



Derby City Council

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# Derby Conservation Areas

## Hartington Street



## INTRODUCTION

The Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 requires Local Planning Authorities to determine areas of special architectural or historic interest, 'the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance'. These areas are called Conservation Areas.

Derby is a city of considerable historic interest and architectural merit with a range of streets and buildings spanning many centuries. In an effort to conserve important elements of our built heritage, the City Council have designated fifteen such areas. The City Centre and Friar Gate Conservation Areas are at the heart of the city centre. Seven are based on aspects of Victorian Derby (Railway, Arboretum, Little Chester, Strutts Park and Hartington Street, Highfield Cottages, Leylands Estate, Nottingham Road) and the remaining five are focused on former village centres (Darley Abbey, Mickleover, Spondon, Allestree and Markeaton). This document outlines the history and mentions some of the exceptional buildings contained within one of these areas.

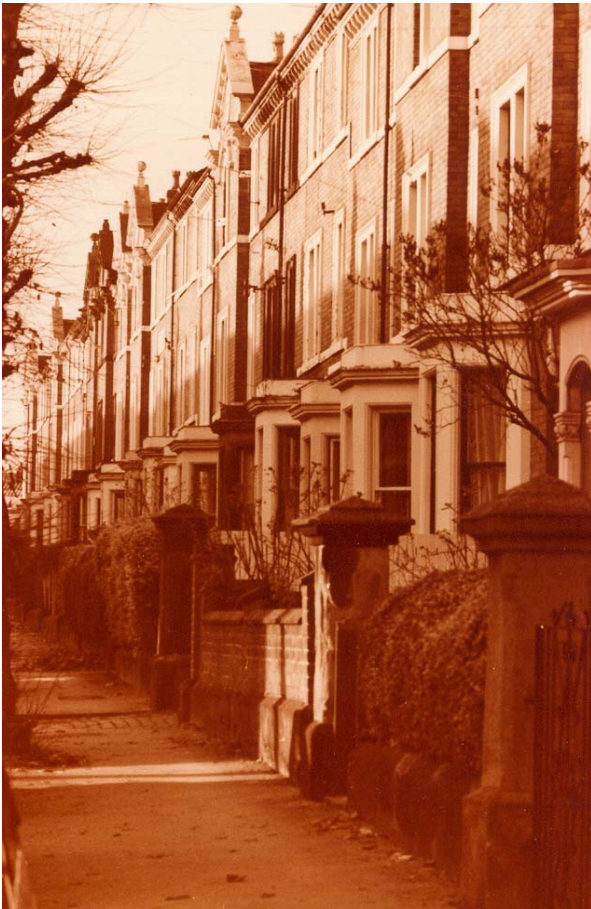
There are legal requirements and constraints which apply to Conservation Areas which do not apply elsewhere and the City Council therefore must pay special attention to the 'character' and 'appearance' of these areas when exercising its planning powers. This is a positive process in which a continuing effort is being made to control the nature and scale of change.

With the exception of certain buildings, no building in a Conservation Area can be demolished without consent from the Local Authority. This is enforced to maintain some of the more ordinary buildings that nevertheless contribute a great deal to the character of the area. An application for Conservation Area Consent must be made separately from any application for planning permission for redevelopment of the site.

There is also special protection for trees within designated Conservation Areas and anyone wishing to cut down, lop, top or uproot such a tree, must, with limited exceptions, give six weeks' notice to the City Council of their intention. This is to allow the authority an opportunity to formally inspect the tree and decide, in the interest of public visual amenity, whether it is appropriate to make a Tree Preservation Order.

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Hartington Street Conservation Area was designated in November 1982 in recognition of the historic and architectural interest of the street and complementary parts of Osmaston Road.

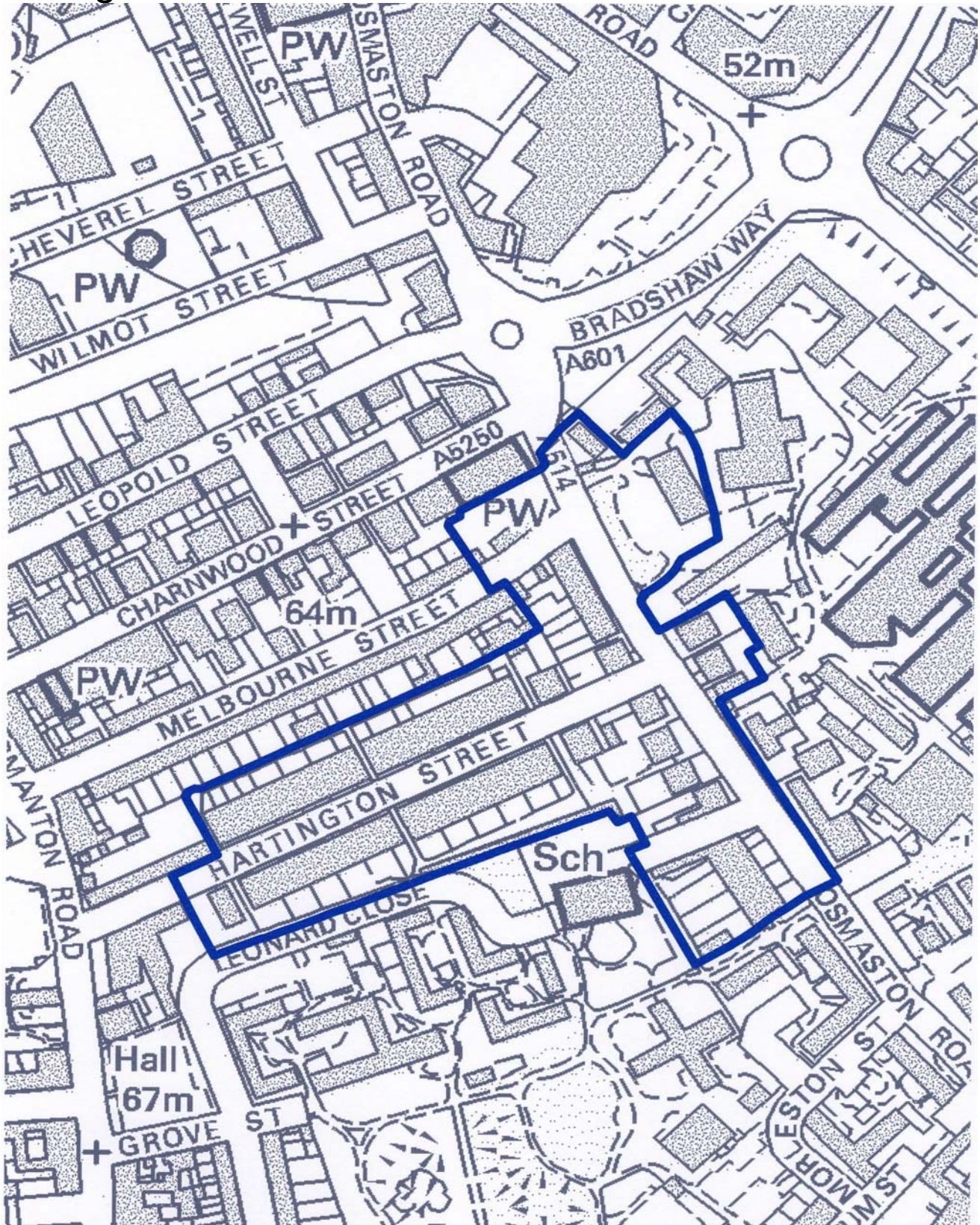
Hartington Street, originally called Harvey Street, was developed by the Woodiwiss Family from the mid 1870's to provide good "villa residences". The development formed part of an extensive building program in Litchurch Ward in the second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, but only in isolated cases elsewhere does the quality of architecture and wealth of detail approach that of the Hartington Street terraces.

Though the Hartington Street buildings are not included in the "Statutory List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest", they are included in a list of "Local Interest" compiled by the City Council. The street was originally gated at either end.

The Woodiwiss family had strong historical connections with Victorian Derby, providing two former Mayors and playing a major part in the development of railways in the region. Sir Abraham Woodiwiss, a Duffield stone merchant's son, was Mayor from 1880-82. His son, Abraham

Junior, was Mayor from 1888-89 and 1901-02. Sir Abraham Woodiwiss was the partner of George Benton in a company which constructed bridges, railways and a variety of buildings that included the Strand located in the City Centre Conservation Area.

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