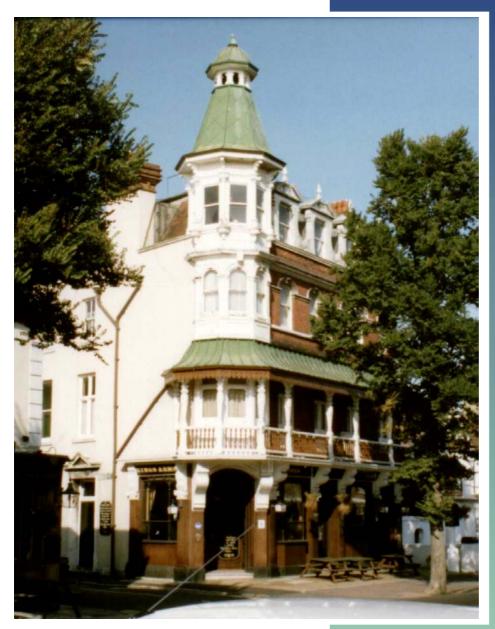


# Eastbourne Townscape Guide



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#### 1.0 Introduction

#### Background

- 1.1 The Eastbourne Townscape Guide is a document that provides an expansion of the policies in the Urban Heritage and Townscape Chapter of the Eastbourne Borough Plan 2001-2011 (Adopted September 2003). It should, therefore be considered as Supplementary Planning Guidance and is an important document for the proper understanding of the detail of the policies.
- 1.2 The Eastbourne Townscape Guide is mainly concerned with the built historic environment although occasionally the advice is applicable to, or covers all parts of, the general urban area. The guide begins with four sections defining the historic buildings and historic areas of the town to which the later sections refer. As and when necessary the later sections will also cover parts of the town which are outside the defined historic areas.

#### Status

- 1.3 The publication is an informal policy document offering detailed advice on the policies in the Borough Plan. Nevertheless it has the approval of the Council, who will normally make their decisions in accordance with the policies in this guide.
- 1.4 The document complies with the requirements of national guidance on public consultation for the reasons set out in Appendix 1.

#### The Future

1.5 This document is a review of the existing Eastbourne Townscape Guide approved in April 1994. It should not be considered as a definitive document, as it will be constantly monitored and reviewed to ensure that the policies are effective. It will also be expanded, as resources allow, to cover other matters important to the protection and improvement of the historic urban environment.

#### Definitions

1.6 Wherever possible the text and policies use specific words to avoid misunderstanding and ambiguity. However in some cases using specific language can cause an overlong and cumbersomely worded policy or phrase. Consequently some standard generic phrases and words have been used in this guide which need explanation and definition.

1. "historic areas or buildings": This normally refers to properties that are listed buildings, buildings of local interest, unlisted buildings in conservation areas and areas of high townscape value, which were built

before 1945. Therefore it will not usually refer to modern buildings such as blocks of flats that are within conservation areas or areas of high townscape value.

- 2. "sensitive areas": This will normally refer to buildings and their gardens that are listed buildings, buildings in conservation areas, buildings of local interest and buildings in areas of high townscape value.
- 3. "hidden elevations": This will normally refer to rear elevations that are not visible from public areas such as roads, pavements and public open space.
- 4. "elevations generally not seen from public areas": This will normally refer to elevations that face onto service roads and public footpaths to the rear of properties, as well as some side elevations that face neighbouring properties.
- 1.7 This document does not address the requirements for any approvals relating to the Building Regulations.

#### 2.0 Listed Buildings

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- 2.1 A listed building is a building of "Special Architectural or Historic Interest" as defined in Section 1 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990. The statutory lists are compiled by the Secretary of State. These are under constant review and therefore it is always important to consult the statutory lists for the latest information. The statutory list for Eastbourne is available for inspection at 68 Grove Road opposite the Town Hall and on the Borough Council's website – www.eastbourne.gov.uk
- 2.2 Buildings are generally graded according to their special interest. Grade I buildings are of exceptional interest, Grade II\* are particularly important of more than special interest and Grade II buildings are of special interest, warranting every effort to preserve them. In some cases churches are listed A, B and C but this classification is being phased out as they are being re-assessed. Some listed buildings are also Scheduled Monuments and, in general, the requirement for scheduled monument consent eliminates the need for listed building consent.

#### Works to Listed Buildings

- 2.3 It is necessary to obtain listed building consent from the local authority before carrying out any works for the demolition, alteration or extension that effects the character of a listed building. This includes **both** internal and external works. Failure to obtain permission is a criminal offence. If an owner of a listed building fails to take reasonable steps to preserve it, the local authority can require him to carry out the repairs it considers necessary for the buildings preservation.
- 2.4 The primary policy for the protection of listed buildings contained in the Borough Plan 2001-2011 is UHT17: Protection of Listed Buildings and their Settings, which states:-

"Planning permission for alterations or extensions to a listed building will be granted only where the works would preserve the inherent character of the listed building and its features of special architectural or historic interest.

Planning permission will be granted for works affecting the setting of a listed building only where the development would not harm the character or appearance of the setting of the building."

#### Schedule of Listed Buildings

Bakers Road 13 and 13A. Grade II 15. Grade II

**Birling Gap Road** Belle Tout Lighthouse. Grade II

**Borough Lane** 4 (Pilgrims). Grade II 8 (Borough House). Grade II 9 & 11 (Towner Art Gallery and Local History Museum). Grade II The Hermitage in Manor Gardens. Grade II

Bradford Street Pillory Barn. Grade II

Carlisle Road Church of All Saints. Grade B 2 (Heritage Centre). Grade II 99 (St Margarets). Grade II

Congress Theatre. Grade II\* Ascham St. Vincent War Memorial Arch. Grade II

Cavendish Place 1-24 (consec). Grade II 25-33 (odd). Grade II

35-49 (odd). Grade II

Church Lane 1 & 2. Grade II 3-5 (consec) (now no.4). Grade II

#### **Church Street**

Church of St Mary including the churchyard wall. Grade B 12 (Flint Halls). Grade II

#### **College Road**

Warden's House in grounds of Eastbourne College. Grade II Gates, gateposts and cobbled wall to Eastbourne College. Grade II

#### **Compton Place Road**

Compton Place. Grade I Stable and coachhouses at Compton Place. Grade I

#### **Compton Street**

Winter Gardens. Grade II Devonshire Park Theatre. Grade II Telephone kiosk outside Devonshire Park Theatre. Grade II

Coopers Hill

Chalk Farm Hotel. Grade II Barn adjoining Chalk Farm Hotel. Grade II

Cornfield Terrace 1-24 (consec). Grade II

**Darley Road** Main Block and Chapel of All Saints Hospital. Grade II\*

**Decoy Drive** Church of St Mary. Grade II.

**Devonshire Place** Seated Statue of William, Seventh Duke of Devonshire. Grade II

East Dean Road Shepherds Hut to the north east of New Barn, Birling Farm. Grade II

Enys Road 2 (Upperton Farm House). Grade II

Etchingham Road

Langney Priory. Grade II\* Cobbled garden wall at Langney Priory. Grade II Cottage at Langney Priory (see Langney Rise)

#### **Furness Road**

4. Grade II6, 8 & 10 (Furness Close).Grade II

Gaudick Road Meads Place. Grade II

#### The Goffs

33 (formerly The Old Manor House). Grade II

#### **Grand Parade**

1 and 2. 3 and 4 (Belle Vue Hotel). Grade II 5-23 (consec) (Claremont and Burlington Hotel). Grade II\* Pier. Grade II Bronze statue of soldier of Royal Sussex Regiment. Grade II\* Bandstand, Colonnade and 2 covered viewing decks. Grade II

Grove Road Town Hall. Grade II

Grange Road Our Lady of Ransom RC Church. Grade II

Hartington Place 5-21 (odd). Grade II

High Street Ye Lamb Hotel (now the Lamb Inn). Grade II

Howard Square 1-6 (consec) & 9-12 (consec). Grade II

King Edward's Parade Statue of Spencer Compton, Eighth Duke of Devonshire. Grade II Wish Tower (Martello Tower No. 73). Grade II (SM)

Langney Point Martello Tower No 64 north east of Langney Point. Grade II (SM)

Martello Tower No 66 north of Langney Point. Grade II (SM)

Langney Rise Cottage at Langney Priory. Grade II

#### Marine Parade

Miramar Hotel and Queen's Mansions (Marine Gardens). Grade

6 & 7. Grade II 27 & 28. Grade II 35-40 (consec). Grade II

Matlock Road Gazebo in back garden of No. 1. Grade II

#### Meads Road

Greystone House and Greystone Haugh. Grade II 21, The Cottage (on corner of Granville Road). Grade II Cobble and brick garden wall, The Cottage. Grade II 51 & 53 (De Walden Court). Grade II

Mill Road Ocklynge Manor. Grade II

Motcombe Road Motcombe Farm House. Grade II Dovecote in Motcombe Gardens. Grade II Barn (now 1-5 Old Motcombe Mews). Grade II

Ocklynge Road The Old Parsonage. (Parish Hall). Grade II\* Old Parsonage Barn. Grade II 2 (St Mary's House). Grade II 70 (Old Bakehouse Cottage). Grade II

Old Barn Close 2 (The cottage on corner of Wish Hill). Grade II

Park Lane The Old Manor House. Grade II (now known as Nos. 1, 3, 5 & 7)

Pevensey Road Central Methodist Church. Grade II

Ratton Village The Gate House. Grade II **Royal Parade** 

The Redoubt Fort. Grade II (SM)

St Mary's Road 24a Grade II

#### Seaside

Christ Church. Grade B Brodie Hall (adjoining Christ Church). Grade II 20. Grade II Drinking Fountain (corner of Langney Road/ Seaside). Grade II 48 -70 (Even). Grade II 186, Former Elysium or Gaiety Theatre. Grade II 222, The King's Arms Public House. Grade II

## Seaside Road

106 -114 The Royal Hippodrome. Grade II

#### South Street

Church of St Saviour & St Peter. Grade B 3, 5 & 7. Grade II 41a. Grade II 101-119 (odd). Grade II

#### Star Lane Court House. Grade II

Staveley Road 10 (Hodeslea). Grade II

### Susan's Road

Church of All Souls. Grade II\* 53 (All Souls' Vicarage). Grade II

Terminus Road Railway Station. Grade II

#### Trinity Trees Church of Holy Trinity. Grade B Group of 3 telephone kiosks outside Holy Trinity Church. Grade II

Upper Kings Drive 67 & 69. Grade II

Victoria Drive Church of St Elisabeth's. Grade II Church Hall of St Elisabeth's. Grade II Vicarage to the Church of St. Elisabeth's. Grade II

#### Willingdon Road Church of St Michael and All Angels. Grade II 250, Garden Wall and attached Gazebo at Westlords. Grade II

#### Wish Hill 91-97 (odd) (Bank Cottages). Grade II 98 (Stream Cottage). Grade II 115 (Sea View) (now Wish House). Grade II 116 (Post Office). Grade II 120 (Pelham Cottage). Grade II 122-126 (even). Grade II 128-134 (even). (Nos 1-4 (consec) Malthouse Cottages) including flint garden wall. Grade II

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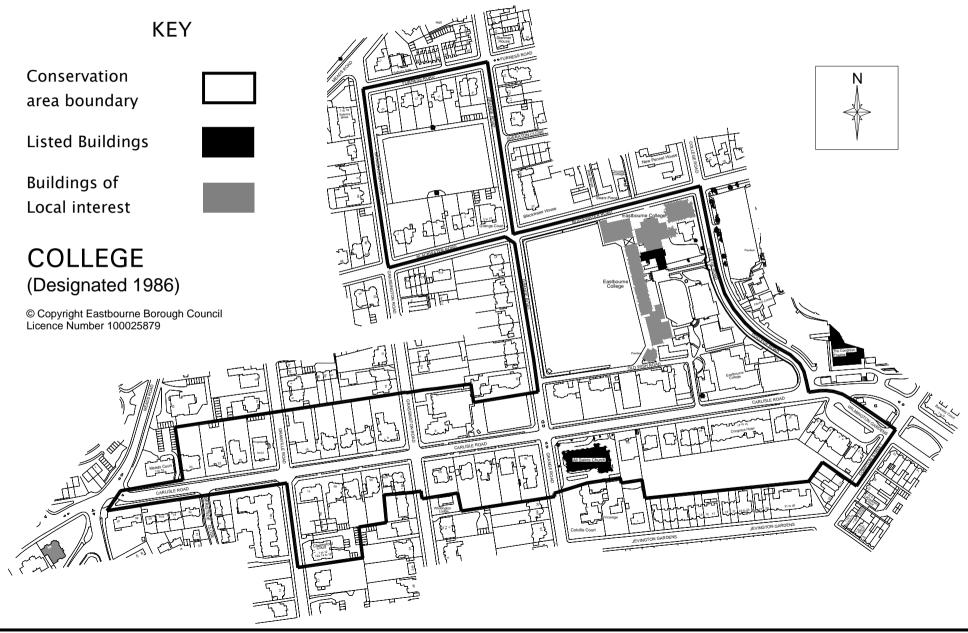
#### 3.0 Conservation Areas

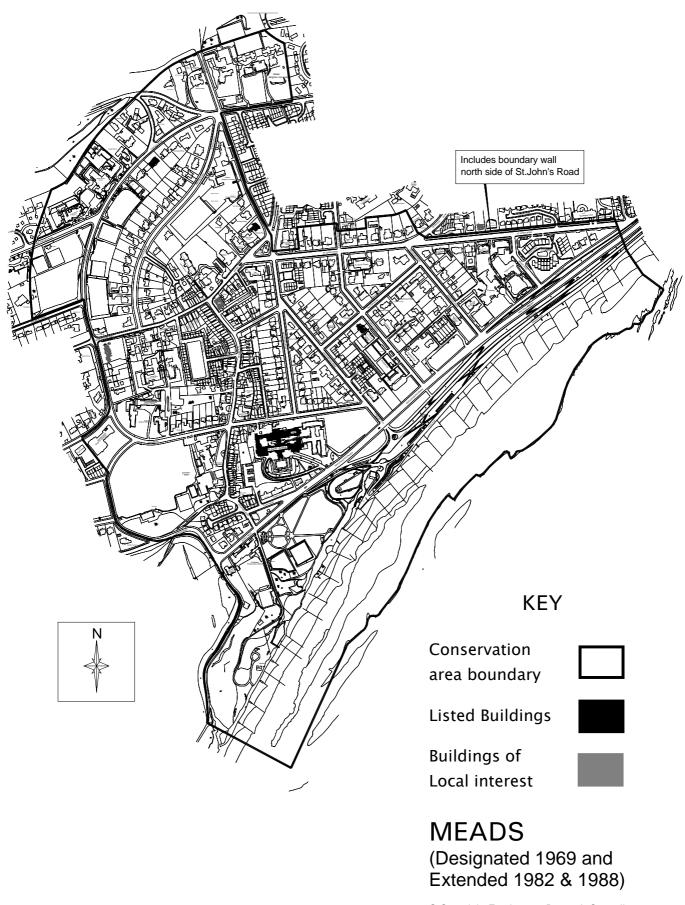
- 3.1 A conservation area is an area of special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which the Council aims to preserve or enhance. There are currently twelve conservation areas in Eastbourne, covering a total of approximately 184 hectares (455 acres). These are:
  - College
  - Meads
  - Old Town
  - The Park Close
  - Warrior Square
  - Ratton
  - Willingdon
  - South Lynn Drive
  - Upperton Gardens
  - Torfield
  - Saffrons Road
  - Town Centre and Seafront
- 3.2 The various sections of this guide explain in detail the rules, regulations and Council policy on a variety of matters that affect the character or appearance of a conservation area. However, not all matters are covered in this guide, so a brief summary of the rules and regulations specific to conservation areas are given below.
- 3.3 **Demolition:** With a few minor exceptions, no building can be wholly demolished or removed without conservation area consent from the Council. When carrying out works to a building in a conservation area its repair or alteration should not involve the removal of parts of the building such as chimney stacks, decorative mouldings, cast iron balconies and boundary walls, as planning permission may be required.
- 3.4 **Trees:** Generally, no work may be carried out on trees, such as lopping or felling, without first obtaining consent from the Council (see section on "Trees").
- 3.5 **Design:** The Council may require more detail in planning applications and will examine them more carefully to make sure the bulk, materials, design and colours of the proposal are sympathetic to the area. This not only includes new buildings but also extensions and new shopfronts. (Also see relevant specific sections in this guide).
- 3.6 **Signs:** Consent is required to display an illuminated advertisement and some non-illuminated advertisements depending on their size and siting. (See section on "Shopfronts and Advertisements").

- 3.7 **Minor Alterations:** The following are some examples of minor alterations to houses in conservation areas, which will need consent from the Council.
  - i) dormer windows
  - ii) cladding the exterior walls of a house;
  - iii) the installation of satellite antennae depending on size and location;
  - iv) the erection of extensions and other free standing buildings depending on their size and location.
- 3.8 Any alterations to buildings, other than single private houses, that affect their external appearance require planning permission from the Council. (For more detailed information on minor work see sections on "Roofs", 'Windows and Doors" and "Front Walls and Car Parking").
- 3.9 **Publicity:** The Council advertise planning applications which affect the character or appearance of the conservation area. Any comments received are taken into account when the Council makes its decision.
- 3.10 The primary policy for protection and improvement in conservation areas is contained in the Borough Plan Policy UHT 15: Protection of Conservation Areas which states:

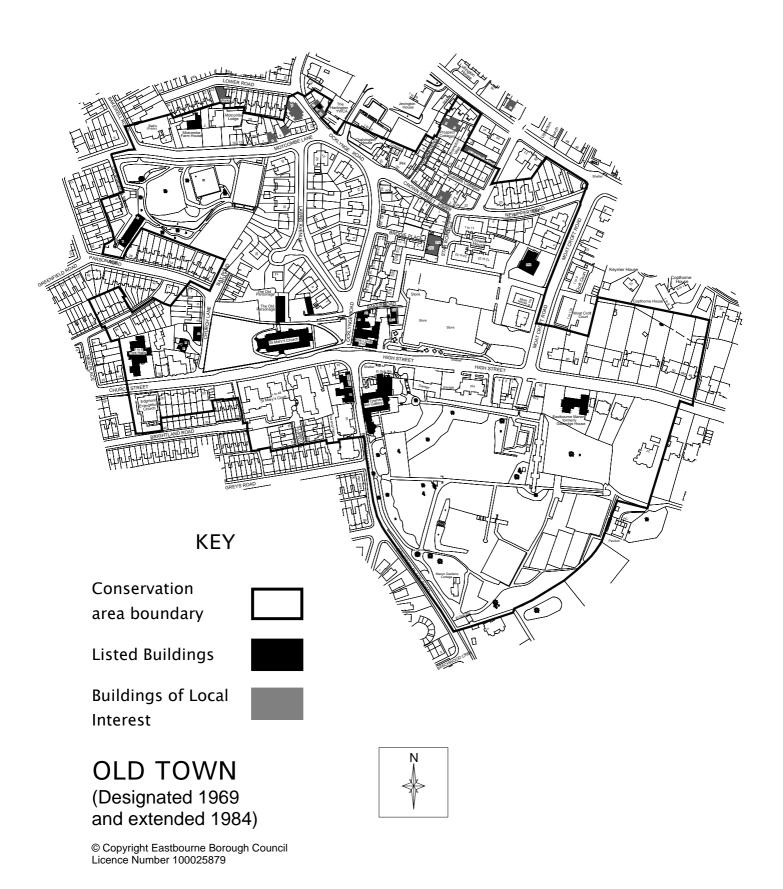
Planning applications in a conservation area, or affecting the setting of a conservation area, will be required to preserve or enhance the character or appearance of the area.

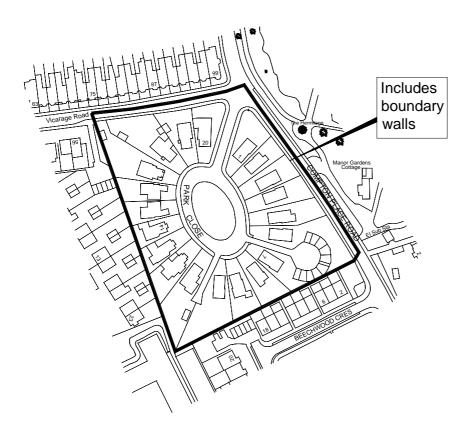
3.11 Other sections in the Eastbourne Townscape Guide expand on specific areas of this policy and offer detailed advice on how the Council will normally decide on planning applications in conservation areas.





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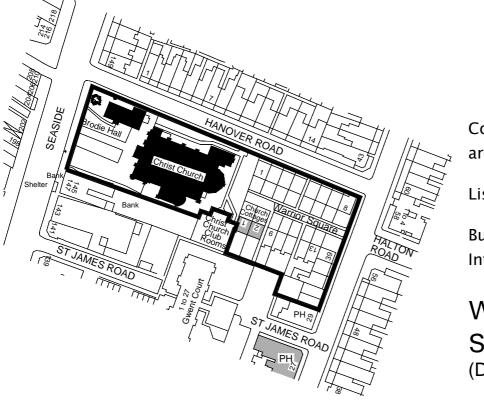


Listed Building

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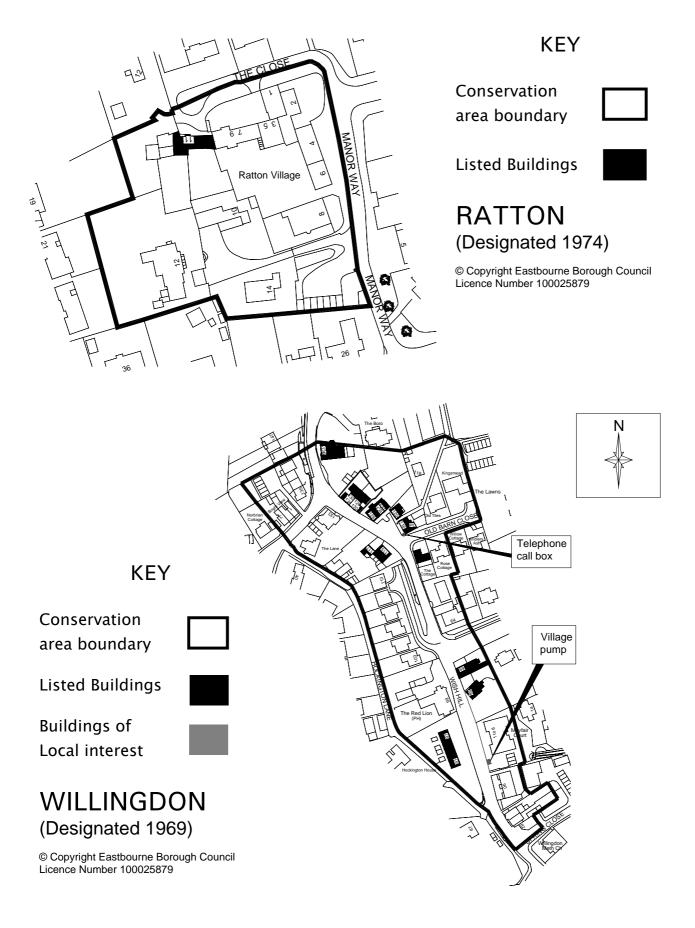


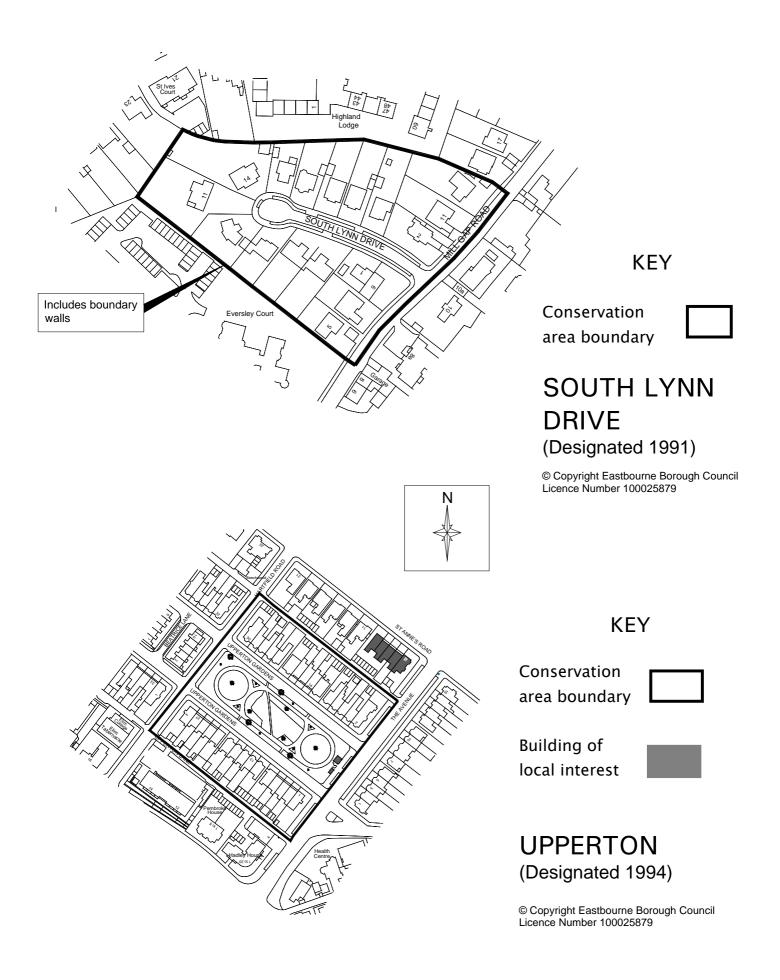


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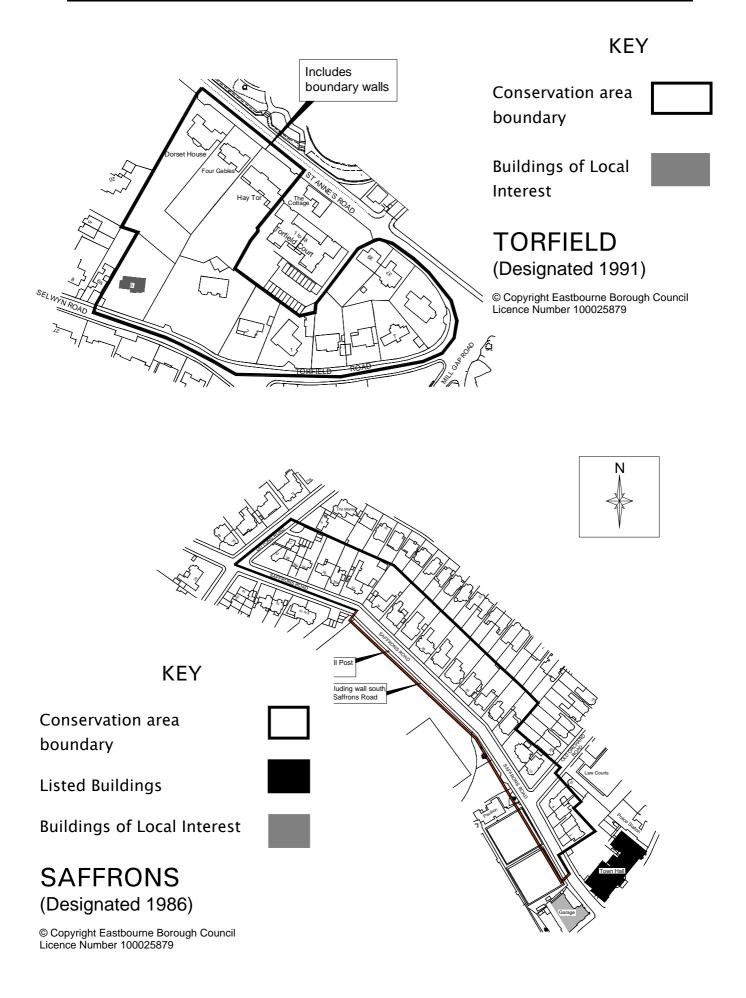


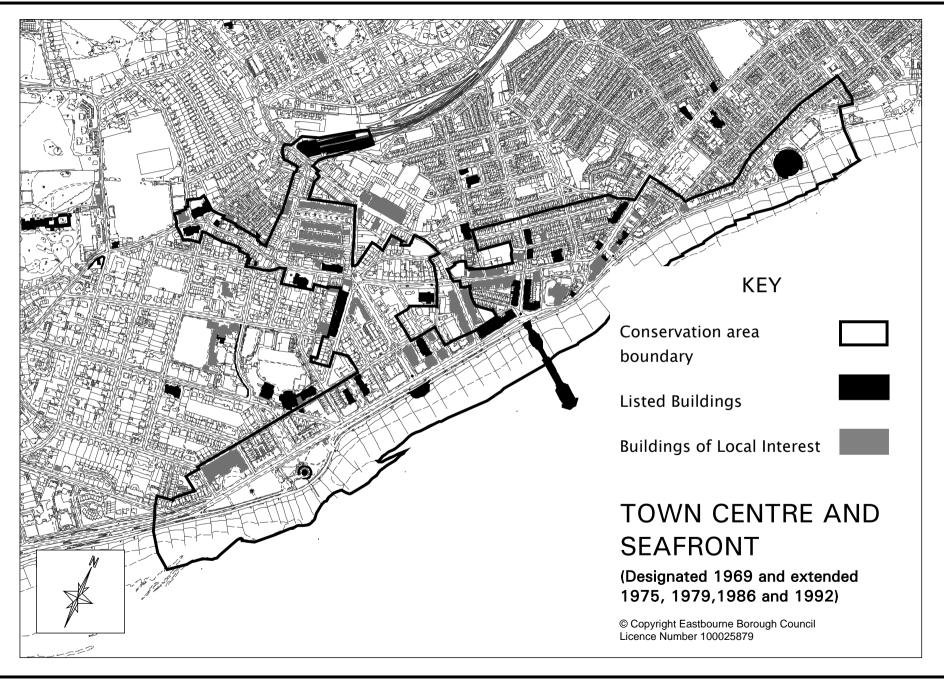
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#### 4.0 Buildings of Local Interest

- 4.1 Buildings of special architectural or historic interest are listed by the Secretary of State. However the criteria for the lowest listing category Grade II states that the building should be of special interest. Therefore buildings that might be considered of local importance but not of sufficient special interest do not achieve listed status.
- 4.2 These buildings of local interest that contribute to the townscape of Eastbourne do not have the statutory protection of listed buildings but, nevertheless, they should be retained and ideally enhanced. It must be stressed that like areas of high townscape value, there is no statutory control on buildings of local interest, over and above those that already exist for any building. However many of the buildings are within conservation areas and therefore they are automatically afforded a degree of protection against demolition.
- 4.3 When considering planning applications for the alteration of buildings of local interest the Council will take into account that the property is of more than ordinary significance. Policy UHT 18 : Buildings of Local Interest in the Borough Plan recognises this and states:

Proposals which would adversely affect the character or appearance of buildings of local interest will not be permitted. Should planning permission be granted for a major alteration, the consent will be subject to a condition to provide an opportunity for the building to be inspected and recorded.

4.4 This primary policy is expanded in the various sections of this guide. Therefore owners of buildings of local interest are advised to study the relevant sections of this guide before deciding on alterations to their property.

List of Buildings of Local Interest

**The Avenue** Kiosk. Electrical Substation.

**Bedfordwell Road** Pumping Station.

Bolton Road 4-8 (even).

**Blackwater Road.** St Andrews Presbyterian Church. 20, Clovelly. Brodrick Road Hampden Park Hall.

**Burfield Road** 4. 5 & 6 (Tom Thumb Cottages).

Butts Lane The Butts.

**Carew Road** 5 & 7.

#### **Cavendish Place** Chapel. 28 (Bath Villa).

**Ceylon Place** Baptist Church.

Church Street 42, Tally Ho Public House.

#### **College Road**

Eastbourne College Chapel. Entrance building (off Blackwater Road) Eastbourne College. Octagon Library, Eastbourne College. Block adjacent to Headmasters House, Eastbourne College. North Block (off Blackwater Road) Eastbourne College. Main Central Block, Eastbourne College. South Block (off Old Wish Road) Eastbourne College. Cricket Pavilion (off Old Wish Road).

#### **Compton Place Road** Lodge Cottage. Wall, Compton Place.

Wall, Compton Place. Compton Place Estate Office.

#### **Compton Street**

1 (Vernon House Hotel). The Buccaneer PH.

Cornfield Lane Senior Citizens Club.

Cornfield Road 12 & 14.

**Crown Street** 4 & 6.

Darley Road Caldecotts Follies. 71, Stanton Prior.

**Devonshire Place** 16-32(even), Imperial Hotel. Pearl Court.

East Dean Road Half Way Cottages.

Enys Road 1-45 (odd). 71 & 73.

#### Fairfield Road

St Winifred's Lodge.
Tregenna Mead.
Parkholme.

Gildredge Road 19-29 (odd).

#### Grand Parade

29-31(consec), Chatsworth Hotel. 32-35(consec), Mansion Hotel.

Hartfield Road 29 & 31.

Hartington Place Hartington Mansions.

Hide Hollow Langney Cemetery Chapel.

Hyde Gardens 1-32 (consec).

Junction Road Station Signal Box.

**King Edward's Parade** Grand Hotel. Lifeboat Museum

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Latimer Road 27 (Victoria Hotel).

Lower Road Forge adjoining 21.

Lushington Road 1-31 (odd) & 2-42 (even).

Marine Parade Albermarle Hotel. Albion Hotel. 30-34 (consec).

Meads Road The Saffrons Room (now Caffyns Ltd). The Saffrons Entrance Kiosk (Damaged 2004). 77, St John's Parish Church Hall.

Meads Street Barn, St Andrew's School.

Mill Gap Road 2 & 4 (St Wilfrid's Hospice). Walls.

Motcombe Lane 4 & 6. Statue of Neptune, Motcombe Gardens.

Ocklynge Road 27-33 (odd). 68 & 72.

Paradise Drive Eastbourne College War Memorial. The Folly, Royal Eastbourne Golf Course.

Pevensey Road 124.

Prospect Gardens 1 & 2 Prospect Cottages.

**Queens Gardens** Queens Hotel.

Ratton Drive Entrance Piers.

Rosebery Avenue Urinal, Hampden Park.

Royal Parade 23 & 25. Old Pier Kiosk, Pavilion Gardens.

**St Anne's Road** Walls. 1-9 (odd).

**St John's Road** 30.

Seaside Leaf Hall. 25, Old Bakery.

Seaside Road 13-95 (odd). 14-56 (even). 111, Tivoli Theatre.

Selwyn Road 6 (Linston). 35/37. Walls.

South Street Artisans Dwellings. 19 (Haines Barn). Chapel, rear of 19. 97 (The White House) & 97a (Rosapenna). Stables, rear of 97. War Memorial. 116. Star Road

Star Inn.

#### **Terminus Road**

63-67 (Barclays Bank). Urns, 73-113 (odd). 94 (Midland Bank). 96-98 (National Westminster Bank). 116. 157. 191-245 (odd). 204-258 (even).

Warrior Square 1 & 2 Church Cottages.

Watts Lane 5, Former Fire Station. 7-15 (odd).

#### Willingdon Road

Chapel, Ocklynge Cemetery. Gate Lodge, Ocklynge Cemetery . Horse Trough, adjoining Ocklynge Cemetery 250, (9 & 10) Westlords. Little Ratton Barn, (rear of 20 & 21 Woodcroft Drive).

#### Wish Hill

Village Pump. Telephone Kiosk, adjoining 116. 136, (Five Gables) Various Victorian and Edwardian Post boxes in Conservation Areas and/or adjoining Listed Buildings.

#### Buildings on the Downlands

#### East Dean Road

Barn and perimeter wall, Ringwood, Ringwood Bottom. New Barn Complex. Crapham Barn. (nr Halfway Cottages).

#### **Beachy Head Road**

Milking shed, Black Robin Farm. Main Barns and Yard, Black Robin Farm. Ancillary Barn, Black Robin Farm. Enclosed field wall north east of Bullock Down Farm. Wall east of Bullock Down Farm (Countess Field).

#### Sweet Brow

Shepherds Cottage & Open Shed. South of Bullock Down Farm.

#### **Birling Gap Road**

New Barn Complex, North of Cornish Farm. Farmhouse and Yard, Cornish Farm. Barns, Cornish Farm. Farmhouse, Hodcombe Farm. Barn, Hodcombe Farm. Lambing Shed, Hodcombe Farm.

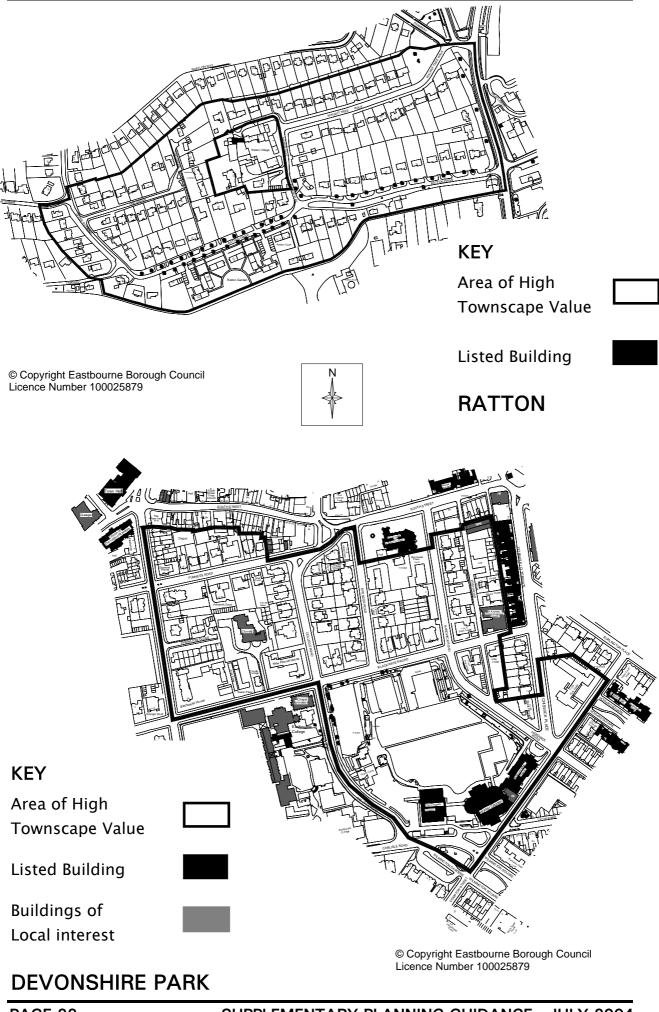
#### 5.0 Areas of High Townscape Value

- 5.1 In addition to the special areas of the town that are designated as conservation areas, the Council has recognised other parts that also deserve recognition. These parts are called areas of High Townscape Value.
- 5.2 Areas of high townscape value are not considered as special as conservation areas, but recognised as being above the usual and of some merit. They have a character or appearance that is of sufficient local interest to warrant differentiating from their surrounding area.
- 5.3 Areas of high townscape value have no statutory recognition in law, and have no legal controls over and above those that already exist. However the Council can encourage the retention of the areas character and appearance by the application of informal policies. The purpose is to draw the public's attention to the character of these areas and to help prevent the dilution of their architectural quality.
- 5.4 Policy UHT 16:Protection of Areas of High Townscape Value is the primary policy contained in the Borough Plan and states:

Proposals within Areas of High Townscape Value will be required to generally preserve the character and appearance of the area. Development shall:

- a) use materials which respect and compliment the predominant traditional materials of the location;
- b) not allow the loss of traditional materials and features;
- c) retain amenity spaces where they form part of the established character of the area; and
- d) retain, wherever possible, the existing trees and other important landscape features. In exceptional cases where any such loss is allowed, compensatory provision will be required in terms of quality and quantity.
- 5.5 The Guide expands this policy detailing in other sections how the Council will normally decide on planning applications in areas of high townscape value.

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