



Bath Heritage Watchdog

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APPLICATION NUMBER: 13/04571/LBA

ADDRESS: Street Record, Lark Place

PROPOSAL: Alteration to include the re-location and re-paint of the Mile Marker.

CASE OFFICER: John Davey

DATE: 2 February 2014

COMMENT: STRONG OBJECTION

Bath Heritage Watchdog notes the correspondence and revised drawings dated 28 January 2014, but maintains its OBJECTION to the proposals. This comment should be read alongside our previous comments.

We note that the applicants now intend to retain the Parish Boundary Marker but still intend to move the milestone. This entirely misses the point that the importance of the milestone is its exact position.

Listing by definition in the National Heritage Act means the asset is of national importance. English Heritage noted in their consultation response 'The significance of a milestone such as this is largely its location at a certain distance from the point it marks', therefore moving it any distance, no matter what that distance is, is harmful to its significance. All the evidence points to the milestone currently being in its original position, and the only way the current legislation would permit any relocation would be if the applicants show a public benefit greater than that resulting from leaving it exactly where it is. This has not been achieved to date, and judging from the volume of public objections on this planning application, it is unlikely to be achieved.

We also note that there is no additional comment from English Heritage and query whether they have been re-consulted on the proposals.

The applicants should seek an alternative access point for their development which does not cause considerable harm to a nationally important structure.