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What is a listed building?

Buildings are listed by the government for their special architectural or historic interest. Peterborough has over 1,000 listed buildings and more than 60 Scheduled Monuments and Listed Parks and Gardens.

Buildings that qualify for listing are:

- > All buildings before 1700 which survive in anything like their original condition
- > Most buildings between 1700 and 1840, though selection is necessary
- > Buildings between 1840 and 1914 of definite quality and character (including principal works of principal architects)
- > Important post-war buildings more than thirty years old and selected buildings of high quality between 1914 and 1939.

Buildings are classified in grades to show their relative importance:

- > **Grade I** - buildings of exceptional interest
- > **Grade II*** - particularly important buildings of more than special interest
- > **Grade II** - buildings of special interest warranting preservation

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Protection of a listed building

Once a building is listed it becomes subject to special planning controls whereby listed building consent is required for works that affect its special interest. These works may be either internal or external works and extend from the smallest project to wholesale demolition. Consent has to be obtained for any alterations and demolitions.

It is a criminal offence to carry out work which needs Listed Building Consent without obtaining it first. As most works that would alter the character of a listed building require Listed Building Consent, assume you have to apply for consent.

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Register of listed buildings

To find out the List description of any listed building you can use the search facility on the [Historic England](http://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/) (<http://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/>) website.

Register of Heritage Agreements and Consent Orders

Our Planning and Building Online Register lets you search for:

- > [heritage partnership agreement \(https://planpa.peterborough.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/HPA\)](https://planpa.peterborough.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/HPA)
- > [listed building consent order \(https://planpa.peterborough.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/NLBCA\)](https://planpa.peterborough.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/NLBCA)
- > [local listed building consent order \(https://planpa.peterborough.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/LLBCA\)](https://planpa.peterborough.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/LLBCA)

Please note: as of April 2016 we have not made or received any of the above. If you wish to be notified when these registers are updated you can save a search on the online register system and opt into email notifications.

Contact the conservation officer

If you have any queries relating to Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas please contact:

- > Telephone: 01733 454408 or 01733 864487
- > Email: planningcontrol@peterborough.gov.uk