

**PL010**

# Chelmsford Local Plan

Evidence Base Document

Addendum to Heritage  
Assessments

Technical Note - Update

Urban Sites April 2024

Covering Andrews Place,  
Chelmsford

December 2024

*Our Planning Strategy 2022 to 2041*

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## 1.0 Introduction

1.0 This note should be read in conjunction with the [Heritage Assessments Technical Note – Update, Urban Sites](#) published in April 2024.

## 2.0 Location

2.1 Andrews Place is located to the west of the city centre, c.500m west of Chelmsford Railway Station. Vehicle access is via the A1016 and there are pedestrian links to Wheatfield Way and the River Can.

## 3.0 Historic Background

3.1 The site lies on the periphery of the city centre and appears to have been undeveloped until the mid-twentieth century, when the current group of bungalows were built. Early twentieth century maps show industrial uses to the east, off Coval Lane, and residential streets to the north, with the site itself undeveloped.



*Third edition OS map, surveyed 1919, published 1924*

## 4.0 Designated and Non-designated Heritage Assets

4.1 To the east of the site lies Chelmsford Fire Station. It dates from 1959 and is included on the Council's Register of Buildings of Local Value for its architectural interest and the landmark status of the tower. The allocation site makes no contribution to the significance of the non-designated heritage asset, but it is important that the townscape status of the tower is maintained.

4.2 Within the site, at number 14 Andrews Place, is a blue plaque for Florence Attridge, a former Marconi employee. During her employment, she witnessed the first wireless radio transmission, by Guglielmo Marconi, in 1920. Her role involved making key radio components, including the coils, transformers and inductors. During World War II, Florence had progressed to the head of the coil winding shop, overseeing a team of women. She helped assemble British Type 3 Mark II radios, which used specialist miniature components and were issued to spies and resistance groups during the war.

4.3 In 1946, Florence Attridge was awarded the British Empire Medal (civil division) for her contribution to the war effort. She stayed in Chelmsford, marrying John Hayes in 1950 and moving to Andrews Place in 1969.

4.4 Florence passed away in 1975 whilst still a resident of Chelmsford. The bungalow does not possess sufficient architectural or historic interest to warrant retention, but it is desirable to re-use the blue plaque and/or celebrate her in some way, such as street naming or public art.

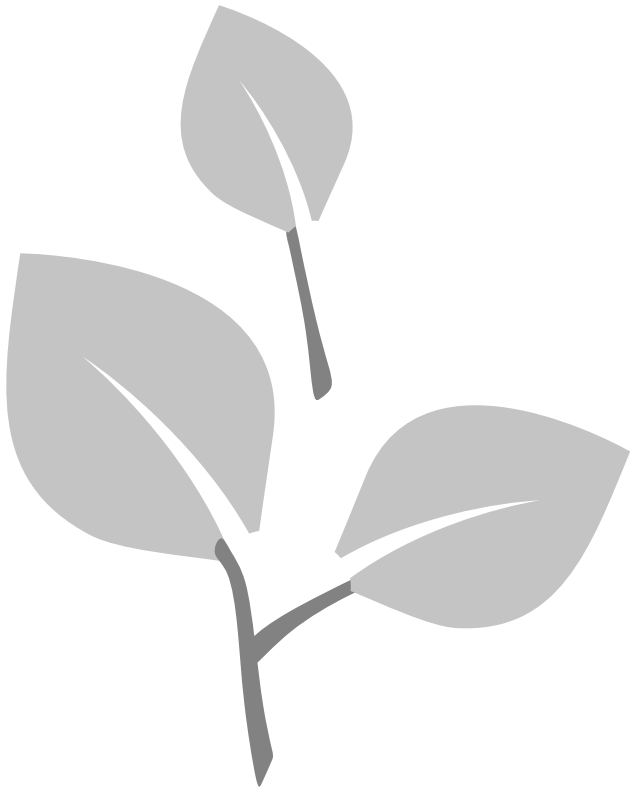


*Florence Attridge Blue Plaque at 14 Andrews Place*

4.5 There are no other designated or non-designated heritage assets in the vicinity of the site.

### **Principles for Andrews Place**

- Maintain the townscape status of the non-designated heritage asset Fire Station Tower.
- Celebrate the connection with Florence Attridge.



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