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Walton Riverside Conservation Area

Walton (Riverside) Conservation Area (Designated by Elmbridge borough Council 1st December, 1975)

Statement of Designation

The mediaeval settlement of Walton originally consisted of three Manors namely Walton-on-Thames, Walton Leigh and Apps Court. By the 16th Century these three had combined and it is around the surviving Manor House that parts of the riverside village remain. The Conservation Area is based on this small area, known locally as Old Walton, which distinguishes it from the more modern centre to the south.

The Manor House is one of the best examples of early 16th Century domestic architecture still in existence in the south-east England. It has considerable historical connections and legend recounts that the death warrant of Charles I was signed under its roof.

Along Manor Road there are a number of 17th and 18th Century buildings notably Thames Cottage at the junction with Thames Street. This building is understood to have been the centre of operation of the Walton-Halliford Ferry which operated between 1700 and 1750 when the first Walton Bridge was opened.

The Riverside buildings date mostly from the 19th Century and River House, the Anglers Public House and the Boathouses have been familiar landmarks on the Thames for many years.

Old Walton is predominantly a residential area with a typical Thameside atmosphere. The scale of the buildings, the changes in level and the many mature trees are features which give this small area a special character in contrast to the mundane modern development at each end of Manor Road.

In any urban area a continuous natural process of change must be expected to occur. However the character of this small area could be fragmented by unsympathetic

redevelopment and there is therefore, good reason to invoke all the powers available to the Council to protect and enhance the character of this area.

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