Exploring Our Local Area with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To identify and describe features of the local area and understand how places change over time.

Ellie the Elephant is a brilliant historian! She wants to know about your local area. Look at the list of features below. Decide if each one is a 'Modern Feature' (things we see today) or a 'Historical Feature' (things from the past). Write the feature in the correct column in your table.

Word bank: New supermarket · Old stone bridge · Modern playground · Victorian post box · Electric car charging point · Cobbled street

1. 1. Look at your local area. Name one building or place that has been there for a very long time. (2 marks)

2. 2. Why is it important to look after old buildings in our town? (2 marks)

3. 3. Which feature from the word bank is a 'Modern Feature'? (1 mark)

4. 4. Which feature from the word bank is a 'Historical Feature'? (1 mark)

5. 5. If you could add one new thing to your local area to make it better for everyone, what would it be? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of your favourite place in your local area. Include one thing that is old and one thing that is new.

Extension challenge: Ask a family member: 'What was our local area like when you were a child?' Write down two things that have changed since then.