

# Acton Town Centre Conservation Area

## Formal consultation on conservation area designation

**Date Designated:** 1982 (Extended 1994, 2004)

**Original Appraisal:** April 2009

**Original Management Plan:** April 2009

**Existing Article 4 Direction:** No



## Summary of area and its special interest

- a varied but generally tightly grained town centre area, dominated by the main street thoroughfares, with good examples of C.18, Victorian and Edwardian styles including remnants of a prosperous turn of the century suburban centre
- a geographically sprawling CA based along its main thoroughfares: 1) The High Street and Market Place 2) Churchfield Road and Horn Lane 3) The residential enclave of Alfred Road and Burlington Gardens, that has been extended over the years
- the CA is referred to in Historic England's Heritage at Risk Register and therefore would benefit from a further investment programme. Whilst there has been some loss and erosion of fabric, the special significance and interest of its component buildings and spaces remain legible

A description of the special character of the CA is currently set out in [Acton Town Centre CA Appraisal 2009](#). Guidelines for dealing with development in the area are currently set out in the [Acton Town Centre CA Management Plan 2009](#).

## Background

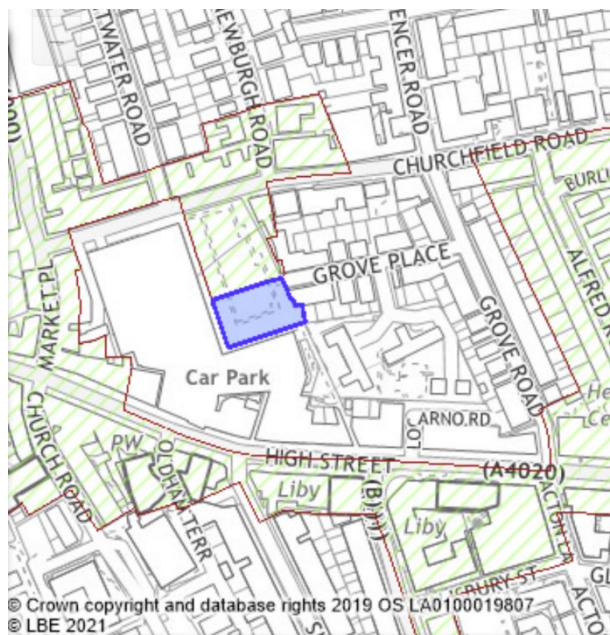
The council, in liaison with the Conservation Area Advisory Panel (CAAP), reviewed the area and suggested some updates to the Creffield CA. They were set out in the [Addendum Update Report for Acton Town Centre CA Green CA \(July 2020\)](#), and were discussed further through informal consultation with the CAAPs during 2021.

A number of updates and changes were then proposed to Ealing's conservation areas as part of the public and stakeholder consultation carried out in 2022. The responses to this consultation were reported to the [Local Plan Advisory Committee](#) on 22 March 2023.

The council agreed to take forward the recommendations on boundary changes to the next stage of formal consultation (for instance this consultation).

## Boundary changes to the Acton Town Centre CA

The following boundary change is proposed for the Acton Town CA:



**Proposal:** To include the whole of the **St Marys Burial Ground** with the CA boundary, as shown by the blue shading on the map below.

**Reason:** The current CA boundary cuts across the Burial Ground (along the line of Grove Place) but the southern portion is excluded. This is an anomaly and it would be more appropriate to include the whole of the Burial Ground within the CA given its importance to the setting of the area.

Properties affected: none directly.

## What do the proposals mean in practice?

The designation of the area shown above will mean that the area will form an extended part of the existing Acton Town Centre Conservation Area and be classified as an area of special architectural or historic interest that is desirable to preserve or enhance, as defined under the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

In practice this means that the area affected will be subject to the extra planning controls and considerations that apply to conservation areas, including:

- control over demolition of unlisted buildings
- control over works to trees
- limitations on the types of advertisements which can be displayed
- restriction on the types of development which can be carried out without the need for planning permission (permitted development rights)

Conservation area designation brings positive benefits, ensuring that the heritage values of the area are formally recognised, protected and managed.

## Consultation question

- ❖ ACTTC 001: Do you agree or disagree with the proposal to include the whole of the Burial Ground within the CA boundary as specified above?

## Responding to the consultation

Please email your written response (with reasons), to the questions above, on the proposed conservation area boundary changes, to: [localplan@ealing.gov.uk](mailto:localplan@ealing.gov.uk)

In your response, please indicate which conservation area and question you are referring to.

The consultation deadline is 31 January 2024.

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