

Proposed Amendments to Existing Heritage Items

Stage 1 of Cumberland Heritage Study



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Frequently Asked Questions

What is on Public Exhibition? / Why am I being consulted again about heritage?

Cumberland City Council is currently seeking feedback on the proposed amendments to existing heritage items on Cumberland's Heritage List. We want to hear from you because you are the neighbour, resident, or owner of one of these items, buildings, or areas.

What are the Stage 1 (existing) amendments to existing heritage items?

Stage 1 proposes minor amendments to 47 existing local heritage items under Schedule 5 of the Cumberland LEP 2021.

What does this mean for me?

The minor amendments to 47 existing local heritage items under Schedule 5 of the Cumberland LEP 2021 include:

- curtilage refinement (reduce or increase boundary)
- name changes and/or updates
- alignment with State Heritage Register
- listing combination

This work does not change the status of the property as a local heritage item.

Where can I get more information?

On our website! https://haveyoursay.cumberland.nsw.gov. au/heritage-planning-proposal. Please visit the website for more detailed information about heritage listing and what it means; the process involved; and all the individual items, buildings, and areas that we are looking to celebrate and protect. There, you can find an information sheet dedicated to each of the properties proposed for listing.

What is a heritage listing?

A heritage listing is a way of giving public recognition to places of unique and/or important historic significance. New South Wales local governments have two main types of heritage listings. They are known as (i) heritage items and (ii) heritage conservation areas.

A heritage listing means that the item, building, or area is included in the Cumberland Local Environmental Plan. This ensures recognition, celebration, and protection of the item, building, or area for future generations.

Please note that if your property is listed, you may be eligible for funding to repair and maintain your property through Council's Heritage Rebate Program.

What is a Heritage Item?

A local heritage item is a building, structure, object, landscape or location which is considered to have local heritage value and historic significance (rather than state-wide or national significance). Items could include a house, property, structure, tree, streetscape, monument, or public art.

Can I make alterations or demolish a building that is a heritage item?

The Cumberland Local Environmental Plan (CLEP) 2021 and the heritage controls contained in the Cumberland Development Control Plan (CDCP) 2021 provide more detailed guidance for development of heritage listings.

Cumberland City Council can approve a range of works to a property that is a local item. CLEP and CDCP 2021 allow a range of alterations and additions to heritage listings which can include first floor additions, rear extensions, and secondary dwellings, where these works do not detract from the significance of the heritage item and do not demolish important heritage elements. Each DA would be individually assessed to ensure compliance or reviewed on a merit-based approach of the planning controls.

For more information on existing planning controls that apply to your property please call 8757 9000 to talk to a duty planner or engage a private town planner.

For more information about the proposed planning controls, please contact the City Strategy team on 8757 9000 to discuss further.

How were the amendments to my property identified?

In 2016, Council resolved to undertake a heritage study on the whole local government area and subsequently engaged a heritage consultant to conduct the review. The study's scope included reviewing existing items to better reflect the area of heritage requirements and considering the proposed new items.

The consultant followed a process outlined in the Assessing Heritage Significance Guideline that was developed by Heritage NSW. The standard criteria used for heritage significance assessment in New South Wales as well as the Burra Charter. The process pulls together the supporting evidence to determine if a place meets the thresholds for heritage listing, typically in the form of a heritage study.

What development can occur with a heritage

A summary of the applicable planning controls for heritage items are as follows:

Development Options	Existing – Heritage Item
Demolition and Rebuild	No
Renovation and/ or alterations and/or additions	Yes, subject to council and heritage assessment – DA must be submitted.
Granny flat / secondary dwelling /outbuilding	Yes, subject to council and heritage assessment – DA must be submitted.
Repaint and general maintenance	Yes, if it meets planning control requirements.
Eligible for Council's Heritage Award and Rebate Programs?	Yes

DA = Development Application

What is happening in regards to heritage in Westmead?

There are only two (2) existing items within Westmead which have proposed minor amendments that are being considered in the Stage 1 items of the Heritage Planning Proposal

All of the proposed new or extended heritage listings and conservation areas in Westmead are now being considered holistically as part of the Westmead Master Plan development to balance the long-term needs of the community in context with the NSW Government's Westmead Place Strategy.