

LIVING IN NORTH CURRY CONSERVATION AREA

Dear Resident/Householder,

This information sheet has been produced by North Curry Parish Council as a guide to living within a conservation area.

As a home owner/resident living in the designated area, we would like to remind you that there you have certain responsibilities and restrictions when conducting building work/repairs and alterations in the house and garden.

By raising awareness of your responsibilities, we hope to avoid any conflicts and damage to the buildings and gardens in North Curry's Conservation Area.

Conservation areas

A Conservation Area is defined by the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as:

'an area of special architectural or historic interest, the character and appearance of which is desirable to preserve or enhance'.

Taunton Deane has designated 41 Conservation Areas to cover most historically and architecturally important and interesting parts of the Borough's towns and villages. North Curry has a unique atmosphere and historic value, which we, as the Parish Council, want to protect and preserve.

Alterations, advertisements and extensions

If you live or run a business in our Conservation Area, you may need permission from the Borough Council before making alterations affecting the external appearance of buildings and property; for example, cladding, rendering, inserting windows, installing satellite dishes, adding conservatories or other extensions, putting up advertisements or erecting fences or walls.

Demolition or substantial demolition of a building within a Conservation Area will usually require planning permission.

Trees and shrubs

Trees are also protected as they contribute to the special character of a conservation area. If you are thinking of cutting down a tree or doing any pruning work you must notify the Borough Council 6 weeks in advance of your intention to carry out the work. This allows the planning authority the chance to consider whether a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) should be made.

The information on this sheet is only a brief guide and if you want more detail or clarification of any issues, contact Taunton Deane Planning on (01823) 356459 or go to the Planning portal;

planning.admin@tauntondeane.gov.uk

To view a copy of the Conservation map go to;

www.tauntondeane.gov.uk/media/1121/north-curry-ca-plan