

What is a Conservation Area?

It is an area of 'special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance'.

Consent is needed to demolish anything or to remove significant trees, and the Council is able to exercise special care in determining planning applications for new development or alterations. This will be strengthened by an up-to-date review based on public consultation.

Why extend St Peters Conservation Area?

The present Conservation Area extends from near St Peters Church, along Church Road, but stops short of the Bridge Street junction (tinted area on the map overleaf). This review recommends an extension to take in the junction, the whole of Bridge Street and Caversham Bridge (outlined in red on the map). This is because:

- The group of distinguished older buildings on the north side of the junction closes the view when approaching across Caversham Bridge and is vital to the area's character.
- Several attractive buildings around the junction, such as the older bank buildings, may be under threat of adverse change.
- Caversham Bridge is a fine structure which is important both visually and historically, and the views from it are an integral part of experiencing the Conservation Area.
- Bridge Street, though not itself of great quality, links these features, needs enhancing and includes possible development sites which would need special care.

Aim of this consultation

The boundaries and effectiveness of all Conservation Areas in Reading are being reviewed through their local communities, overseen by the Conservation Area Advisory Committee (CAAC) set up by Reading Borough Council. Caversham and District Residents' Association (CADRA) is supporting the review of St Peters Conservation Area in Caversham.

Having started with a community event in July 2016, the review has now reached some initial conclusions, chief among them being that the **Conservation Area should be extended** to include Bridge Street and Caversham Bridge, as shown on the map overleaf.

This consultation aims to get your views on the emerging ideas. They will be summarised and taken into account in making suggestions to the Council, who – it is hoped – will adopt this appraisal as a formal policy. The Council will carry out their own formal consultation before making any changes, but this is the main opportunity for you to comment.

How to comment

- *Complete this leaflet now* and hand it back OR
- *Complete it later* and hand it in at Waltons Jewellers on Prospect St, who have kindly agreed to collect responses OR
- Best of all, *read the draft reappraisal* (at Caversham Library or online at www.cadra.org.uk/conservation-areas.php) and comment, either online at www.cadra.org.uk OR by sending an email to appraisal@cadra.org.uk OR by writing to St Peters Conservation Area Appraisal Comments, 121 Upper Woodcote Road, Caversham, Reading, RG4 7LB.

Closing date: 19 August 2017

Consultation on St Peters Conservation Area



Your chance to find out more and comment on the new proposals

**Saturday 8 July –
Saturday 19 August**

