

Environmental Improvements

The Council has funds for its own environmental improvements in the Borough and these may include schemes in Conservation Areas.

Grants

Grants are available from the Borough Council for the repair and maintenance of listed and non-listed buildings in the Conservation Area.

Further Information

The Guildford Borough Local Plan contains relevant information and policies on development in the borough.

For detailed advice officers of the Planning Division can assist,

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Albury Conservation Area



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Weston Yard

Introduction

In order to preserve the unique character of Albury the Borough Council has designated the village as a Conservation Area.

This leaflet has been produced to inform residents in the Albury conservation area of the extent and effect of the conservation area designation.

It contains a brief history and description of the village and a map showing the conservation area boundary.

The leaflet also explains the legal implications of designation as a conservation area with regard to buildings and trees.

The Village of Albury

Towards the end of the eighteenth century the population of the medieval village of Albury, on the River Tillingbourne, dispersed from the area that is now Albury Park. Some moved to the nearby hamlet of Weston Street where the

new village of Albury developed to form the settlement we know today. The only original village buildings on the old site are the old Parish church of St Peter and St Paul and Grange Cottage which was once the village inn.

The present village has a linear form with attractive groups of buildings interspersed with walls trees and meadows. The predominant character of the architecture is of heavily picturesque estate building.

How the Conservation Area Affects You

The Borough Council has legal powers to control many changes to the local environment. In Conservation Areas it has certain additional powers which are outlined below. The Council is also required to advertise most planning applications in the Conservation Area and to consider any response to this.

Demolition of Buildings

Conservation Area Consent is required for the demolition of all or part of most buildings and structures (including walls and outhouses). If demolition is being considered then the planning division should be consulted.

Trees

Proposed lopping, topping or felling of a tree in a Conservation Area should be notified to the Council which then has six weeks to consider whether a Tree Preservation Order should be made.

Design of New Development

The Council has powers to require additional information in support of any planning application showing how the proposal will relate to the Conservation Area. This can mean the submission of elevations of adjacent buildings.

full details of the proposal and examples of materials and colours. Usually only a fully detailed planning application will be considered. The Council's statutory plan (The Guildford Borough Local Plan) contains policies regarding the design of new development.

Minor Alterations and Additions

These can be carried out without planning permission provided that they conform to the 'permitted development' rights set out in 'The Town & Country Planning General Development Order 1988'. This Order makes additional restrictions on the size of extensions and the extent of alterations in Conservation Areas. As a general guide small porches, hardstandings, gates and fences are normally permitted development. However, changes to the external cladding of a building, or the addition of a dormer window may require permission. Proposals exceeding the limits of permitted development will require planning permission and officers of the Planning Division can give advice on specific cases.



The Street