Dear Sir/Madam

Formby and Little Altcar Neighbourhood Plan

Thank you for consulting Historic England on the above.

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In terms of the neighbourhood plan we have the following comments to make:

• Para 2.5.2 - sets out the Plan’s brief for heritage yet it does not appear to mention heritage – rather makes reference to the appearance of buildings and the character of Formby and Little Altcar. Given the large number of designated assets including two of high significance (the Dovecote and Formby Hall), the large amount of the Plan which includes reference to it, it should be mentioned within this section for consistency.
• Para 2.7.1 - all listed buildings are statutory but the sentence seems to imply that the ones in Formby are different to the ones in Little Altcar. This should be amended. In addition, the table incorrectly refers to the status of heritage assets.
• Table - There are two types of Grade II assets defined in the top two lines of the table. Is this meaning reference to Grade II* and Grade II? This needs to be corrected as the colour coding would mean that the Dovecote and Formby Hall are listed as Grade II and they are Grade II*.
• Para 3.4.1 - We welcome the vision statement that seeks to retain the towns unique historic character. However, Section 3 the vision and objectives would benefit from reference to the historic environment as it features quite heavily in the area.
• Section 4: There is an opportunity to include a heritage policy to help positively sustain and enhance the various assets and the area’s historic environment.

If you have any queries about this matter or would like to discuss anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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