

## **Heritage Charter for the Civil Parish of Battle**

### Purpose of the Charter

1. Maintain the historic small town character and core of Battle.
2. Given this is an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, protect the historic and scenic setting of Battle, Telham and Netherfield.
3. Make every effort to maintain and promote, for the benefit of residents and visitors, the heritage of Battle, Telham and Netherfield.

### Actions to sustain our historic environment

The principles above for preserving the historic building environment and its landscape context, should be applied to all issues impacting on Battle Civil Parish, such as housing developments with accompanying strain on infrastructure, encouragement of business/employment, traffic congestion, parking, turnover of shops and businesses. Green spaces and trees are recognised as an essential characteristic of the Battle, Telham and Netherfield area so developments which impact or compromise them must show a special need for the development to happen at all ; and satisfactory efforts at screening and retention of notable natural features of the land in question.

Battle Town Council will:

Work against the loss of or compromise to statutory listed and locally listed buildings in the Battle and Netherfield area and will maintain a local list of buildings and landscapes ( if possible under the aegis of the Neighbourhood Plan) which will be treated for purposes of any nearby developments, as if they were non-designated heritage assets.

Continue the initiatives of the Heritage Working Party in the area of heritage and historic environment. After its remit is complete, the Heritage Charter will be embedded in the work of all Council committees.

Monitor the condition of: buildings in the Conservation Area; buildings of note which may be at risk; and the condition of areas in the public realm, and report to Rother District Council and East Sussex County Council as appropriate.

Seek all means to promote and market the heritage of the town for the benefit of residents and visitors, such as but not restricted to: renovation of the Almonry into an educational community centre; creation of a Tourist Information Centre; and develop public understanding of the heritage thread and heritage trail concepts through walks and tours. Opportunities will be taken to improve the presentation of the heritage of Battle in public places such as car parks and the train station.

Continue to support local organisations working on the heritage of Battle. The Battle and District Historical Society and other interested groups and parties will be asked to advise as appropriate, about matters concerning the heritage of the area.

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