

Street Lighting					
Historic Building	Thematic survey				
Street furniture – street lighting	ID84+96+97+98+193+206+216+230+ 257+261+279+339+372+406				
Some included on local list					
					
1	2	3	4	5	6
<p>Description:</p> <p>Street lighting in the form of gas lamps arrived in 1816 in London. There followed a proliferation of cast-iron gas lamp posts in a prodigious range of designs. Early examples in Brighton & Hove were at the Old Steine in 1824 following the laying of mains. Electric street lighting was the product of the Victorian period, from about 1879 in London and in Brighton from the 1880s, firstly at the Royal Pavilion. Mains were laid in Brighton & Hove in the 1890s. Only minor modifications to gas lamps were required for electric use. Original surviving gas lamp columns can generally be distinguished by the presence of an electrical junction box addition at the top of the column. The new column patterns cast in Brighton & Hove from the late 19th century continued to be used until the 1930s. Original lanterns were generally replaced in the 20th century, usually with variants of the ‘swan neck’ type. In recent decades there has been a fashion for historicist lamp posts, sometimes using modern castings of old designs, and care needs to be taken when establishing genuine 19th century examples.</p> <p>There are five main types of standard cast iron street lighting column in Brighton & Hove, plus a few rarer types, including the much larger seafront columns (of which the Brighton ones are statutorily listed). Of five main types, two were designed as gas lamp columns. (column types 1 and 4) and two were designed as electric lamp columns and are much more common (column types 2 and 3). Very rare are the early type 5, which appears to be a gas lamp column, The type 6 electric light column in</p>					

Hove are much rarer than the other electric column types. In addition some rare examples of other patterns survive and the known examples are mostly statutorily listed. The main types are described as follows:

Column type 1 - Octagonal, panelled socle serves as a base for octagonal tapering shaft, panelled to match base, simple coved capital. Only found in Brighton

Column type 2 - Square plinth chamfered to an octagon with ribbed surface decoration, slender tapering shaft of clustered columns, calyx or bell capital. J Every of Lewis. Mostly found in Hove.

Column type 3 - Cylindrical socle with lockable compartment, often marked BLEECO; fluted, tapering shaft topped basket capital. Found in Brighton and Hove.

Column type 4 - Straight-sided post cast as fluted and tapering Tuscan column rising from a cylindrical impost block, single maintenance arm topped by plain cylindrical impost. Only found in Brighton

Column type 5 - Square base with broached corners, fluted column, two ladder arms, leaf capital. Makers name stamped on base. Only found in Brighton.

Column type 6 – Wide circular base with concave socle, circular projecting band with Tudor roses and egg and dart moulding below, topped by tapering fluted shaft with acanthus pattern to swelling foot and twin maintenance arm. Mainly found in Hove.

A further type of early electric lighting column is seen only in the historic public open spaces on Valley Gardens, having been installed in the 1920s following the redesign of the gardens by Captain MacLaren.

On the seafront in Hove there are distinctive tall electric lighting columns dating from 1923 and manufactured by J Every of Lewes (though three were replaced in the 1990s when new double lanterns were fitted at the eastern end).

A	Architectural, Design and Artistic Interest
i	Designs for cast iron lighting columns patterns in the 19 th century had local and regional distinctiveness.
ii	Cast iron street light columns were designed in a variety of patterns, often quite complex and ornate.
B	Historic and Evidential Interest
ii	Historic cast iron lighting columns, together with historic lanterns, help to illustrate the rapid growth and social change in Brighton & Hove in the second half of the 19 th century. Brighton & Hove were also early and enthusiastic adopters of electric lighting.
C	Townscape Interest
i	Cast iron street lights, particularly where they survive as a group in streets and squares, contribute very positively to the historic street scene in conservation areas.
iv	Historic street lights can be of particular interest when viewed in association with notable listed buildings or formal groups such as listed squares, crescents and terraces, as well as in historic parks and gardens.
E	Rarity and Representativeness
i	There are over nearly 5,000 remaining cast iron street lights in Brighton & Hove and therefore a degree of selectivity is required based on relative rarity and heritage context.
Recommendation:	<p>The criteria for designation of are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rare cast iron column patterns in conservation areas that are not one of the main types, unless it appears that they are examples of historicist replacements • Surviving examples of type 1, type 4, type 5 and type 6 columns in

conservation areas, where known and identified.

- Groups or rows of type 2 and type 3 columns where located in formal streets, squares, crescents or terraces of listed buildings or where associated with a notable listed building or historic open space.

The known locations of street lighting matching the above criteria are itemised on the list below and are to be included or retained on the local list. This may be added to if further rare examples come to light.

Bedford Square, Brighton – six type 3 columns

Belgrave Place, Brighton – three type 3 columns

Belton Road, Brighton – one type 1 column

Chapel Mews, Hove, outside St Andrews Church – type 2 column

Church Hill, Patcham – six type 3 columns

Crescent Road, Brighton – two type 1 columns

Cross Street, Hove – three type 2 columns

Clifton Terrace, Brighton – five type 3 columns

D'Aubigny Road, Brighton – one type 1 column and one type 4 column

Dyke Road, St Nicholas churchyard paths – one rare variant of type 1 column, and 6 type 3 columns

East Drive, Brighton, outside nos. 4 and 14 – two type 4 columns

East Drive, Brighton, outside no. 29 – rare column type 5

Eaton Gardens, Hove – five rare type 6 columns

Farman Street, Hove – three type 2 columns

First Avenue, Hove – one type 6 column

Fourth Avenue, Hove – three type 6 columns

Greenways, Ovingdean – type 3 column in front of The Grange

Kingsway / Kings Esplanade / Western Esplanade Hove – one-off type, 57 in total.

Lewes Crescent, Brighton – six type 4 columns

Marine Square, Brighton – eight type 3 columns

Mayo Road, Brighton – one type 1 column

New Steine, Brighton – ten type 3 columns

Norfolk Square, Brighton – five type 3 columns

Old Steine gardens, Brighton – thirteen 1920s electric light columns

Oriental Place, Brighton – four type 3 columns

Palmeira Square, Hove – eight type 2 columns

Pelham Square, Brighton – five type 3 columns

Powis Square, Brighton – two type 3 columns

Princes Road, Brighton – four type 1 columns

Queens Park, Brighton – seven type 3 columns

Regency Square, Brighton – fourteen type 3 columns
Richmond Road, Brighton – five type 1 columns
Round Hill Road, Brighton – one type 1 column
Round Hill Street, Brighton – one type 1 column
The Level, Brighton – twenty eight 1920s electric light columns
Third Avenue, Hove – one type 6 column
Upper Market Street, Hove – four type 2 columns
Victoria Gardens, Brighton – twenty 1920s electric light columns
West Drive, Brighton, outside nos. 3 and 28 – two type 4 columns
Westbourne Place, Hove – one type 6 column
Westbourne Gardens, Hove – five type 6 columns

The following lamp posts are currently locally listed and are proposed to be deleted from the local list as they do not match the criteria:

- Holland Road, Hove – nine type 2 columns. These are a common column type and are not associated with a group of listed buildings.
- Lansdowne Square, Hove - six columns of unique pattern. These are late 20th century replacement columns with bolted base plates and there is no evidence that they were based upon a historic pattern.
- St Aubyns. Hove – eleven type 2 columns. These are a common column type and are not associated with a group of listed buildings.

The following lamp posts were nominated for local listing but are not proposed to be included on the local list as they do not match the above criteria:

- Beacon Hill, Ovingdean – type 2 columns. These are type most common type of columns and they are not associated with any listed buildings.
- Norfolk Square, lane to the rear of 47-52 Western Road – lantern bracket. This has evidential and historic interest only.

A nomination was received for two cast iron lamp columns on pillars to the boundary wall of Wykeham Terrace but these are covered by the statutory listing for the Terrace and wall and therefore local listing is unnecessary.