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18 October - 29 November 2012
Billing Road Conservation Area

The Billing Road Conservation Area was designated on 7th March 2012 to protect and enhance the special character and appearance of this historically important part of Northampton.

Conservation Area status only gives general controls over certain demolitions and work to trees.

It does not prevent alterations to windows, porches, roofs or walls, which are deemed to be ‘permitted development’ and do not require planning permission.

These alterations, if not handled sympathetically, can gradually undermine the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.

Additional protection can be provided through the use of Article 4 Directions, made by the Local Planning Authority and confirmed by the Government to require planning consent to be sought for specific small-scale works, alterations and extensions to properties before starting work.

The proposed Article 4 Direction which relates to the Billing Road Conservation Area would require householders to obtain planning permission for the following works to the fronts of houses (and side walls visible from the highway):

- Installing or replacing windows, external doors and porches;
- Extending, improving or altering a dwelling house;
- Demolition, removal or alteration of gates, fences, railings and boundary walls;
- Changes in roof coverings (for example from slates to concrete tiles);
- Installation of sky lights;
- External painting of any part of a dwelling house or any part of a building or enclosure which is visible from the highway;
- Alteration from soft to hard landscaping including provision of off-road parking visible from the highway;
- Installation, alteration or replacement of satellite antennae

Please Note: There is no fee for planning applications required as a result of the Article 4 Direction being in place

We need your views about the designation of an Article 4 Direction for Billing Road Conservation Area

The effect of the Article 4 Direction on the Billing Road Conservation Area will be that planning permission will be required for minor works to dwelling houses within the conservation area which are visible from the highway.

I support making a new Article 4 Direction to include all the land within the Billing Road Conservation Area

Yes ☐ No ☐

Are there any comments that you would like to make about this Article 4 Direction?