Nominate a Heritage Asset

Name and location of your candidate heritage asset

4 South Parade, Summertown OX2 7JL



1. WHAT IS IT? Is it one of the following?	Tick
a building or group of buildings	✓
a monument or site (an area of archaeological remains or a structure other	
than a building)	
a place (e.g. a street, park, garden or natural space)	
a landscape (an area defined by visual features or character, e.g. a city	
centre, village, suburb or field system)	

2. WHY IS IT INTERESTING? Is it interesting in any of the following ways?	Tick / Rank
Historic interest – a well documented association with a person, event,	✓
episode of history, or local industry	
Archaeological interest – firm evidence of potential to reveal more about the	
human past through further study	
Architectural interest – an example of an architectural style, a building of	✓
particular use, a technique of building, or use of materials	
Artistic interest – It includes artistic endeavour to communicate meaning or	
use of design (including landscape design) to enhance appearance	

What is it about the asset that provides this interest?

Historic: 4 South Parade was the first purpose-built shop in Summertown, and according to some reports the first purpose-built self-service store in the country.

Architectural: A Victorian red brick building with stone dressings that looks forward to an Edwardian style. It has a central gable with stone pediments and attractive features such as scrolls.

3. WHY IS IT LOCALLY VALUED? Is the interest of the asset valued locally for	Tick / Rank
any of the following reasons?	
Association : It connects us to people and events that shaped the identity or	
character of the area	
Illustration : It illustrates an aspect of the area's past that makes an important	
contribution to its identity or character	
Evidence : It is an important resource for understanding and learning about the	
area's history	
Aesthetics: It makes an important contribution to the positive look of the area	✓

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either by design or fortuitously	
Communal : It is important to the identity, cohesion, spiritual life or memory of	✓
all or part of the community	
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Communal: The Co-op building is important to the communal memory of the residents of Summertown.

Aesthetics: The building adds significantly to the visual appeal of South Parade and therefore has a high local townscape value.

4. WHAT MAKES ITS LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE SPECIAL? Do any of the following	Tick
features make the heritage significance of the asset stand out above the	
surrounding environment?	
Age Is it particularly old, or of a date that is significant to the local area?	✓
Rarity Is it unusual in the area or a rare survival of something that was once	✓
common?	
Integrity Is it largely complete or in a near to original condition?	✓
Group value Is it part of a group that have a close historic, aesthetic or	
communal association?	
Oxford's identity Is it important to the identity or character of the city or a	✓
particular part of it?	
Other Is there another way you think it has special local value?	
How does this contribute to its value?	

Age and Rarity: 4 South Parade was built in 1899 and is of a unique style for Summertown. Integrity: The building is largely complete and near to its original condition.