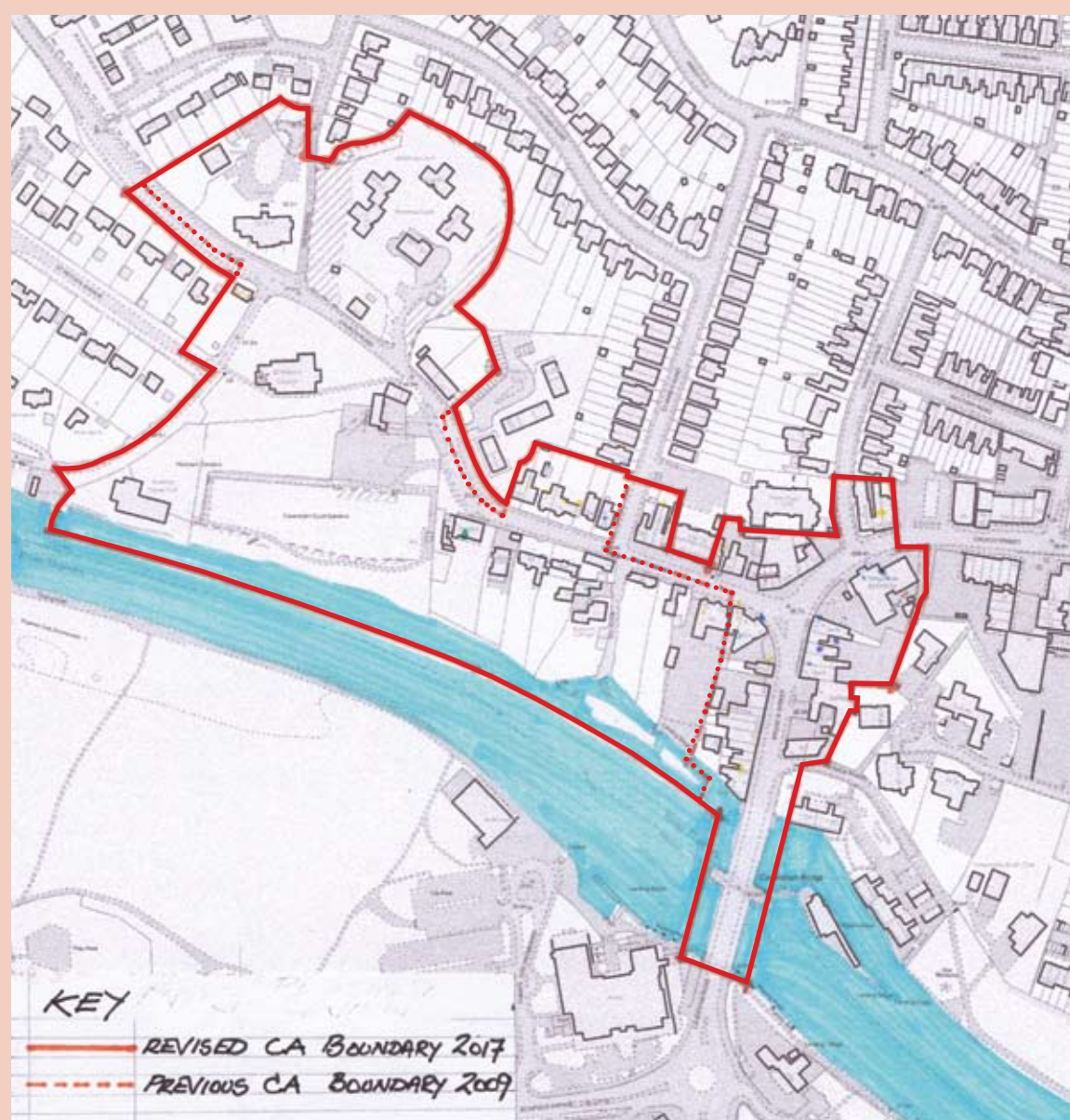


Boundary adjustment



An extension to the boundary of the Conservation Area, to include part of Church Street, Bridge Street and Caversham Bridge, is recommended for the following reasons:

- Listed buildings at the junction of Church Road and Church Street form part of the original bridgehead village.
- Caversham Bridge and the views from it are central to the appreciation of the Conservation Area and its proposed extension.
- There are several unlisted buildings of townscape merit within the proposed extension area.
- The height and scale of buildings in the new area contribute to a uniform roofscape and skyline.
- Caversham Bridge and the Church Road/Bridge Street junction form an important visual axis.

Key features

Issues and vulnerabilities

The use of red brick and flint for boundary walls is a unifying factor in the western part of the area

Along Church Road, the built form of the original bridgehead village is still apparent

Loss of original architectural details in the area

Traffic noise, pollution and queuing due to A4074

Careful attention in respect of any change to original shopfronts along Church Road and Church Street

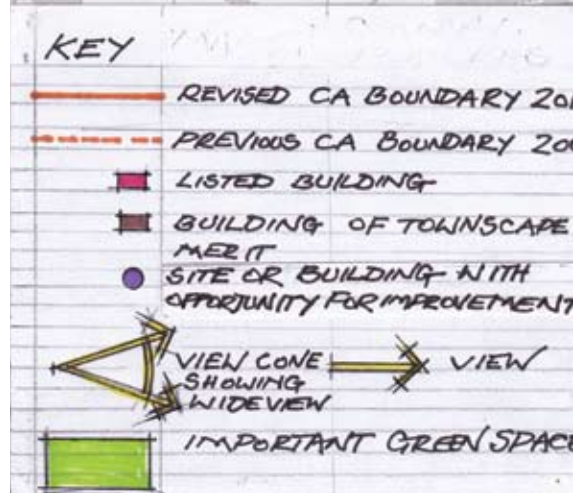
Views across the Conservation Area from Caversham Bridge and Thames Promenade are vulnerable to insensitive development

Vistas and views from Caversham Bridge towards and across the Conservation Area

St Peters Church and tower together with Caversham Court Gardens



Features of the Conservation Area



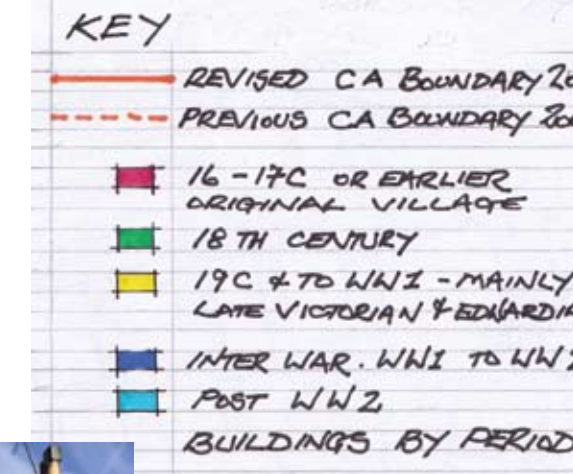
Four key gap sites provide both threats and opportunities

Tree cover and green spaces especially around St Peters Church and Caversham Court

Tree cover and greenery is vulnerable: pre-2009 aerial photos show loss



Buildings by age



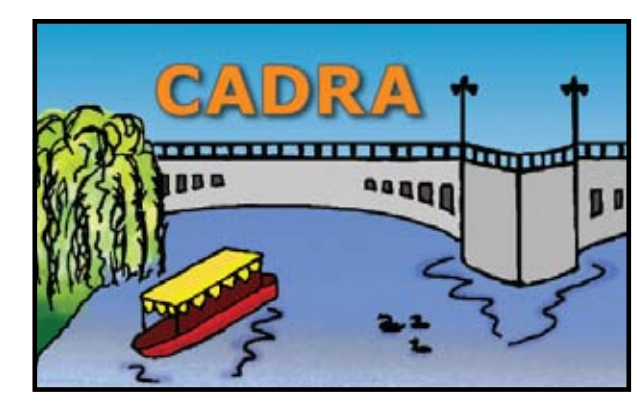
Scope for rationalisation and improvement of street furniture, surfacing and access



Design of new development within and adjoining the Conservation Area requires sensitivity

Church Road/Bridge Street junction includes some distinguished banks and listed buildings

Change of use and any alterations to the bank buildings at the Church Road/Bridge Street junction requires care



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