

Runnymede Borough Council in partnership with Surrey County Council

Englefield Green Conservation Area Appraisal

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Runnymede Borough Council is currently revising and updating its guidance on Englefield Green Conservation Area

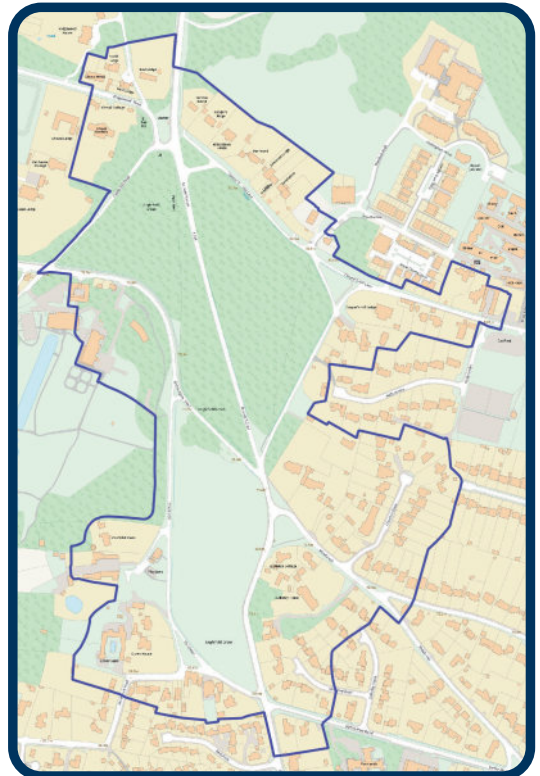
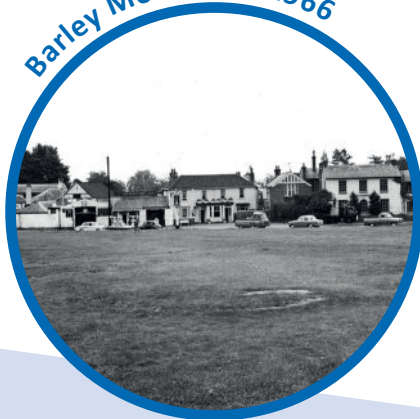
Englefield Green was first designated a Conservation Area in 1970 and was then extended to the north in 1978. The area is significant as a historic settlement which became home to the gentry in the 18th and 19th centuries owing to its close proximity to Windsor. The decision to exempt The Green from enclosure in 1814 has meant the area has retained much of its historic character and appearance.

It is a statutory duty of Runnymede Borough Council to review the designation of Conservation Areas and to publish proposals for their preservation and enhancement.

What is a Conservation Area?

A Conservation Area is defined as an *“area of special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance.”*

Barley Mow Road 1966



Englefield Green Conservation Area

As part of an ongoing review of Conservation Areas in Runnymede, a Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan has now been commissioned for Englefield Green.

When carrying out planning functions, this designation requires a local authority to give special attention to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of that area. This is not just limited to historic buildings or structures, but also includes the topography, spatial layout, street furniture and landscaping of an area.



What is a Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan?

The purpose of an Appraisal is to identify what is special about the Conservation Area and to make it clear which features should be preserved and enhanced. The Appraisal will look at the history of Englefield Green and identify the key events which influenced its development and architecture. An assessment will then be made as to how this interest is evident today through the character and appearance of the area.

A Conservation Area Management Plan sets out what needs to be done to preserve and enhance the Conservation Area. This will include identifying schemes for the preservation and enhancement of the Conservation Area, existing control measures and potential changes to permitted development rights through Article 4 Directions.

As part of this process an audit will be carried out which assesses what contribution buildings make to the Conservation Area, including identifying designated and undesignated heritage assets. A review will also be carried out of the Conservation Area boundaries to ensure that these continue to reflect the special interest of the area.



What Next?

During the next few months, a survey of the Conservation Area will be carried out and a draft produced of the Appraisal and Management Plan. Following this initial work, the document will be shared with members of the public and a formal consultation will be held.

Comments from this will be taken on board as part of the final document. It is anticipated that the consultation will be held in June, but this may change owing to Covid-19 restrictions. Residents will be informed when the consultation is live.

We welcome any questions you may have regarding the Appraisal and Management Plan.

At this stage we would like to hear your views on:

- What positively contributes to the Conservation Area?
- What factors detract from the Conservation Area?
- What opportunities are there to enhance the Conservation Area?
- Are the current boundaries appropriate?
- Any other comments?

Please ensure all comments are returned by the 24 May 2021.

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