens - All sites in Greater London are included on the LGT Inventory as a matter of course.

2. Historic Sites Laid Out Before 1820 (most of these will be on the HE National Heritage List and therefore already on the LGT Inventory)

- site with a main phase of development before 1750 where at least a proportion of the layout of this date is still evident or is buried archaeology
- site with a main phase of development laid out between 1750 and 1820 where enough of the layout and features survive to reflect the original design or is buried archaeology
- site where only a fragment of an original garden/landscape feature(s) remains, but is considered significant

3. Sites Laid Out Between 1820 and 1939 (some of these will be on the HE National Heritage List)

- site with a main phase of development between 1820 and 1939 where enough of the layout and features survive to reflect the original design and to allow good understanding and interpretation

4. Post-war Sites (some of these will be on the HE National Heritage List)

- site with a main phase of development laid out after 1939 but at least thirty years old (currently up to early 1990s) and is a good example of a recognised style or design, such as Modernism.
- Post-war residential or business estates where landscaping has been an integral part of the overall layout

5. Commons, Greens, Heaths and other Historic Natural Landscapes

- all historic commons, heaths and greens that remain today, even if only partially / as a fragment of their original extent, including those where there are designed elements of layout / features accruing from when the site was taken into public ownership. All those that are on the Commons Registration Act 1965 have been added to the Inventory.
- remnants of historic non-designed landscapes, including ancient woodland, deer parks, chases, which are important indicators of London's past history

6. Sites less than 30 years old

- site laid out less than thirty years ago whose design is substantially intact and particularly where it is a good example of a recognised style or design
- site that is considered of significance for being the work of a named / recognised designer

7. Valuable Settings of Historic Buildings

- site of importance for providing a setting for an historic building / built structure that is listed on the HE National Register, as a Heritage Asset by the relevant local authority, or is within a World Heritage Site
- such sites may also be of value in their own right, e.g. churchyard, almshouse garden

8. Sites that Reflect or Influence Design, Taste or a Particular Period

- site that reflects the work of a designer (amateur or professional) or a nurseryman of local, regional or national importance, where a significant proportion of the site or design survives
- site that reflects a particular period of social, commercial or artistic development, or which was influential in the development of local, regional or national taste or style, where a significant proportion of the layout and features of the designed landscape survives: this could include municipal parks, cemeteries, institutional grounds such as hospital or educational establishments, golf courses etc
- site that has associations with important historical events and/or notable local individuals/families, including those whose landscaping/garden/park has influenced or reflected their lives/work/taste etc. and particularly where a significant proportion of the site and design survives
- site, or part of a site, which is representative of styles, fashions or designs that have otherwise largely disappeared from the region/locality
- site whose origination reflected prevalent concerns at that period, relating to social/political/economic factors, such as provision of public open space for recreation/health/sports; provision of sports facilities for young people; provision of open space within residential/workplace schemes

9. Sites of Particular Importance to a Community of Identity

- site of particular importance to a community, neighbourhood or borough, such as through the paucity of public open space in the locality and perceived need to address this, particularly where identified in conjunction with the community; including doorstep greens, pocket parks/gardens
- well-established community gardens, city farms and allotments, particularly where there is evidence of long land use for this purpose, land covenants etc.

10. Sites of Importance for Biodiversity and Nature Conservation

- site of special importance for its ecology, biodiversity, nature conservation, e.g. reclaimed land, wetlands, nature reserves
- sites that are identified as a result of a particular investigation, such as the London Geodiversity Action Plan launched in October 2010

11. Sites Designated as of Importance by Another Body

- site designated as being of importance by another body, generally being restricted to those whose aims coincide with the aims of LGT. Examples include garden squares protected under London Squares Preservation Act 1931; Registered Commons and Greens 1965
- site that has received funding from a specific scheme (local, regional or national), such as King George's Field Foundation; Fields in Trust; and more recently the Pocket Park Initiative.

12. Group Value

- sites that are important purely for being associated with a larger group of sites for example a historic /designed landscape

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