

East Molesey (Bridge Road) Conservation Area

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Statement of Designation

The area is based upon a small group of buildings in part of Bridge Road, north of its junction with Walton Road and Esher Road. The designation of this area as a Conservation Area creates a natural link between the Kent Town Conservation Area to the north, designated in 1973, and the Old Village Conservation Area to the south designated in 1975.

The area incorporates some of the oldest parts of the original village of East Molesey. It is a compact historic area, containing a high proportion of attractive buildings, several of which are of architectural and historic interest.

No. 154, High House, is a Grade II listed building dating back to 1830. Nos. 140 to 150 form a pleasant group of buildings, parts of which date from the 18th Century and earlier and contain many original and interesting features. No. 150, The Old Forge, is included on the local list. The other buildings are mainly Victorian and remain largely unaltered. On the opposite side of the road the buildings are of mixed quality. The attractive late Victorian Police Station and locally listed 17th Century house at

No. 117 are interspersed with 1930's shops. A pair of late 18th Century listed cottages to the north are unfortunately separated from the main group of attractive buildings by the mediocre 1960's developments of Wolsey Court and Bridge Gardens.

The properties on the eastern side of Bridge Road back on to the River Mole, which forms a natural boundary. The riverside area on the southern boundary links in well with the open space opposite, which forms part of the Old Village Conservation Area, where a landscape improvement scheme has been carried out.

There has been little in the way of insensitive change to this part of Bridge Road. It is important to ensure that this situation continues by applying to this area the stricter planning

controls relating to demolition, alterations, extensions and new development, which exist in the adjoining Conservation Areas.

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