

Newport Conservation Areas

An advisory leaflet



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Conservation area

You have received this leaflet because you live within one of Newport's Conservation Areas. These areas are recognised as being of special architectural or historic interest. The purpose of the designation is to monitor and guide change to ensure the character of the area is protected. The protection of this character is for the benefit of people who live within the area but it is also for the protection of the cultural value of the City as a whole.

Conservation Areas are recognised because many of them have a quality of architectural detailing and craftsmanship that could not be matched today, that not only provides a clear illustration of our past but contribute directly to a unique sense of place.

This character is not only created by an individual property but the area as a whole, including the public space and wider streetscene. This special character helps form our sense of place and identity, which is a positive well-being factor and is a positive factor in the creation of sustainable places.

Area appraisals

An Appraisal of your Conservation Area has been undertaken and is available to view at **www.newport.gov.uk/conservation**.

The Appraisal provides details of the recognised character of the area whilst providing an interesting read on the historic development of the location.

The Appraisals will be used when determining planning applications for development within a Conservation Area, including applications for works to windows, chimneys, walls etc. In addition, it can help you identify opportunities for enhancement and tips on the benefit of general maintenance for you as an individual householder.





What this means for you

Designation of a Conservation Area means that special planning controls exist for specific works. They include satellite dishes, roof extensions and removal of chimneys. Consent is also required for demolition. If you live within a flat or have a commercial building then planning permission is also required for such works.

As well as works to your building, it is important to note that all trees in Conservation Areas (except very small ones) are protected. Owners and neighbours of trees should be aware that the controls not only relate to felling, but also to pruning of branches or roots, and operations such as changing ground levels or creating hard services near trees.

Article 4 directions

Some Conservation Areas in Newport have an Article 4(2) Direction in place (including Stow Park, Lower Dock Street, Caerleon and The Shrubbery). This Direction means that works that were previously allowed under permitted development rights now require planning permission. You will now be required to seek planning permission for the following works that face onto or are visible from a highway or open space:

- The removal, renewal, alteration or addition of external doors and windows
- The application or removal of render or similar surface treatment to the external walls
- Removal, renewal or alteration to the roof covering of a dwelling house
- Painting of external walls in a manner that goes beyond general maintenance
- Building, renewing, altering or demolishing the whole or any part of any gate, fence, wall or other boundary treatments

If you are unsure of whether the work you propose to undertake requires permission please contact the planning section of the Council for information. Seeking advice is preferable as unauthorised works can be subject to enforcement, which can be costly and time consuming process. Positive management is always a preference and the Council is here to advise on such matters.

Contact us

For any advice on matters relating to the Conservation Area designation please contact the Council's Conservation Officer or Tree Officer by phoning **01633 656656** or emailing **planning@newport.gov.uk**. Guidance is also available on our website at **www.newport.gov.uk/conservation**

