



# Listing and the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act

## Applications for Certificates of Immunity from Listing

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The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act (ERRA) has resulted in a relaxation of approaches to Certificates of Immunity from Listing (COI), which can now be applied for at any time, not just in relation to a planning application. COIs are useful mechanisms for ascertaining the listing status of a building and last for five years. Applications for a COI should be submitted to Historic England (HE) via the online [application form](#). The application should be supported by enough detailed information to enable HE to assess it. The more detailed the information submitted early on in the application process, the faster we will be able to take it forward.

The preparation of the application should be undertaken by a party able to supply HE with an objective appraisal which assists us in determining the case. The application should be set against the criteria laid out in the [Principles of Selection for Listing Buildings](#) (DCMS 2010) and make reference to the relevant HE [Designation Selection Guides](#). It should be noted that an application may be delayed if inadequate documentation is provided.

The supporting information should include a comprehensive history of the building, with a detailed description of its historic and architectural interest that explains the evidence for, and interpretation of, its development and phasing. This supporting information should include documentary evidence such as historic maps, images and research reports, and include a list of the sources used in completing the research, see our [Apply for Listing](#) page on the Historic England website for more information. As a minimum, the relevant [Historic Environment Record](#) (HER) and local studies archive should have been consulted, as should the [National Heritage List for England](#) (NHLE). The application should include recent colour photographs which give a clear overall impression of the building, including detailed shots of any elements of particular note such as a plaque or fixed sculpture. Internal photographs



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should be supplied showing the principal spaces and any noteworthy fixtures and fittings. Copies of any historic photographs of the building and any elements of particular note are also requested if available.

It should be noted that COIs offer immunity from listing only. Other designation outcomes such as the scheduling of ancient monuments and archaeological areas, and the registration of parks, gardens, and battlefields may still apply on any sites granted a COI. This is also the case for planning regulations (including heritage elements), as laid out under the [National Planning Policy Framework](#) (NPPF) managed by local planning authorities.

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