

Protection for the Historic Environment is written into the Adopted Borough Local Plan throughout the document which can be found at:

<https://www.rbwm.gov.uk/home/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/development-plan/adopted-local-plan>

Policy HE 1 — Historic Environment

1. The historic environment will be conserved and enhanced in a manner appropriate to its significance. Development proposals would be required to demonstrate how they preserve or enhance the character, appearance and function of heritage assets (whether designated or non-designated) and their settings, and respect the significance of the historic environment.

2. Heritage assets are an irreplaceable resource and works which would cause harm to the significance of a heritage asset (whether designated or non-designated) or its setting, will not be permitted without a clear justification in accordance with legislation and national policy.

3. The loss of heritage assets will be resisted. Where this is proven not to be possible, recording in accordance with best practice will be required.

4. Applications for works within archaeologically sensitive areas will be required to include a desk-top archaeological assessment.

5. Applications for works to heritage assets will only be considered if accompanied by a heritage statement which includes an assessment of significance, a heritage impact assessment and, where appropriate, information on marketing and viability.

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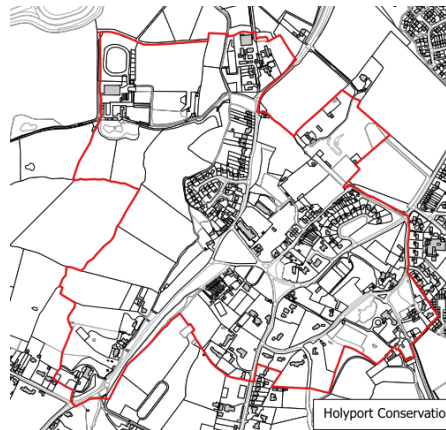
Bray Village Conservation Area

The Appraisal can be found at:- https://www.rbwm.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2020-05/pp_bray09_appraisal_appendix_0.pdf



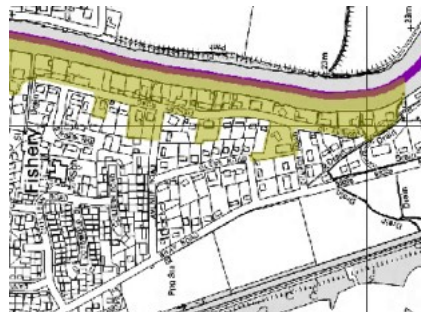
Holyport Village Conservation Area

The appraisal can be found at:- https://www.rbwm.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2020-05/pp_holyport_conservation_area_statement.pdf



Maidenhead Riverside Conservation Area

The Appraisal can be found at:- https://www.rbwm.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2020-11/pp_maidenheadriverside10_appraisal_statement.pdf



Bray Village, Holyport Village & Maidenhead Riverside Conservation Areas

What is a Conservation Area?

Conservation Areas are 'areas of special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance'. There are 3 designated Conservation Areas within the Parish, Bray Village, Holyport Village and Maidenhead Riverside. Maps of these Areas are provided at the end of this publication. This means that special efforts will be made to retain the unique character of these areas and the buildings within them.

For those Residents who live in one of the three Conservation Areas, Bray Parish Council advises that, before undertaking any building work or changes to their property, that they contact the RBWM Conservation team for advice. Contact details follow later.

The special interest of an area can be the result of a number of characteristics, such as an historic street pattern, traditional building styles, one or more listed buildings or possibly an association with an historic event or figure, or a local industry or trade.

What does Conservation Area designation mean?

A conservation area is an area of special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance (Planning [Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas] Act 1990, Section 69). The responsibility for designating conservation areas lies with the Local Planning Authority.

The aim of conservation area designation is to protect the wider historic environment. Areas may be designated for their architecture, historic street layout, use of characteristic materials, style or landscaping. These individual elements are judged against local and regional, rather than national, criteria. Above all, conservation areas should be cohesive areas in which buildings and spaces create unique environments that are irreplaceable.

Local Authorities have a statutory duty to review all their Conservation Areas regularly. English Heritage recommends that each area is reviewed every five years.

Conservation Area Designation provides extra protection from undesirable development in the following ways:

- Local Authorities have general control over most complete demolition of buildings within conservation areas
- Local Authorities have additional control over some minor development
- Special provision is made to protect trees within conservation areas

When assessing planning applications, Local Authorities must pay careful attention to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the

character and appearance of the conservation area and its setting.

In addition to statutory controls and national policy, the Local Authority can include policies in the Borough's Local Plan or Local Development Framework to help preserve the special character and appearance of conservation areas

What is the purpose of a Conservation Area Appraisal?

A Conservation Area Appraisal is a report created by Conservation Officers working for the Local Planning Authority which defines the area and its characteristics. The aim of the Appraisal is to:

- Define the conservation area boundaries
- Identify the special architectural or historic interest and the changing needs of the conservation area
- Increase public awareness and involvement in the preservation and enhancement of the area
- Provide a framework for informed planning decisions
- Guide controlled and positive management of change within the conservation area to minimise harm and encourage high quality, contextually responsive design

RBWM Conservation team

For further information, please contact us via:

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RBWM Conservation Areas, Maps Conservation Area Appraisals:-

<https://www.rbwm.gov.uk/home/planning-and-building-control/conservation/conservation-areas>

RBWM Tree team

In conservation areas, notice is required for works to trees that have a trunk diameter of more than 75mm when measured at 1.5m from ground level (or more than 100mm if reducing the number of trees to benefit the growth of other trees).

You have to give your local planning authority six weeks' notice before carrying out work on trees which are located in a conservation area but are not yet the subject of a tree preservation order. This gives the authority an opportunity to consider whether an order should be made to protect the trees.

A 'tree works' form can be downloaded from the Borough Council's website for this purpose, along with information on obtaining pre-application advice from the Council's Tree Team if anyone is unsure as to what works may be appropriate.

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RBWM Tree Management Advice Web Site:-

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