

Relevant Information for Council

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TO: Lord Mayor and Councillors

FROM: Andrew Thomas, Acting Director City Planning Development and Transport

SUBJECT: Information Relevant To Item 8.2– Post Exhibition – Planning Proposal – Modern Movement Heritage Items – William Bland Centre

For Noting

This memo is for the information of the Lord Mayor and Councillors.

Purpose

To advise Council of an update to the inventory information for the William Bland Centre.

Background

At the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee meeting of 7 December 2020, owners of the William Bland Centre expressed concern that including the lightwells in the listing will prevent future alterations, such as for structural bracing.

City staff advised that listing the lightwells and other building features does not prevent changes. It ensures impacts on significant features are assessed when major changes are proposed through a development application or 'heritage works without consent' notification.

In response to this concern, City staff indicated that some advice on lightwell alterations could be included in the inventory. A point on lightwell alterations has been added to the Recommended Management section of the inventory at Attachment A. Alongside other general guidance, the new sentence states:

'Alterations to lightwells should minimise impacts on original features, such as steel windows, and its function for providing light to floors, where possible.'

Inventories provide information and guidance but do not direct the form of development, which is determined through the development application process.

Owners may also prepare more detailed conservation policies or guidance through a conservation management plan or heritage impact statement when specific works are planned.

The inventory is for noting only, as it does not form part of the planning proposal. Inventories can continue to be updated as new information becomes available.

Memo from Andrew Thomas, Acting Director City Planning Development and Transport

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Attachments

Attachment A. Updated Heritage Inventory - William Bland Centre

Approved

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