

# Mapesbury Conservation Area Design Guide



Mapesbury  
Residents'  
Association

Brent Council has produced a new guide to the conservation area. It is available online at [www.mapra.org.uk/Docs/Design%20Guide.pdf](http://www.mapra.org.uk/Docs/Design%20Guide.pdf) It is more detailed than the previous one, providing good guidance on all matters relating to development and alterations in the conservation area. This note is produced by the Mapesbury Residents Association to summarise the key aspects of the guide.

**The guide provides information** on Mapesbury's specific planning constraints, as well as advice on ways to restore, repair, maintain and improve your home so that it helps sustain and enhance the character and appearance of the area.

**It is in your interest** to keep or restore the special character of your home and area. And usually houses in well-maintained conservation areas have a greater value than those outside.

## **The conservation area comprises:**

Anson (Broadway to Chichele Road), Chichele Road (odd nos 85 to Anson Road) Dartmouth, Dawlish, Exeter, Keyes, Hoveden, Lydford & Mapesbury (up to railway), St Gabriel's, Teignmouth, Walm Lane (110-226, 129 to 197)

Within the conservation area owners can make alternations but the Council is empowered to prevent insensitive development. Therefore replacement or alteration of existing features usually requires planning permission.

Items requiring planning permission:

- construction of
  - first floor or two-storey **extensions**
  - any single storey side or rear **extension**
  - **dormer windows**
  - **gates, fences, walls** or other boundary enclosure or front gardens or boundary facing the street
- Building, altering or infilling a **porch**
- Erect, demolish or altering any **chimney**
- Replace, alter or install a new **window or door opening** into an existing wall facing the street (for end-of terrace or corner properties this may affect the side or rear)
- Any extensions and alterations into the **roof**, including changing tiles or slates or original chimneys
- The creation or renewal of any **hard-surface**, or means of access to the road
- The removal of **soft landscaping** replaced by hard surface
- Externally mount a **satellite dish** to the house
- Apply **stone, paint, timber** or other cladding to property including boundary walls and outbuildings
- Alter or remove any **architectural feature** or finish
- Install new pipes, vents or stacks penetrating the roof
- Building any outbuilding or shed within any part of the garden, including the side or rear garden.

## Trees

All trees in the area that have a diameter of more than 75mm (measured 1.5m from ground) are legally protected. You will need to provide the Council with six weeks written notice of any work you wish to carry out.

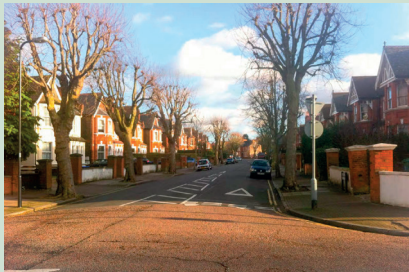
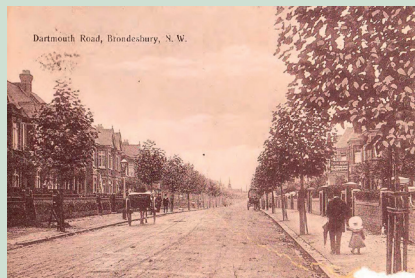
The guide gives much more information and detailed advice on all these areas.

(You may also require Building Regulations approval for alterations (guidance is given in the guide))

You can always contact the Planning service on 020 8937 5210 or [planandbuild@brent.gov.uk](mailto:planandbuild@brent.gov.uk) for advice on any aspect.

We are proud of Mapesbury and want to improve it. **Mapesbury Residents Association** (MapRA) aims to:

- Represent the interest of residents and business at Brent Council and Health, working with them to improve planning, parking, street care, the environment and access to health
- Enhance community spirit and help residents find solutions to day-to-day problems in Mapesbury
- Build or email list so we can quickly alert members of our community social events, local crime, planning concerns and other matters of interest to those living here.



If you would like to join MapRA, contact Gerry Weston, 64 Teignmouth Road  
(Annual membership is £5 per annum per household; £2 concessions)