

Abstract

Interest groups such as the Heritage alliance have expressed concerns around how current planning Policy creates more barriers to using Heritage led Development as a concept in projects than it does to facilitate it with concerns such as extremely high VAT rates and bias towards listed properties being frequently brought up.

From the evidence already available, there appears to be an impact, with Historic England outlining how almost 5000 Historic Buildings and Heritage Assets are listed on the at risk register with a further 175 being added in 2022 while only 223 were removed bringing into question the uptake of Heritage based projects.

This research will aim to identify current planning policies impacting Heritage assets, and assess their effectiveness in facilitating heritage led Development projects for a range of different Stakeholders. Interviews will be a key method in gathering an insight into the way in which different stakeholders, such as Development firms of varying size, perceive the impact of which policy has on the uptake of Heritage led Redevelopment projects allowing for key issues to be identified. A case study review will also enable the research to shed light on how existing policy has affected past projects such as the Redevelopment of Millennium Mills.

The intended outcome for this Research will be to create a set of key suggestions for improvements in policy which will ensure that Heritage led Development can be an accessible and viable option for firms looking to invest in such projects.

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