Acton Green Conservation Area

Formal consultation on conservation area designation

Date Designated: 1982 Original Appraisal: March 2008 Original Management Plan: March 2008 Existing Article 4 Direction: No





Summary of area and its special interest

- the plan form of the central part of the CA is strongly determined by the presence of Acton Green Common and the properties clustered around it. The Common with its mature trees and railway embankment behind it, are the dominant features of the area. St Albans Church is the major landmark and focal point of the area.
- the CA has a diverse architectural heritage but mainly from 19th and 20th century, with Victorian terraces, turn of the century mansion flats and the Victorian Church of St Albans and the late Victorian/Edwardian pub of the Duke of Sussex.
- the CA has a mainly residential use with a few retail units along South Parade.

A description of the special character of the CA is currently set out in <u>Acton Green</u> <u>CA Appraisal 2008</u>. Guidelines for dealing with development in the area is currently set out in the <u>Acton Green CA Management Plan 2008</u>.

Background

The council, in liaison with the Conservation Area Advisory Panel (CAAP), reviewed the area and suggested some updates to the Acton Green CA. There were set out in the <u>Addendum Update Report for Acton Green CA (July 2020)</u>, 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 Green CA

The following boundary change is proposed for the Action Green conservation area:



Proposal: To remove Sub Area 2 (**Beaconsfield Estate**) from the CA boundary, as shown by the red shading on map above.

Reason: This modern estate (1970s) is very different in character from the rest of the CA which are Victorian or Edwardian in nature. It is considered that the inclusion of this estate on the basis of its architectural and historical association is no longer justified.

Properties affected:

- 1-29 (consecutive) Disraeli Close
- 1-25 (consecutive) Winston Walk
- 1-36 (consecutive) Clement Close
- 1-31 (consecutive) Gladstone Road
- 129-139 (odds) Acton Lane

What do the proposals mean in practice?

The de-designation of the area shown above will mean that the area will no longer be classified as a conservation 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 those living within the area will no longer 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)

Should the boundary change go ahead, the affected area will still be subject to the normal planning rules affecting non-designated areas and residents are advised to check with the council before undertaking any works to their properties.

Consultation question

ACTGRN 001: Do you agree or disagree with the proposal to remove Sub Area 2 (Beaconsfield Estate) as specified above from the CA boundary?

Responding to the consultation

Please email your written response (with reasons), to the question above, on the proposed conservation area boundary change, to: localplan@ealing.gov.uc

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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