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THE HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL CRITERIA

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INTRODUCTION

It was Nickolaus Pevsner, that most English of all foreigners, who said that "a bicycle shed is a building - Lincoln Cathedral is a piece of architecture".

Somewhere between these two extremes there runs a line of demarcation, however wavering, however indistinct, however blurred. I intend to spend some time attempting to discover those qualities which we hope to find in a piece of architecture.

What we expect to find in a bicycle shed is obvious to us all - it is, essentially, a bicycle.

The qualities necessary in a work of architecture are less easily and less quickly defined and for many of us they are often less frequently and less clearly discerned.

In order that you may follow more clearly my line of argument I will indicate very briefly its general direction, although along its length there are certain to be a number of branches, a few dead ends and perhaps an occasional loop. From time to time it may be necessary merely to stand still and look around.

First I shall consider the essential qualities of architecture and the factors which affect those qualities.

I shall then attempt to separate those architectural criteria which appear to be called upon in deciding whether or not a building should be listed, considering in passing whether these are the best or indeed the only criteria.

Attention will then be directed towards the effects upon these criteria of proposed alterations to or proposed demolition of listed buildings and whether or not in these circumstances other criteria assume greater importance.

Historical criteria will then be considered in a similar, shorter, but no less important analysis.

Despite the fact that my strict terms of reference are architectural and historical criteria I shall then include a brief consideration of factors other than these which may be taken into account in listing a building and of which we should therefore be aware. Examples of such factors are the locality of the building, its special contribution to the immediate environment or the use in its construction of unusual techniques.

I then wish to examine the whole concept of listing buildings and to try if possible to ascertain the implications behind the desire or the need to draw up a list at all, after which the possible dangers inherent in listing will be studied.

Finally I shall attempt to draw the threads together, or to use a more architectural metaphor, to find and to emplace the keystone, thereby making sense of the whole construction by trying to determine whether or not architectural criteria can be quantified in any way and if they can, is it right or desirable that we should do so.

### THE ESSENCE OF ARCHITECTURE

Many writers in the past, some of them even more gifted than I, have tried to express in words those peculiar qualities which are essential in a work of architecture.

John Ruskin said many things about art and about architecture concerning both of which he felt very deeply. It is sad that the seven lamps of architecture which he lovingly prepared and carefully lit no longer burn so brightly. Some continue to flicker intermittently but the others have been blown out altogether by the wind of changed opinion.

Ruskin is always worth reading, however, and his firmly held opinions are refreshingly clearly expressed. Some of these views are still true. Under the lamp of sacrifice he gives us aphorism number 4 -

"Architecture is the art which so disposes and adorns the edifices raised by man for whatsoever uses that the sight of them may contribute to his mental health, power and pleasure."

A fine sentiment indeed, but the word 'adorns' puts us on our guard and not without reason, for he goes on to distinguish between building and architecture by the provision in the latter of some decoration, moulding or carbing which is not essential to the function of the building to which it is applied. This is a view which is no longer held. Applied decoration may be part of architecture but is not of the essence of it.

Nickolaus Pevsner is expressing a more widely held view when he says that the term 'architecture' applies to buildings which are designed with a view to aesthetic appeal. For this definition to be complete we need to examine more closely the meaning of aesthetic appeal. Pevsner suggests that aesthetic sensations may be created in three different ways.

First they may be produced in response to the way a flat wall surface is treated, the relationship between solid wall and window openings, the proportion of window openings and the form and intricacy of tracery. This is two dimensional. It is to do with patterns. It is the painters way.

Secondly, the treatment of the building as a whole is aesthetically significant such as we see in the contrast of one block with another, in the effects of pitched roofs, domes and towers, in the rhythms of repeated projections and recesses. This is a three dimensional use of the building as a volume, as a juxtaposition of shapes. It is the sculptors way.

Thirdly, there is the effect on our senses of the treatment of the interior, the sequence of one room following upon another, the dramatic widening

out at the crossing of a noble cathedral or the stately movement of a baroque staircase. This is also three dimensional and is particularly concerned with space. It is more especially the architects own way. It is this spatial quality which distinguishes architecture from painting and sculpture.

But even though architecture is essentially spatial in character it contains within itself the modelling skill of the sculptor and the ability to manipulate patterns of the painter. In this sense architecture can be considered to be the most comprehensive of the visual arts.

In searching for the essence of architecture we must eliminate from our minds any concept of styles. No particular style is good or bad. It was failure to recognise this simple fact which led the Victorians (Ruskin and all) into endless, often bitter, arguments about the relative merits of architecture derived from gothic originals and that based upon classical precepts. Adherents of each style suggested that God was on their side. One can only imagine the reaction of Pugin, most vociferous of gothicists, his lifes work being done, finding that the pearly gates were designed with Corinthian Columns. He would be certain that he had arrived in Hell.

No style is good or bad. Indeed good or bad architecture can be produced in any style according to the degree in which the principles of good architecture are adhered to.

Perfection in grammar, extreme competence in the use of words and excellence of expression are not sufficient, by themselves, to create a literary masterpiece. More is required. So it is also with architectural design. The quality of the idea being expressed and the skill in selection and arrangement of elements are of paramount importance. Yet even beyond that is required the gift to respond to the spirit of the age and to be in sympathy with the ambient philosophical and artistic mood of the time.

The essentials of architecture contain amongst them this almost abstract quality which may be perceptible to different people in various degrees and which is difficult to formulate or to tabulate.

Sir Henry Wotton sums up the essentials of architecture with consummate brevity.

'Commodity, firmness and delight'

Unfortunately this pithy summary though full of savour puts heavy demands upon one attempting to explain what is meant. Particularly is this true of 'delight' which clearly recognises a personal response to buildings which is always present.

Sir Kenneth Clark believes that it is possible to learn more about a civilisation from its architecture than from anything else that it leaves behind. Architecture, he says, is a communal art which depends upon a relationship between user and maker far closer than in the other arts.

It would seem therefore that architecture is the result of a design process which brings together the need to satisfy a certain number of functional requirements and the desire to produce a building which is aesthetically pleasing. Some of the essential characteristics of architecture are capable of formulation at least partially, whilst others remain nebulous or are entirely subjective. Do we all agree for example, that St. Pauls Cathedral, the Houses of Parliament or the new National Theatre satisfy the functional and aesthetic requirements of good architecture?

It is my task to try to isolate the essentials. To simplify this process I shall consider first only those particular architectural criteria which are considered important in placing a building upon the statutory list.

#### CRITERIA FOR LISTING

The Secretary of State for the Environment is required by statute to list buildings which are of special architectural or historic interest (I feel that should be historical interest. That which profoundly affects the course of history is historic; that which has its roots in the past is historical. The battle of Waterloo was historic. This paper is historic - although the person presenting it to you is historical). The responsibility of the Secretary of State is quite clear but the same cannot be said of the precise meaning of 'special architectural and historic interest' although some principles are laid down which I shall refer to shortly.

The aim of listing, so the Department of the Environment tells us, is to prolong a buildings useful life as long as possible. This is a noble aim and one that I support provided that the list is carefully drawn up. Buildings are listed to afford them statutory protection but this in no way implies preservation. It does mean that the case for preservation will be examined under specified procedures.

The principles of selection for 'listing' buildings were drawn up by an expert committee of architects, antiquarians and historians. I am not keen on experts. An expert would tend to know the name and exact date of the execution of a particular moulding without realising that because of the action of weathering outside the realm of his expertise it was about to fall on his head. They can be too narrow. The idea of an 'expert committee' is frightening but, of course, I realise that guidance and advice must be sought from those who are well informed, well intentioned and appreciative of the nature of architecture.

The principles drawn up are 'broadly as follows'

1. All buildings built before 1700 which survive in anything like their original condition are listed.
2. Many buildings of 1700 to 1840 are listed though selection is necessary.
3. Of buildings built between 1840 and 1914 only those of definite quality and character are listed and the selection is designed to include the principle works of principle architects.
4. A start is being made to list very few selected buildings of 1914 to 1939.

Perhaps significantly there is no mention of buildings erected after 1939.

In addition to the application of the above principles particular attention is paid to certain other factors most of which are dealt with later. These include, in addition to architectural reasons, planning or historical reasons, display of technical innovation or virtuosity (at which some architects are remarkably good), association with well known characters or events, or contribution to a building group having distinctive character.

The schedule of listed buildings is normally in four parts of which the first is of the greatest interest to those attending this Conference. Part One includes all buildings which are afforded statutory protection under part IV of the Town and Country Planning Act, and it is divided into two sections. Grade I contains buildings of outstanding national interest. Grade II contains buildings of special architectural or historical interest which warrant every effort being made to save them. Some particularly important buildings in this section are classified Grade II\*. I can only conclude that these buildings warrant rather more than every effort being made to save them.

Part Two of the list includes buildings which were formerly Grade III. Part Three includes ecclesiastical buildings and Part Four Crown buildings.

In a written answer in the House of Lords in 1970 Lord Kennett indicated that at that time 123 000 buildings were listed in England and Wales. He added that the listing Committee had further recommended that as the review of existing lists proceeds more types of buildings previously classified as Grade III should be transferred to Grade II. Briefly these fall into three categories. Pre 18th Century buildings subsequently considerably altered, groups of buildings collectively of special interest, and planned estates substantially intact.

My own view, as an architect, is that the list is already too long. Because of the abolition of the former Grade III many buildings hardly worthy of the distinction are being squeezed into Grade II and are thus afforded statutory protection. Indeed the assurance is given that if a former Grade III building is known to be under threat (and the word is significant) of demolition or alteration, emergency steps will be taken to place it on the statutory list.

This is clearly nonsense. A building cannot increase in architectural or historic interest merely because its demolition or alteration is suggested although it is true that the general interest taken in all matters surrounding the building does increase in these circumstances - sometimes to a terrifying degree.

I do not wish to criticise the integrity or the well intentioned motivation of preservation societies and bodies seeking to preserve our architectural heritage. Many of them do extremely valuable and important work. Unfortunately, others tend to wallow in a William Morris-like nostalgia believing that all was idyllic before 1700. In a strange way the principles adopted for listing give weight to the argument.

I myself wish to preserve buildings of real merit. But we must be realistic. There is a very real limit on the number of buildings that we can afford to preserve. We cannot possibly retain them all. We cannot, I suggest, afford to keep those that are currently on the list let alone those which are daily being added to it.

The process is rather like being given a magnetic tape of given length and being asked to record on it, selected from all the music of the past, those

works which will present as coherent a picture of the development of musical art to the present time as is possible in the space available.

The greatest difficulty is that the length of the tape is limited. I suggest that our ability to preserve buildings for posterity is also limited. It is limited by what we can afford to pay.

Consequently, I would much prefer to see a shorter list which contained only buildings which play a really vital role in the continuing story of architectural development. This story is still being written and the contribution of this century must not be paralysed by a blind desire to retain all that exists from earlier ones. I would then hope that this shorter list could be more staunchly and more successfully preserved.

It is a matter of achieving balance. It is a squandering of resources if what little money there is, is used to wage prolonged battles over buildings of doubtful merit whilst those of more obvious quality are allowed to decay through lack of funds.

This shorter list must be prepared by professional architects and historians, most probably by pruning the existing one. Buildings on such a list should be stoutly defended but none should be inviolate and the remainder should be allowed to go. The environment, including the built environment, is constantly changing and it is contrary to natural processes to attempt to fossilise it.

The desire to resist change is in all of us but change is of the nature of things. Time does pass. Buildings do decay. The sea does relentlessly modify the land. We cannot be twentieth century Canutes and say 'That building is on the list therefore it will stand forever.' The lesson to be learnt is that the original Canute got his feet wet - and had he not been quick to see the truth he would have got them wet repeatedly.

The criteria which I suggest should be adopted in formulating a shortened list should certainly include the following:

Excellence of architectural quality in design and/or craftsmanship.

Uniqueness - if the building is the only example of its kind.

If the building typifies the characteristics of its period to a marked degree.

If the building is a particularly noteworthy example of the work of an outstanding architect.

I do not feel that a building should be preserved merely because it is old and in no circumstances should a building be retained without the clear possibility of a relevant twentieth century use being made of it. Otherwise we shall clutter out towns and cities with architectural corpses. Only this afternoon we have seen two very clear examples of the successful conversion of medieval buildings to new and different uses.

Let us now consider the criteria to be used when alteration to or demolition of a listed building is sought.

CRITERIA FOR ALTERATION OR DEMOLITION

Having looked at the criteria taken into account in listing buildings we must now ask whether these criteria still apply when demolition or alteration of a listed building is proposed or whether perhaps only some of them apply.

It is also important to determine new factors arising out of the new proposals which were not considered in initially placing the building on the list.

It must be accepted that if a building is on the list it possesses architectural or historical interest or both. By now you will be aware of my reservations about the length of the list but nonetheless the list has been prepared by experts (and by now you will be aware of my reservations about experts) and some degree of architectural or historical significance must be acknowledged. Perhaps in some cases the degree could be questioned.

I propose to consider proposed alterations under four main headings:

- (a) minor alterations
  - (b) major demolition and reconstruction
  - (c) complete demolition and reconstruction
  - (d) extension or replacement
- (a) If the proposed alteration is relatively minor and the original architectural character is only slightly changed it is clear that a good case for consent can be presented. The architectural loss, if any, would be compensated by the continued useful existence of the building.
- (b) A proposal which involves extensive demolition and reconstruction of a large part of the existing building raises more difficult questions. There have been a number of cases in recent years of facades being very carefully (and very expensively) retained whilst the building behind the facades have been completely demolished and reconstructed. The process is obviously a difficult one. It is difficult to prop up and protect the facade whilst work is carried on behind it. It is difficult to plan new accommodation to fit against the constraints of existing floor levels and door and window openings. It is difficult, for me at least, to comprehend why it should be attempted.

Architecturally the operation is highly questionable at best. How can modern rooms usually for a totally different function integrate perfectly, or even well, with a perforated facade from an earlier age? The result can only be a pastiche and a deceit and is dubious from a moral as well as from an architectural standpoint.

Perhaps the process was justified (but only just) in the case of the Nash Terraces at Regents Park, but only exceptional buildings of outstanding national significance warrant such treatment.

- (c) Complete demolition and construction will be dealt with briefly but nevertheless completely. The reconstructed building is a complete and hollow sham. When similar operations are carried out in the realm of painting the works produced are recognised as copies and considered as second class. More recently when the copying has been done sufficiently well to deceive the experts for a while the artist has been deemed to be a forger, sought out and sent to gaol. (Not infrequently in a building which was a rather poor imitation of a medieval castle).

A work of architecture contains within it the spirit of the age in which it was produced. It was created in the idiom of its time for the functions required by that period. Real architecture is more than mere fabric. It is more than the bricks and the mortar. It cannot be reconstructed.

- (d) The most difficult problem is posed by the proposed substantial extension of a listed building or its replacement by a modern building.

The pertinent question is "should the quality of the new work be taken into account in considering consent?"

The quality of the existing building was considered prior to its being placed on the list. Nothing can alter that. It possessed the qualities necessary in a listed building. It seems unreasonable, therefore, to deny similar consideration of the architectural qualities of the proposed new work. I am aware that sometimes plans do not materialise and I am aware of the difficulties of comparing an existing building with a set of plans - but such comparison must be done in most normal planning applications. How can it be rationally argued that a building must be retained because it possesses certain architectural qualities and then deny consideration of the architectural qualities of the proposed extension or replacement? They most certainly should be considered (although I am aware of the recent decision concerning the Royal College of Art.)

In the case of extensions slavish copying of the existing style should never be attempted and certainly not stipulated. Complete styles were rarely copied in antiquity. Similar details or proportions may have been used but not replicas. Construction methods mouldings and details were usually the most up-to-date available. For example, fifteenth century additions to a twelfth century church were almost always in fifteenth century style. Even the Victorians tended to use the grammar of earlier styles in their own vigorous and characteristic way.

I mentioned earlier that it is possible to learn more about a civilisation from its architecture than from anything else it leaves behind. What, then, will future generations learn of us if the evidence we leave them is a brick by brick replica, a propped up facade or a cardboard copy of an adjoining building?

Architects often claim that in the design process we take into account the particular requirements of the client and the peculiar qualities of the site and fuse these, using the architectural syntax of the period, into a work of art which is unique. If this is so any changes must involve a reduction in quality. This afternoon we have visited two churches. They were designed as places of worship. They were built with love and care and devotion to the glory of God and to be ideal for the execution of certain liturgical processes.



They have become libraries. They have become quite good libraries but they can never be excellent libraries. High vaults are not economical in a library, stained glass windows are not necessary and control of temperature and humidity is important. The design skill that has been used in the conversion cannot be denied. The charm of the result is self evident. But it is a compromise. Would a purpose built library have been functionally more effective? Would it more accurately have reflected the age in which we live?

#### HISTORICAL CRITERIA FOR LISTING

A building may be of historical interest for one of two main reasons. Either it is associated with a person or event famous in history or it is itself of historical significance. Blenheim Palace, built for the Duke of Marlborough, is an example of the former. The Ironbridge in Coalbrookdale, the first cast iron bridge of significant span, is an example of the latter.

It would need a conference as dedicated and distinguished as this one to decide who were the people to be considered famous in history. No doubt a list would be prepared (with no right of appeal except by personal representation). It would be necessary to include all aspects of human activity, political, military, academic, artistic and so on and within each category the degree of eminence would range from parchial to international.

But we must remember that in these cases it is the work which these people did in their particular fields which is of historical interest. In general the buildings within which they were born or died or did some of their work is of secondary importance. For instance, is the appreciations of the work of Wordsworth enhanced by the continued preservation of Dove Cottage? The answer must be a conditional 'yes' and of course it forms an appropriate focus for relics and mementoes of his life. It must be recognised, however, that if Dove Cottage were to fall down, which ultimately it will do, we should still be able to cherish Wordsworths great gift to humanity - his poetic imagery and his beautiful forms of expression and use of language.

I feel that buildings with historical connections of this kind should be preserved so long as money is available for their maintenance and so long as they continue to make a relevant twentieth century contribution, but I consider that this could be done quite adequately through normal planning procedures and that the additional protection listing them is not necessary. It is important not to ignore the effectiveness of normal procedures.

In the analogous case of belt and braces we are surely aware that the removal of the belt does not imply the immediate falling down of that which we wish to remain up. Indeed I and many others are living proof that even the subsequent removal of braces also does not necessarily lead to a lowering of standards. So it is with buildings. Many buildings now listed would certainly remain standing and well maintained in the absence of any statutory protection. I am in favour of normal planning protection in this instance but consider double safeguards to be superfluous.

Buildings which are themselves of historical significance, and I think of Stonehenge and Fountains Abbey in this connection, are rather different. Here it is the building itself which is of importance and if this is destroyed so also is most of the contribution which that building makes to our historical heritage. All that can then remain are plans and records and legends. It seems therefore that for such buildings a stronger case for preservation and conservation can be made than for those associated with a notable person or event. But even here careful analysis and assessment must be made. The location of the buildings makes a considerable difference. There is a need for a local interpretation of the significance of the buildings - and

this should again be possible through enlightened use of normal planning procedures. Examples, such as Ironbridge, which are of national, if not of worldwide significance, justify the additional safeguard of listing but many other buildings of more local historical merit should be considered locally where their true value should be more clearly understood.

In some special cases it may well be that a building of less than the greatest significance is associated with a person of some historical importance. In such situations the case for conservation is clearly greater than had either criterion existed above.

#### OTHER CRITERIA

Although this paper deals specifically with architectural and aesthetic criteria there are a number of other factors which must be taken into account in deciding whether or not a building should be preserved. The relative weights of these criteria will vary with each particular example and there will be circumstances when one or more of these other considerations outweighs the architectural and historical ones.

Examples of such criteria are buildings which exhibit technical innovation or virtuosity and buildings which have a greater value as a member of a group than they have as an individual unit. Increasing note is being taken of buildings which though having no particular merit themselves are part of the 'cherished local scene.' There is a greater awareness that preservation may be justified because a building holds a place high in the affections of the local people.

The general locality must always have an influence on deciding whether or not a building is worthy of preservation. For instance, a Victorian building in York may have greater significance there than in Bradford, where practically all major buildings are Victorian.

I can do not more than to acknowledge the importance of these other criteria whilst confining attention to my terms of reference.

#### CONCEPT OF LISTING

I should now like to examine the whole concept of listing of buildings. Whilst on the surface appearing to be altruistic and based upon a desire to preserve our heritage and to hand on to future generations the architectural glories of the past, the remarkably strong growth of societies for preservation and the related desire to formulate lists is, I suggest, indicative of lack of confidence.

There is a lack of confidence in planners. The very idea of listing special buildings implies that the planning officials in the course of their normal duties may not make sound judgements. There is the suspicion that errors of judgement will be made sufficiently often to warrant the institution of special procedures in the case of certain buildings. The lack of confidence may be justified, since most of the legislation is such as to make it easier, when in doubt, to say no rather than yes. Because of this, planning tends to become a process of frustration which does not foster a positive constructive atmosphere. This in turn may discourage those who have a real contribution to make from entering the profession.

There is lack of confidence in the ability of designers and architects to produce buildings of better quality than those being replaced. Again there may be good reasons for this. William Kent in the eighteenth century had no doubt that his work was an improvement on what went before. George Gilbert Scott in the nineteenth knew in his own mind that his contribution was genuinely worthwhile. Nowadays many of us are less sure, and this feeling of diffidence and uncertainty is shared by many architects. In many ways it permeates our whole lives. In a sense it is part of the quality of our age.

It is clear that we can no longer produce stone masterpieces like the Houses of Parliament, but should not wish to any more than we wish to reproduce the Arch of Titus or the Great Pyramid of Gizeh.

This age is a technological one. The technical performance of a building is more important than its appearance. Lighting, heating and ventilating are increasingly important design concepts. Present day buildings are characterised by control of atmosphere and working conditions. Skill is in the use of structure and economy of resources. We have not yet got it quite right but we architects are trying (or had you noticed)?

The dangers of listing are associated with its restrictive nature. Initiative becomes choked. In attempting to avoid bad or insensitive development we may also stifle genius, the unexpected, the brilliant breaking of rules which produces masterpieces. I fear that we may be left with the humdrum and the mediocre.

#### SUMMARY

Having analysed the subject of architectural and historical criteria as widely and as deeply as time will allow may I reiterate my views on one or two of the more important points. This must be incomplete and to some extent out of balance, but I shall refer to those matters which appear to me to be of greater significance at the moment.

First may I dispel the idea that because a building is not listed it will, therefore, be demolished. This is not so. The fact, for instance, that the house where Roger Suddards lives is not listed does not mean its impending destruction. (It may have a list but it is not on a list). All proposed alterations and demolitions must go through normal planning procedures and this at a time when greater emphasis is being put on conservation and greater sensitivity and understanding is being shown by some planning authorities.

The listing procedure is designed to direct additional attention to buildings of outstanding significance. The list should therefore, be restricted to buildings of such quality that they merit this additional attention.

All buildings have a finite life. Ultimately they will all disappear. Many of our famous buildings are now so venerable that merely to keep them from becoming dangerous involves tremendous expense. All very old buildings must be considered extremely carefully, and their very age may be a factor in favour of letting them fall down rather than propping them up. We can only afford to retain a limited number of ancient buildings especially those which are preserved merely as objects for veneration or historical observation.

We live in an age when interest in old buildings and the heritage within our environment increases day by day. More people are aware of the spirit of William Morris's dictum

"... these old buildings do not belong to us only... they belong to our forefathers and they will belong to our descendent unless we play them false... we are only trustees for those that come after us."

But this very increase in interest and its associated increase in knowledge and involvement will mean that more buildings will be preserved through normal processes. And we must avoid the blind clutching to our bosom of all old buildings in an attempt to fend off all attempts to touch them (the buildings I mean). My plea is for balance and wisdom and for a cool careful and considered assessment of the true worth of each example.

I repeat therefore my suggestion for a sensitive but sensible reduced list to be drawn up by well-informed, understanding professionals. Buildings on this list would be defended stoutly as comprising the minimum core of architectural and historical heritage which must survive if we wish to remain a cultured society. Society must find the resources to preserve these examples. Other buildings would then be considered on their merits, care being taken that we do not encumber our environment with empty shells and lifeless skeletons gradually falling into decay and gathering cobwebs like a hoard of geological fossils in a collectors attic.

Finally, I would make a plea for confidence in ourselves and in our future. The designers we generate are as much a product of our society as we are and whether we like it or not we must believe that their work is imbued with the quality of our time as much as buildings of an earlier age reflected theirs.