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This Action Plan will revive the City Council’s approach to heritage and conservation following the disruption of the Covid 19 Pandemic. It is based on the acclaimed 2015-30 Heritage Strategy, which led to various achievements prior to 2020. The aim of this Action Plan is to make positive changes in the built environment or via associated resources that support conservation in the city.

Projects

- The revival of the Nottingham Building Preservation Trust
- Reducing the number of Heritage Buildings at Risk
- Revive the revisions process for conservation area documents
- Seek to improve local authority conservation resources
- Improve the quality of information for the local list database
- Deposit City Planning Records 1980-2000 with Nottinghamshire Archives
- Investigate the concept of placing an Article 4 on specific conservation areas
- Reassess the Middleton Boulevard Conservation Strategy
- Create a Heritage Brief for the Guildhall Site
- Develop a sustainable energy strategy with social housing providers
- Support and advise the redevelopment of the former Inland Revenue complex
- Maintain the Heritage and Urban Design approach

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Projects 1–4

Projects	Partners	Finish
1 The revival of the Nottingham Building Preservation Trust This new preservation trust will be revived with a new Chair and funds applied to appoint a full-time officer. The officer's brief will be to work on specific building projects to enhance the character and appearance of the city.	NCC, Historic England, Civic Society, Property owners	August 2025
2 Reducing the number of Heritage Buildings at Risk The following buildings are currently a priority for the city council's conservation team. We will actively work towards securing their maintenance: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- County House, High Pavement- Clifton Dovecote, Clifton- Capital Cinema, Radford- Woodborough Road Baptist Church, St Ann's	NCC, Historic England, Property owners	Ongoing
3 Revive the revisions process for conservation area documents The city council has 31 conservation areas and each of these requires a regular revision of their appraisal documentation. At present the council does not have the recourse to conduct this work in house, however officers will prioritise which appraisal documents need updating and seek to secure funds for their revision.	NCC, Heritage Lottery Fund, Historic England,	Ongoing
4 Seek to improve local authority conservation resources Nottingham city council currently has the equivalent of x1 full-time Principal Conservation Officer. This is not commensurate with the scale of the city and its planning applications. Therefore the local authority will actively seek to improve upon this resource.	NCC, Heritage Lottery Fund, Historic England	Ongoing

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Projects 5–7

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<p>5 Deposit City Planning Records 1980-2000 with Nottinghamshire Archives</p> <p>Nottingham City Council has hundreds of planning application documents from c.1980 to 2000. Nottinghamshire Archives are the city's main repository of historic planning documents which currently date from c.1875 to 1980. The City Council will work with archivists to ensure that these records are preserved for future generations.</p>	NCC, Notts Archives	August 2025
<p>6 Improve the quality of information for the local list database</p> <p>The City Council will improve the architectural/historical data on the GIS for our 600 locally listed buildings. We will aim to work on 50 locally listed buildings per year. This will help raise the significance of these buildings so that developers and planners can easily assess their significance. Nottingham has some of the best city planning records and local history libraries with the country, this huge resource can support the local listing database.</p>	NCC, Nottingham Civic Society, Notts Archives, The East Midlands Collection	August 2025
<p>7 Investigate the concept of placing an Article 4 on specific conservation areas</p> <p>A number of nearby local authorities such as Leicester and Newark & Sherwood have successfully placed Article 4 Directions on various conservation areas. This has helped to reduce the number of harmful applications and preserve the appearance of these areas. The city council will investigate the possibility of placing an Article 4 Direction upon Conservation Areas which suffer from intensive development.</p>	NCC, The Park Trust, The Wollaton Historical & Conservation Society	August 2025

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Projects 8–10

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8	Reassess Middleton Boulevard Conservation Strategy The Middleton Boulevard Conservation Area is one of the most unique council estates in the country. Because of its innovative 1920s prefabricated construction it is also challenging to adapt for modern purposes. Nottingham City Council will study developments over the last decade and create a strategy for managing proposed changes.	NCC	Ongoing
9	Create a Development Brief for the Guildhall Site Redeveloping the Guildhall Site has proved challenging for everyone involved. All buildings upon this site have now been listed and this has provided an opportunity to think afresh. The city council will therefore go to the market with a prepared Development Brief that clearly outlines what can be done with this complex site with preserving the character and appearance of these building.	NCC	Autumn 2023
10	Develop a sustainable energy strategy with social housing providers and community organisations Social housing providers across the city are under pressure to reduce energy costs within their housing stock. Currently there are various funding schemes that encourage the use of intensive changes such as External Wall Insulation. This poses a risk to the successful preservation of heritage buildings. The City Council will work with social housing providers and community organisations to ensure a sensible strategy that finds the right balance between harm and public benefit.	NCC, NCHA, Green Meadows	August 2025

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Projects 11–12

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11 Support and advise the redevelopment of the former Inland Revenue complex The University of Nottingham have recently secured the future of the Grade II listed former Inland Revenue Building at Castle Meadow. This is a huge opportunity for the University to provide service for post-graduate students that will help to diversify the city's economy. It is also a huge change of use upon a complex site. This will require a careful and thorough assessment of the various planning applications by the City Council.	NCC, UON, Hopkins Architects	Ongoing
12 Maintain the Heritage and Urban Design team approach The city council has limited resources but it is strong in matters of urban design. The Heritage and Urban Design team engage early with developers and thoroughly review applications using the acclaimed Design Quality Framework. This has ensured that many new buildings (such at No1 Island Quarter and Vita Station Street), are delivered with historical context and modern creativity. This approach should continue and be clearly communicated within a revised Design Quality Framework Website.	NCC	August 2025

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