

FAQs – Conservation Areas

Is my property in a Conservation Area?

You can find whether your property is in a Conservation Area by searching on the Council's website. Click on the link below, select the street you wish to check from the drop down menu and then select the property name/number from those displayed. If the street or the property name/number is not displayed it means the building is NOT in a Conservation Area.

<http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/Planning/conservationareas/conservationsearch.asp>

If my property is in a Conservation Area, do I need permission to change anything on the outside?

Being in a Conservation Area does not mean that change cannot happen, it just means that we have to have tighter controls on what change is allowed. Permitted development rights for single dwelling houses are slightly more restricted in Conservation Areas than for houses outside a Conservation Area.

You will require planning permission for the following alterations if you live in a Conservation Area which if you didn't live in a Conservation Area may be considered permitted development.

- Any alteration to the shape of any roof (main roof, any flat roof of an existing extension or addition etc)
- Substantial demolition – at Kensington and Chelsea this is considered to be more than 50% of the structure
- Demolition of a structure with a volume greater than 113m³

How do I obtain a copy of a Conservation Area Proposal Statement?

Kensington and Chelsea have prepared Proposal Statements for most of its conservation areas. These act as a guide for development control and identify features which contribute to the area's special character and interest.

You can find these on our web site and download them free of charge, or you can obtain a copy of the relevant document by sending a written request together with your payment to the Planning Information Office, Ground Floor, Town Hall, Hornton Street, W8 7NX. Alternatively you can come to the Town Hall and purchase a copy in person.

Hard copies are charged at £6 for residents of the Borough and £11 for non-residents.