

CRAWLEY



Conservation Area

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Introduction

Crawley lies in undulating countryside four miles north-west of Winchester. The village has been developed alongside a single street at one end of which was situated the manor, (Crawley Court). At the eastern end of the street a village pond forms an attractive feature at the entrance to the village. The original manor house lay near the road but was replaced in 1887 by Crawley Court which was sited in the heart of its well wooded grounds. This house has in its turn been demolished. West of the entrance gate lies St. Marys Church which retains fragments of its Norman origins.



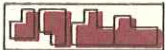
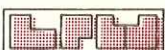




The manor was sold to Phillippi, who between 1900 and 1910 "improved" a number of the properties in the village street, notably the Fox and Hounds with its romantic Neo-Gothic flavour, the Dower House, the Chalet, the Old Post Office and others. The village is now a varied but pleasant collection of buildings though in danger, perhaps, of losing something of its rural character.

The Local Planning Authority feels that the character and appearance of this village should be preserved and enhanced and therefore has designated the area, illustrated on the accompanying map, as a Conservation Area under Part 1 of the Civic Amenities Act, 1967.

Policy

1. The attention of owners, occupiers and potential developers of buildings listed as being of Special Architectural or Historic Interest is drawn to Part V of the Town & Country Planning Act, 1968, which introduced a new code of procedure designed to protect such buildings when either alteration, demolition or extensions are proposed.
2. Uses within the Conservation Area which generate unreasonable noise, or other nuisance or would result in untidy sites, or considerable traffic generation will not normally be permitted and any existing uses of this nature will not usually be allowed to expand.
3. The scale and relationship of buildings in the village is very important and may be destroyed if street widening occurs, if the building line is not maintained, or if certain trees and walls are removed. Where it is necessary to replace a building the position, scale and massing of the original should, in most cases, be reproduced. It is therefore proposed to retain the existing frontage where indicated on the Map although in the interests of road safety some minor road improvements may be necessary.
4. The replacement of buildings will be permitted when it can be shown that the existing building is of an inappropriate character or wholly beyond repair. New buildings or additions to existing buildings will be permitted only where they make a positive and appropriate contribution to the design of the area or will be entirely unobtrusive.
5. Permission in outline form will not normally be given for building development in the Conservation Area; detailed plans including elevations showing the new building with details of adjoining properties and particulars of colours and materials, existing trees and proposed landscape treatment will usually be required. Particular care will be exercised to ensure that inappropriate materials or colours are not used and that advertisement signs, if found necessary, are carefully designed for their purpose and position. Informal consultations will, however, be encouraged with the Local Planning Authority to assist applicants at the stage when outline permission would normally be sought.
6. The County and Rural District Councils may make grants or loans in appropriate cases towards the repair or restoration of buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest under the Local Authorities (Historic Buildings) Act, 1962. Buildings on the Statutory and Supplementary List are indicated on the Conservation Area Map. The List will be reviewed and if necessary a revised list will be submitted to the Secretary of State for the Environment.
7. The Conservation Area proposals are not intended to supersede the general policies of the Local Planning Authority as set out in the Country Conservation Policy*, but to highlight and safeguard the special features which are important to the character of the village.
8. The Map shows the approximate position of mature trees and tree groups which make a contribution to the character of the village. The Local Planning Authority has made extensive Tree Preservation Orders in Crawley in order to protect these trees. Planting of new trees and hedges will be encouraged if considered necessary.

Notation

boundary of Conservation Area	
buildings of architectural or historic interest on the statutory list	
buildings on the supplementary list	
other buildings of visual merit	
other buildings on prominent sites	
existing building frontage and road line should be retained	
important wall or hedge	
trees or tree groups of visual importance	
areas covered by Tree Preservation Order 59	