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Defence by Designation



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Designation and Historic Parks and Gardens

- National designation
 - Register of Parks and Gardens
 - Listed buildings
 - Scheduled Monuments
- Conservation Areas
- Local Lists
- Other ways research can help conserve designated sites



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The Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest in England

- Historic England is enabled by the government to compile the *Register*.
- Registered parks and gardens do not have statutory protection, as do listed buildings and scheduled monuments, but are a ‘material consideration’ in the planning process.
- This means local authorities must consider the impact of any proposed development on the landscape’s special character.



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How are sites added to the *Register*?

- Historic England upgrade projects.
- Applications from individuals or groups - anyone can apply for a site to be registered (or listed, or scheduled).
- See our leaflet 'The Register of Parks and Gardens: moving towards a new way of managing England's historic environment' for a useful introduction.



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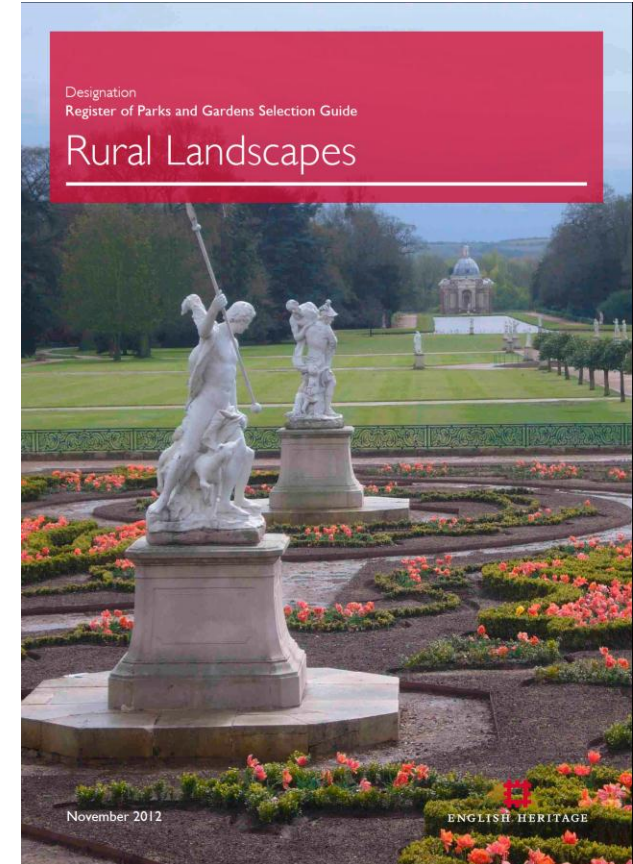
Criteria for Registration

- Age and rarity – the older a site is, and/or the rarer the type, the more likely it is that it will be registered even if it is less substantially intact.
- Influential in the development of taste.
- Early or representative example of a type of site, or work of a designer of national importance.
- Association with significant persons or events.
- Strong group value with other assets.



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- [Designation selection guides](#)
- Rural, Urban, Institutional and Remembrance.
- Describe types of landscapes on the register and set out the criteria for designation.
- Review of these will be very helpful when applying for a site to be registered.





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How to Apply?

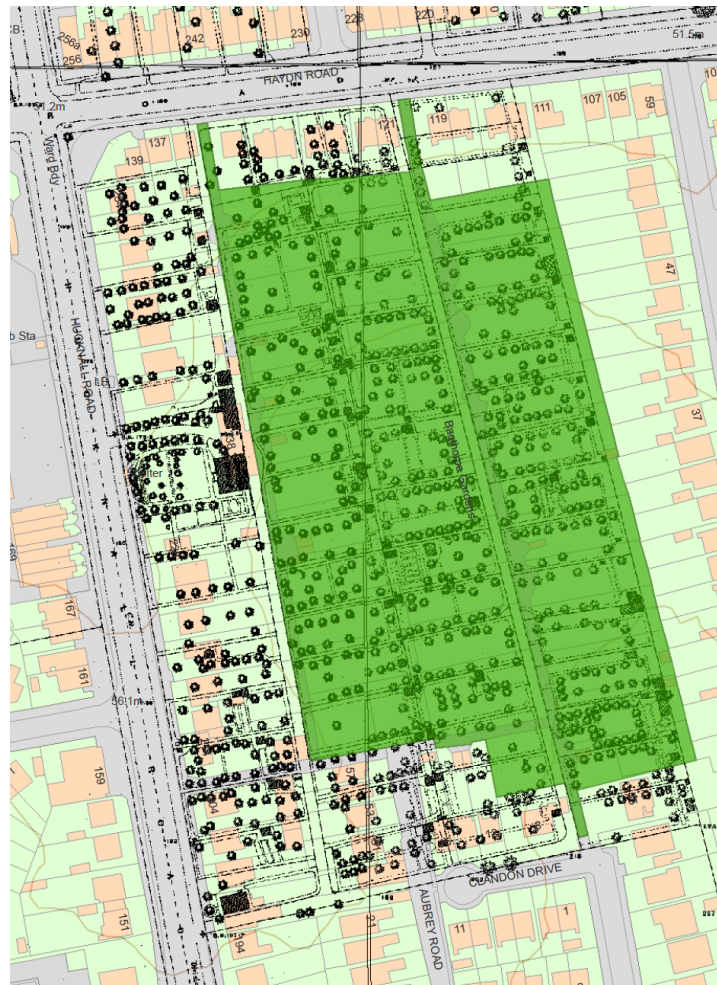
- See the [Listing](#) pages on the Historic England website.
- The application is accessible once you set up an account.
- There is a wealth of useful information, including FAQs.
- If you have conducted research into a site and think that it belongs on the register, please do apply, we are keen to get designed landscapes onto the register that should be there, and make sure they are recognised and afforded appropriate protection.



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Bagthorpe Gardens, Nottingham (GII*)

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Listed buildings

- There are many listed buildings that sit within registered parks and gardens, often integral parts of the same design, these range from country houses to a wide range of smaller buildings and structures.
- The protection afforded to listed buildings can also have a benefit for designed landscapes, including those that are not on the register, through the requirement to consider their setting.



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Listed buildings

- It may be that your research also highlights significant structures in gardens, or reveals new evidence that may mean an already listed building would warrant upgrading.
- The Little Temple at Temple Newsam near Leeds was recently upgraded from Grade II to II* based on an in-depth research study that indicated it was likely to have been designed by Capability Brown and is an important example of his work.



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Scheduled monuments

- Scheduled monuments are sometimes co-located with registered parks and gardens, and may be within gardens that are not on the register.
- The requirements of scheduled monument consent and management agreements may have a wider protective benefit to the designed landscape of these sites.



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Conservation Areas

- Many registered parks and gardens are located within conservation areas.
- Conservation areas are mainly designated by Councils as local planning authorities.
- Some un-registered designed landscapes are also located in conservation areas.
- Planning requirements for works to structures and trees can afford some protection to designed landscapes.



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Waterloo Promenade Nottingham

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Local Lists

- Some local authorities may also have Local Lists.
- This may be an option for locally significant sites that don't meet the criteria for national listing.
- An opportunity for community involvement in identifying locally significant heritage.
- See our guidance: [Local Heritage Listing](#) (May 2016), and [webinar](#) on our [Online Training Resources webpage](#).



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Other ways your research can help designated sites

- Many sites are poorly understood in detail even if they are on the Register.
- Identification of conservation needs and heritage at risk.
- Development of statements of significance.
- Strengthen responses to planning applications.
- Enriching the List, and suggesting amendments to existing entries.



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