Application Type and Service

Type of Application:

Propose a NEW building or site to be added to the List

Service Type:

I want to use the free standard service (no fee)

Subject of your application

Tell us the name of the site you're applying for:

Ground Floor Flat, 8 Silverdale Road

Select the site's county or local planning authority from the list below:

Wirral District

Address Line 1:

8A SILVERDALE ROAD

Address Line 2:

OXTON

Address Line 3:

WIRRAL

Address Line 4:

CH43 2JR

Mapping

Extent Polygon drawn and saved:

No

I cannot use the map, so I will provide a description where it is instead:

Yes

Please enter a description of the location (3000 max characters):

The ground floor of 8 Silverdale Road CH43 2JR

Threat

Is the building or site under threat?

Yes

Please select the type of threat from the list below:

Other Threat

Will you forward a copy of the planning application / permission?

No

Description of Threat:

The entire house is to be sold. This will mean the ground floor sculptures and murals will be destroyed as part of general, residential refurbishment.

Ownership and Occupancy Information

Are you the owner of part, or all, of the building or site?

No

Are you the occupier of part, or all, of the building or site?

No

Are there any (other) owners /occupiers that you can give us details of?

Yes

Are these the details of an individual, or an organisation?

Organisation

Title:

Mr

First Name:

Russell

Last Name:

Canner

Owner / Occupier's Telephone Number:

0151 647 4671

Are they an owner, occupier, or both?

Owner

Briefly describe how much of the building/site they own (3000 max characters):

Entire building

Enter postcode here:

CH433DU

Address Line 1:

GROUND FLOOR; SPECTRUM HOUSE

Address Line 2:

20 PRENTON WAY

Address Line 3:

PRENTON

Address Line 4:

WIRRAL

Address Line 5:

CH43 3DU

Reasons for Application

Artistic Interest:

This is a major UK example of an outsider art visionary environment. The five ground-floor rooms are adorned with various artistic works, including two, outstanding hand-crafted concrete fireplaces. One is in the form of a lion's head and the other in the form of a bull's head. There are also two other hand-crafted fireplaces. One is a Roman bread oven, the other features sea monsters. The walls and ceilings of most rooms are decorated with murals. There are many free-standing artworks that collectively form a unique Gesamtkunstwerk. I researched and directed a documentary art series for Channel Four Television in 1998/99, where we travelled the globe looking at these kinds of visionary environments. The exceptional site at 8 Silverdale Road CH43 2JR is of international significance. It represents some 35 years of work by a single working-class man, Ronald Gittins.

Photographs

Can you upload any photographs to support this application?

Yes

Uploaded File:

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Uploaded File:

IMG\_0491.jpg

Uploaded File:

PP Martin Rons House 06.JPG

Uploaded File:

1-The-Keepers-Project-Ron-Gittins-Jan-Williams-Chris-Teasdale-Roman-Villa-Birkenhead-Liverpool-David-Clegg-Thieryy-Bal1-1536x1025.jpg

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Egyptian Hall wide.jpg

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IMG\_3762 copy.jpg

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IMG\_3990 copy.jpg

Uploaded File:

11.-kitchen-fireplace-with-candles.jpeg

Uploaded File:

IMG\_3734 copy.jpg

Do you need to send any photographs by email or by post?

No

Documents

Can you upload any documents to support this application?

No

Do you need to send any documents by email or by post?

No

Bibliographic References

Here you can tell us about the information sources you referred to that support your application. Can you provide any bibliographic references?

Yes

Website Reference:

Organisation/author: Ron's Place, Title: Website about Ron's Place (ground floor 8 Silverdale Road CH43 2JR), : 07/11/2022, URL: https://ronsplace.co.uk/

Article Reference:

Author/s: Slominski, Lisa, Article title: Ron's Place: the theatre of (personal) power, Date: 04/05/2022, Page references: pp1-2Journal title: Epidemiology and Psychiatric Sciences, Volume: 31

Website Reference:

Organisation/author: BBC, Title: Ron's house: Minotaur head and lion discovered in rented Birkenhead flat, : 07/11/2022, URL: https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/entertainment-arts-63067699

Website Reference:

Organisation/author: The Guardian/Mark Brown, Title: ‘Ron’s Place’: drive to save Birkenhead palace of outsider art, : 07/11/2022, URL: https://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/2022/sep/20/rons-place-drive-to-save-birkenhead-palace-of-outsider-art