

Weybridge Conservation Area

Weybridge Conservation Area (Designated by Elmbridge Borough Council 25 April 1977 and extended on 6 December 2006)

Statement of Designation

The Conservation Area centres on St James' Church and the surrounding listed buildings in Church Street, extending to the Quadrant and Heath Road. This was the main focus of the early town near the bridging point of the River Wey. The present function of the area is as a secondary shopping area, the main commercial hub of the town being High Street and Baker Street.

The area has retained much of its original character, particularly at the northern end where St James' Church provides an important focal point, and nos. 42/56 Church Street opposite form an interesting and architecturally pleasing group.

Between the junction with Balfour Road and Bridge Road, Church Street displays some examples of poor modern design, but the Quadrant, a curved three-storey terraced of shops, dominates the junction with Heath Road and forms an important townscape feature. The character changes to residential in Heath Road with a further impressive group of listed buildings.

In this, as in any urban area, a continuous process of change is occurring. Conservation Area status can ensure that any new development is controlled and guided to harmonise with the character and architectural scale of the existing buildings. It will ensure the preservation of existing buildings considered worthy of retention. Detailed consideration can be given in due course to schemes for environmental enhancement, including tree planting, landscaping and advertise control.

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