Basford Library Vernon Road

Local Heritage Asset Register

Basford HA540



Status:	Recommendation to add
Age:	Early to Mid-20th Century
Conservation Area:	No
Date added to the list:	
Condition:	Good

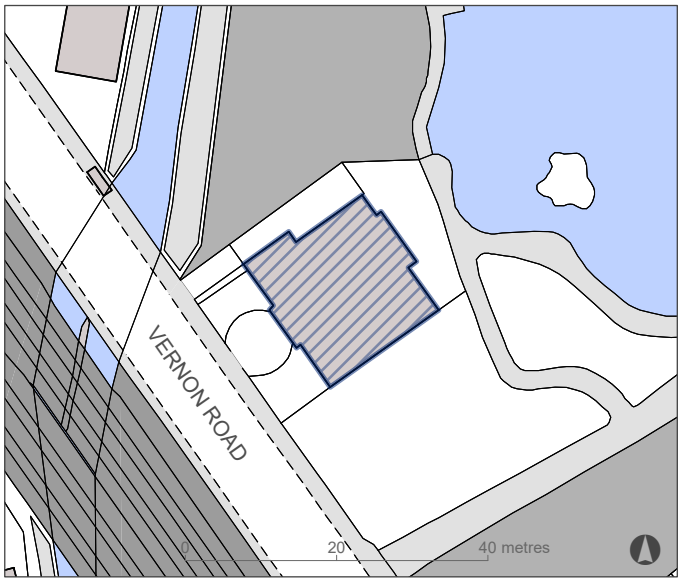
Assessment against Local Criteria

1. Age: 1925
2. Asset type: Public Library
3. Good example of a 20th century public library built in the classical style

Reason for Designation

A purpose-built lending library architecturally borrowing from the classical tradition to show the status of the building. The building of libraries in Nottingham suburbs showed an increased importance of education and accessibility of books in the early twentieth-century.

Local List Proposal



Description

1925 by F Evans & son. Neo Georgian purpose built library with symmetrical façade in brick with Portland Stone dressings. Very fine stone doorcase with pair of fluted Doric columns. Pediment with insciption: 'Nottingham Public Libraries Basford Branch'. Original cast iron rainwater goods, glazing bar sashes and timber front door. Hipped slate roof with Portland Stone eaves line and central cupola. Bulwell Stone dwarf boundary wall to front. SEE BASFORD HISTORIC AREA ASSESSMENT

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Additional Description:

Foundation stone laid 1925 and the library opened on 30th November 1926. The scheme to build a library in Basford has been under consideration for several years, but World War I delayed the erection of the building. The original layout contained a reading room, newsroom and magazine and general reference room, a lending library, a children's reading room and an attendance office. The building underwent renovation in 1981 by the County Architect's department including new flooring, new lighting system, furnishings, decoration, new shelving and fittings. The fittings were from Gibson Lea. A new community room was also created in the area of the original junior reading room.

Heritage category:	Building
Asset type:	Cultural & Entertainment
Original use:	
Current use:	Cultural or Entertainment
Currently occupied:	Yes
Architect, style / material:	1925 F Evans & son
Condition:	Good

Part of a group of heritage assets:

No

Associated with historical events or people:

Is it associated with any buried remains or archaeology? If so please describe:

How is it of importance to the local community? :

Selection Panel Date:	Date added to the list:
18/12/2018	

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