

Who we are

KMHeritage provides advice, guidance and support on all aspects of the historic built environment. With a background in the private and public sectors, KMHeritage understands the needs and objectives of the various stakeholders in this field.

The principal of KMHeritage is Kevin Murphy B.Arch MUBC RIBA IHBC. Between 1999 and 2004, Kevin was an Inspector of Historic Buildings in the London Region of English Heritage. Prior to his time at English Heritage he had been a conservation officer with the London Borough of Southwark, and led the Conservation & Design Team at the London Borough of Hackney. He trained as an architect and has a specialist qualification in urban and building conservation. He has worked in Ireland, France, Scotland and England.

Kevin Murphy was included for a number of years on the Heritage Lottery Fund's Directory of Expert Advisers.

What we do

The experience of KMHeritage in the full range of public and private sectors ensures that we are familiar with issues surrounding the public perception of the built heritage and how such issues are dealt with.

This experience - in private sector architecture, in local government and at English Heritage - allows KMHeritage to offer broad insight, knowledge of issues and an expert understanding of historic buildings and areas.

KMHeritage advises owners, developers, architects and surveyors, planners, conservation and design teams, public sector heritage bodies, amenity groups, regeneration agencies and all who have a role in the historic built environment.

We do the following things:

- **Development advocacy and advice**
- **PPG 15 statements**
- **Preparation of conservation statements and management plans**
- **Architectural research and analysis**
- **Building appraisals**
- **Design and access statements**
- **Conservation area appraisals, statements and guidance**
- **Design guidance for historic buildings and areas**
- **Preparation and implementation of enhancement and regeneration schemes**
- **Preparation, assessment and monitoring of conservation grant schemes**
- **Acting as an expert witness**
- **Contract conservation casework advice and special projects for local authorities**
- **Advice on the selection of consultants for historic buildings work**

Development and conservation-led regeneration

We work extensively in the area of advice, advocacy and support for commercial development affecting the historic built environment. We advise clients and design teams as they develop projects, meet and negotiate with local planning authorities and English Heritage, and prepare material to explain and justify proposals in terms of national and local guidance on the historic built environment. We have also acted for local planning authorities in assessing such proposals.

We have worked on projects for major developments, including significant tall building proposals, in London, Manchester and Leeds; regeneration schemes affecting conservation areas, listed buildings and World Heritage Sites; and on individual schemes for specific listed buildings and sites in conservation areas.

We also advise and guide clients regarding the potential listing of their properties, and frequently prepare representations to English Heritage and Department of Culture, Media and Sport on their behalf.

Analysis and assessment

KMHeritage's work in the area of heritage analysis and guidance has included preparing management guidelines and agreements for Alexandra Road Estate (Grade II*) and the Brunswick Centre (Grade II) in Camden, and the preparation of draft Heritage Partnership Agreements for listed London Underground Stations and for Centre Point (Grade II). Whilst at English Heritage, Kevin Murphy was involved with the preparation of similar documents for Congress House (Grade II*), Senate House (Grade II*) and UCL (Grades II, II* and I). Also while at English Heritage, Kevin regularly provided advice to the Heritage Lottery Fund on applications for grant assistance for historic buildings. KMHeritage has completed a Conservation Appraisal for the Grade II* Huntingdon Town Hall, a Conservation Management Plan for the Grade II Lansbury Lawrence School in Tower Hamlets, and is working on a Conservation Management Plan for Hammersmith Town Hall. Our most recent work in this area has been the assessment of the listed buildings that make up Southport Cultural Centre and a Heritage Impact Assessment of new proposals.

Expert witness work

Kevin Murphy frequently appears as an expert heritage witness at public inquiries and informal hearings. In recent months he has participated in successful appeals concerning major developments in City Road in London, Eltham and in central Huddersfield, as well as in a range of other cases.

Who we work with

Clients of KMHeritage include: West Properties, Targetfollow, The Beetham Organization, Minerva PLC, Derwent London, Core, Somerset House, More London, Fidelity, The Tate Gallery, The Curragh Partnership/Steamboat Developments, St James Investments, Crosby Lend Lease, Crest Nicholson, Allied London, Tesco, Prupim, Cathedral Group, Cushman & Wakefield Investors, English Heritage, Mirvac, Kajima, Bonhams, Drivers Jonas, Her Majesty's Court Service, Levitt Bernstein Architects, London Borough of Camden, London Borough of Tower Hamlets, London Borough of Wandsworth, Feilden + Mawson Associates, Purcell Miller Tritton Architects, Cleveland Developments, Savills Hephher Dixon, TP Bennett Architects, Young

and Co., Babcock and Brown/Tower Hamlets Schools PFI project, HDG Developments, The Chartered Institute of Insurers, Assael Architects, Jones Lang LaSalle, LaSalle Investment Management, John McAslan + Partners, Travelodge, Network Rail, Crosby Lend Lease, University College London, Gravesham Borough Council, The Prudential Insurance Company Limited... and many others.

Selected projects

These are *some* of the projects and activities that KMHeritage has been engaged on in recent years. Please contact us if you would like to know more about any of these, or if you have any questions about us, and what we do.

- Achieving listed building consent for the demolition of the auditorium of the Grade II former Odeon Cinema in Well Hall Road, Eltham as part of a project to convert the building to mixed-use.
- Preparation of a Planning Policy Guidance 15 case for the demolition of a mid-19th century warehouse in Liverpool as a part of the redevelopment of the site for a new Magistrates Court building.
- Visual Impact Assessment, Environmental Assessment and conservation area appraisal work for the Potato Wharf development, Manchester.
- Advice and advocacy for a tall building proposal on the Monroe's Pub site opposite Piccadilly Station in Manchester.
- Preparation of a case for the demolition of two houses in the Hampstead Garden Suburb Conservation Area in Barnet, for replacement by new houses.
- Advice and advocacy regarding the design of elevations for the Origin project on Whitworth Street in Manchester.
- Initial strategic advice regarding the development of a brown field site on the Greenwich peninsula in London.
- Advice, guidance, and advocacy for the redevelopment of a riverside warehouse in Hammersmith.
- Advice and advocacy regarding the refurbishment of the Grade II* Pond House in Clapton, and the erection of new houses in its setting.
- Historic environmental assessment and conservation area appraisal work for a large residential development on a vacant site south of Earls Court in London

- Drafting the Cultural Heritage Chapter for the Environmental Statement for Bath Western Riverside, a major regeneration project by Crest Nicholson within the Bath World Heritage Site.
- Advice and advocacy, and the preparation of Planning Policy Guidance 15 statements and ES Heritage and Visual Impact Assessment chapters, in respect of a major new development on the site of the Ramada Hotel site in Manchester.
- Providing heritage advice and acting as liaison with English Heritage in respect of the redevelopment of the Ram Brewery in Wandsworth London.
- Negotiation with English Heritage regarding the proposed Beetham Tower at No. 1 Blackfriars Road, London.
- Acting for the BBC in the matter of the proposed listing of BBC TV Centre, Wood Lane.
- Acting as an expert witness in successful appeals against refusal of planning and listed building consent applications for mixed-use developments in Union Street, Southwark and in Eltham, Greenwich.
- Acting as an expert witness in a successful appeal against refusal of planning permission for an extension to a shopping centre in Huddersfield
- Advising Gravesham Borough Council regarding a major redevelopment project in the historic centre of Gravesend.
- Supporting a successful application for listed building consent to refurbish a Grade II London City Council Fire Station in Tooley Street, Southwark for use as offices and bar/restaurant
- Advice to UCL regarding the redevelopment of a site in the Bloomsbury Conservation Area for use by the School of Law
- Submission of an application to the Department of Culture, Media and Sport for a Certificate of Immunity from Listing in respect of a building in Tower Hamlets, London.
- Management guidelines and agreements for Alexandra Road Estate (Grade II*) and the Brunswick Centre (Grade II), post-war listed housing in London

- Preparation of draft Heritage Partnership Agreements for listed London Underground Stations and for Centre Point (Grade II) as part of a series of English Heritage Pilot Projects on statutory management agreements for the Department of Culture, Media and Sport
- Examining the feasibility of a Heritage Partnership Agreement for Holkham Hall, a Grade I house and registered landscape in Norfolk
- Advising on the possible listing of a Board School in Bethnal Green
- Preparation of a conservation appraisal and supporting statement for the refurbishment of the Grade II Lansbury Lawrence School in East London
- Undertaking a study of car parking and access arrangements at Down House, the Grade I home of Charles Darwin and an English Heritage property presently the subject of a World Heritage Site nomination
- Assessing the significance of individual buildings and area character in an early industrial quarter in Stratford, East London
- Successful representation and support of a proposal to demolish a building in St. James's Square for replacement by a new apartment building.
- Preparation of a conservation appraisal for Huntingdon Town Hall, a Grade II* court house and civic building
- Advising Young and Co regarding their listed buildings at the Ram Brewery, Wandsworth, and in particular in the matter of fixtures and fittings
- Appearing as an expert witness at public inquiries for a residential development affecting a conservation area in Haringey and the demolition of a unlisted building in a conservation area in Tonbridge
- Preparation of conservation plans for the listed Lansbury Lawrence school in Tower Hamlets and Hammersmith Town Hall.

While at English Heritage, Kevin Murphy was involved in projects such as:

- Kings Cross Station: a major refurbishment project, and a proposal for a new western concourse
- Kings Cross Central: the major scheme by Argent for the regeneration of the Kings Cross Railway Lands

- Senate House: various alterations to the iconic Grade II* centrepiece of the University of London
- St. George, Bloomsbury: the major refurbishment and enhancement of facilities at the Grade I church by Nicholas Hawksmoor in Bloomsbury
- University College London: various alterations to the Grade I Wilkins building and other parts of the campus
- Congress House: ongoing proposals for the iconic Grade II* TUC head quarters building
- Swiss Cottage Library: the refurbishment of the Grade II library by Sir Basil Spence
- The BT Tower: proposals for the enhancement of the recently listed Post Office Tower
- The Roundhouse: the refurbishment of the former rail shed for continued use as a performance space
- The Soane Museum: repair and refurbishment of the Grade I Soane house in Lincoln's Inn Fields
- The new headquarters of the Wellcome Trust on Euston Road by Michael Hopkins and Partners

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