

Dear Planning Department,

The following are the Ladbroke Association's comments on the proposed minor modifications to the new Conservation and Design policy.

1. In 34.3.20, we urge the addition of "gardens" or "gardens and open spaces" after "vistas". As you will guess, we are thinking of our communal gardens.
2. Still in para 34.3.20, the repetition three times of "character and appearance" is rather clumsy. We wonder if the proposed new words "other character and appearance issues" could be replaced by wording such as "other aspects and issues".
3. In para 34.3.43, we note that "its" has been misspelt.
4. Again in paragraph 34.3.43, we would like to see "external letter-boxes" added to the list of items. There is an increasing incidence in our area of householders putting locks on their front gates, necessitating an external letter-box for post being delivered as the postman cannot get to the front door. These can be obtrusive and ugly and detrimental to the conservation area.
5. We also think that at the end of para 34.3.43 "the removal of physical barriers" would be clearer than the current wording. And VERY IMPORTANTLY it should be amended to "the removal, alteration or erection of physical barriers". There is an increasing tendency for householders to erect ugly and overbearingly high walls and railings or to increase the height of those already there, to the detriment of the amenity and appearance of the area.

Kind regards,

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