ACTON PARK W3 CONSERVATION AREA

PUBLIC AND STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION (FEBRUARY 2022)

Date Designated	1982 (Extended 1992, 1997, 2004)
Last Appraisal	April 2009
Last Management Plan	April 2009
Existing Article 4 Direction	×



Map



Summary and key changes since last appraisal

An area of contrasts with peaceful open parkland to the south and the busier residential roads branching out from it.

Two main character areas can be distinguished within Acton Park CA: Sub Area 1) Acton Park Sub Area 2) The residential area to the north – Shaa Road and Perryn Road.

The CA has mainly a Victorian and Edwardian character with some of the buildings going back to the time when Ealing started to expand and flourish as one of London's more desirable suburbs. Building types are residential, transport, educational buildings and public houses. The Goldsmith's Almshouses along East Churchfield Road are the main architectural landmark of the CA. Acton Park is at the core of the CA and is the main formal recreational space of the CA

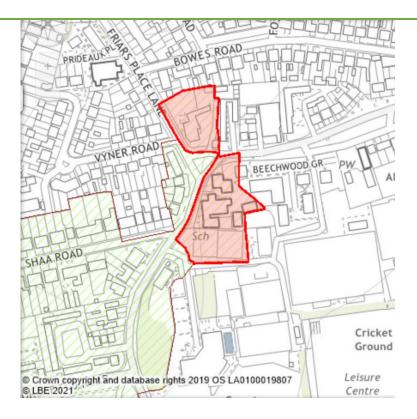
	There are no significant signs of change since last appraisal carried
	out in 2009, although small scale, incremental changes are evident.
Background	A description of the special character of the CA is currently set out in Acton Park CA Appraisal 2009. Guidelines for dealing with development in the area is currently set out in the Acton Park CA Management Plan 2009.
Generic Management Plan	The Council is proposing that all the individual management plans for each CA are rolled into a single document, called the Generic Management Plan (Feb 2022). This has the benefit of reducing repetition and providing up to date advice and guidance for dealing with development in all CAs in a comprehensive document, making it easier for residents, developers and Council officers to use and operate. This document contains general conservation principles that apply to all CAs and we are also planning to supplement this with additional specific design guidance for individual CAs, where needed (see below).
Proposals for Acton Park CA	The Council and the Conservation Area Advisory Panel (CAAP) have suggested some updates to the Acton Park CA. There were set out in the Addendum Update Report for Acton Park CA (July 2020), and were discussed further through informal consultation with the CAAPs during 2021. The key proposals are set out below.
CA Boundary Changes	The following boundary changes are proposed for the Action Park CA: Proposal A: to include rectangular area bounded by Churchfield, Goldsmith, Shakespeare and Spencer Roads. Just to north of Acton TC CA and just west of Acton Park CA (known as 'Poets' Corner'). This is shown by the yellow shading on the map below. Reason: To consider this area further as recommended in original Appraisal. The inclusion of this area, is not supported by officers by virtue of its architecture and condition; it is not considered to be an area of the homogeneity and/or historical or architectural significance to warrant CA designation. We would like to hear your views as part of this consultation.



Question 2: Do you think that 'Poets Corner' area should be added to the CA boundary?

Proposal B: To remove **East Acton Primary School and the Goldsmiths Arms Public House** from the CA boundary, as shown by the red shading on the map below.

Reason: Planning permission was recently granted to demolish the former Goldsmiths PH and redevelop it with residential, commercial and community units. Officers consider that the architectural and historical association of the East Acton Primary School is not considered sufficient to warrant its inclusion within the CA boundary.



- Question 3: Do you agree with the proposal to remove East Acton Primary School and the Goldsmiths Arms Public House from the CA boundary?
- Question 4: Do you think the Acton Park CA boundary should be changed in any other way- either through expansion or reduction of the existing area?

Key unlisted Buildings

As well as nationally listed buildings, the following buildings have been identified as contributing positively to the area as part of the CA Review:

Locally listed buildings

- Acton Park Lodge, southern entrance to park off The Vale. A two storey late Victorian building (1890-1910) constructed in brick and render with a pitched tiled roof (LLR1646)
- Goldsmiths Arms PH, 130 East Acton Lane- brick and halftimbered building on the site of an older public house.
 Planning permission now granted for redevelopment and building needs to be removed from local list (LLR0368)

Positive contributors

- **1930s Pavillion:** remains a focal point at the heart of the parkland and is a positive contributor.
- The Victorian properties along the Shaa Road, Perryn Road, East Churchfield Street: all the properties in these roads are considered to be positive contributors with the exception of modern intrusions (Michelle Court and Daniel Court in Shaa Road), the five new townhouses at Shaa Lodge, 2 Shaa Road and the nursery in East Churchfield Road).
- **Nos 120-122 East Acton Lane**: C.19 cottages (pre 1870). Some alterations but remain positive contributors.
- East Acton First School along East Acton Lane- these are a mixture of buildings ranging from 1926- modern day. They replaced an older Victorian school and whilst the site has some historical value, it is perhaps only the earliest part of building in central core that contributes positively.
- St Dunstan's Church: Tall, broach spire of St. Dunstan's (1878-9) provides a local landmark. Located just outside and to the north of the existing CA in Friars Place Lane. Designed in Gothic revival style by R Hesketh, built by Goldsmiths' Co, completed in 1879. (Consider also adding to the local list).
- Question 5: Do you agree that all the key unlisted building in Acton Park have been captured?
- Question 6: Are there any other notable buildings of interest in Acton Park that should also be recognised?

Article 4 Directions

Article 4 Directions can be introduced to a CA in order to control minor developments that would otherwise be classified as 'permitted development' (for e.g. window replacements, extensions, roof alterations etc.) The introduction of such a direction would mean that planning permission would have to be sought from the Council for such works in future.

No Article 4 Direction to restrict permitted rights is considered necessary in this CA. There is little evidence on the ground to indicate that such restrictions are necessary for any type of development, although this should be kept under review.

Question 7: Do you agree that an Article 4 Direction is not needed within the Acton Park CA?

	Question 8: Do you think there are any forms of development that should be covered by an Article 4 Direction and if so, what should this cover and which parts of the CA should it serve?
Design Guidance	The Ealing Character Study and Housing Design Guide (Feb 2022) contains a range of useful generic design guidance for development across the borough.
	A great deal of guidance and direction for dealing with development in all of Ealing's CAs is provided in the Generic Management Plan (Feb 2022). However, additional specific design guidance relevant to the local architecture may also be helpful in some CAs.
	Proposal : To provide further specific design guidance on replacement windows/doors to reflect those that are characteristic of Acton Park CA.
	Reason: To provide some further, more detailed practical guidance to help deal with some of the key developments affecting this CA.
	Question 9: Do you agree with the proposal to provide more specific design guidance for Acton Park CA?
	Question 10: Is there any further specific guidance that should be covered for the Acton Park CA, and if so, what elements should be covered?
Other Changes	A summary of the proposed changes to all conservation areas in Ealing are set out in <u>A Strategic Review of Ealing's Conservation</u> <u>Areas (Feb 2022)</u> . This includes, for example, proposals for a new CA in Ealing, centred on Northfield Avenue. It also identifies other key issues and recommendations affecting all of Ealing's conservation areas.
	We would also welcome your comments on this document.
	Question 11: Do you have any other comments on the Strategic Review of Ealing's Conservation Areas?
Responding to this consultation	Please email your written responses to the questions posed in this document to: localplan@ealing.gov.uk The consultation deadline is the 18th March 2022.