CORRESPONDENCE WITH CHELMSFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL RE LOCAL LISTING

Q. You have kindly commented in the past about this scrutiny which the County Council is undertaking. At a recent meeting oral evidence was given by Mr Michael Herbert who I think is known to you.

As a result of what he said, the Committee has asked if you could provide conformation on whether the Borough Council has any form of 'Local Supplementary Listing' in addition to the Listed Building register? If so, would this be a fairly standard practice at District/Borough level?

I would be grateful for your response please.

GRAHAM

A. Thank you for your email.

Chelmsford has a Local Register, which is aimed at identifying unlisted significant buildings of local interest. Information can be found at: http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=15957

The main limiting factor of this is that it brings no additional controls (unlike other heritage designations), other than being a consideration where planning permission is required in any event.

This is not common thought Essex; some boroughs/districts have local lists, but most are not based on clearly defined selection criteria and thus carry little weight.

Regards

Michael Hurst