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Derby Conservation Areas

Mickleover



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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Mickleover Conservation Area

Designated in March 1975, the Conservation Area recognises the character and history of the village of Mickleover, which, in common with other former villages in Derby, has been surrounded by suburban development.

First recorded in 1011 as Vfre (Over), the prefix is thought to date from before 1087 when a nearby settlement had become established and a distinction between Great (Mickle) Over and Little Over became necessary.

As late as 1846, Mickleover remained a small village serving the farming community, but in 1849 the opening of the Derbyshire Pauper Lunatic Asylum led to an expansion of the village. Despite this growth the original street pattern and several of the village's more prominent buildings still remain.



Mickleover Manor House (The Woodlands)

The much restored 14th century Church of All Saints lies between Mickleover Manor House (the Woodlands), built in Neo-Jacobean style for the Newton family by Duesbury in 1849, and the Georgian Manor Farmhouse with its unusual cast iron framed windows.

The area has two important timber framed buildings, no. 4 The Hollow and the Old Hall in Orchard Street both dating from the 17th century. Old Hall is reputed to have been built by a Captain in Cromwell's army in 1649 although the porch bears an inscription which includes the date 1684. The square panelled

timber frame is exposed with intermittent red brick noggin. The interior has several interesting features notably some fine contemporary oak panelling.

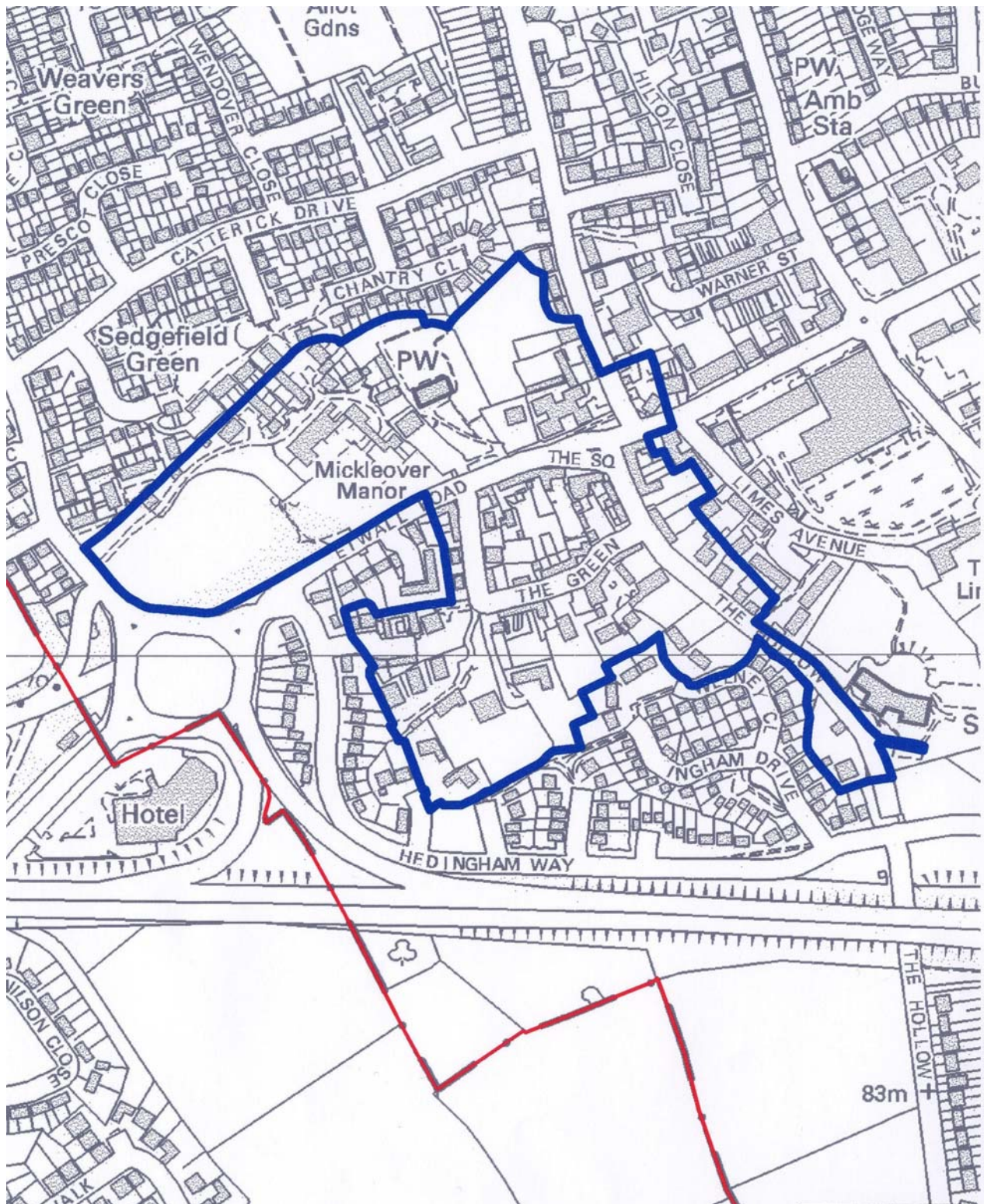


4 Orchard Street, Mickleover



Old Hall, Orchard Street, Mickleover

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