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# Derby Conservation Areas

## Nottingham Road



## 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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# Nottingham Road Conservation Area



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Nottingham Road Conservation Area was designated on 9<sup>th</sup> June 1993. This fascinating area is rich in architectural and historic interest and was the site of the original Liversage estate, which may have dated back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century. The area lies between Nottingham Road, Clarke Street, Fox Street and the Landau Forte College. Most of the current estate, owned by the Liversage Trust, dates from the late 1890. It replaced a smaller estate which occupied the site for at least a century prior to that, but was in a poor state of repair and was demolished on the recommendations of the Birmingham surveyor, J Matthews. The only buildings to survive are the Peacock Inn, a late 18<sup>th</sup> century stone tavern, and Nos. 91 and 109 Nottingham Road, two contemporary stone houses.



*Peacock Inn, Nottingham Road*



*Punch Bowl Cottage, Nottingham Road*

The current estate was built in 1896 to designs by Alexander Macpherson, one of Derby's most important architects, best known for designing Littleover Old Hall and the Co-operative Society building on East Street. The estate was built in an Arts and Crafts style, of red brick with stone and terracotta details, and plain roof tiles. Some of the larger buildings along Nottingham Road also have ornately pargeted gables. Many of the original sash and casement windows survive, although they are gradually being replaced. Many of the panelled doors also survive.

The remainder of the estate, Nos. 9-19 Alice Street and Nos. 24-28 Keys Street, was built in 1933 by J H Fryer to designs by George Eaton, PPRIBA.

Close by the estate was the original site of the Derby Porcelain Works (now Royal Crown Derby). The only parts of this site to survive are Nos. 51-53

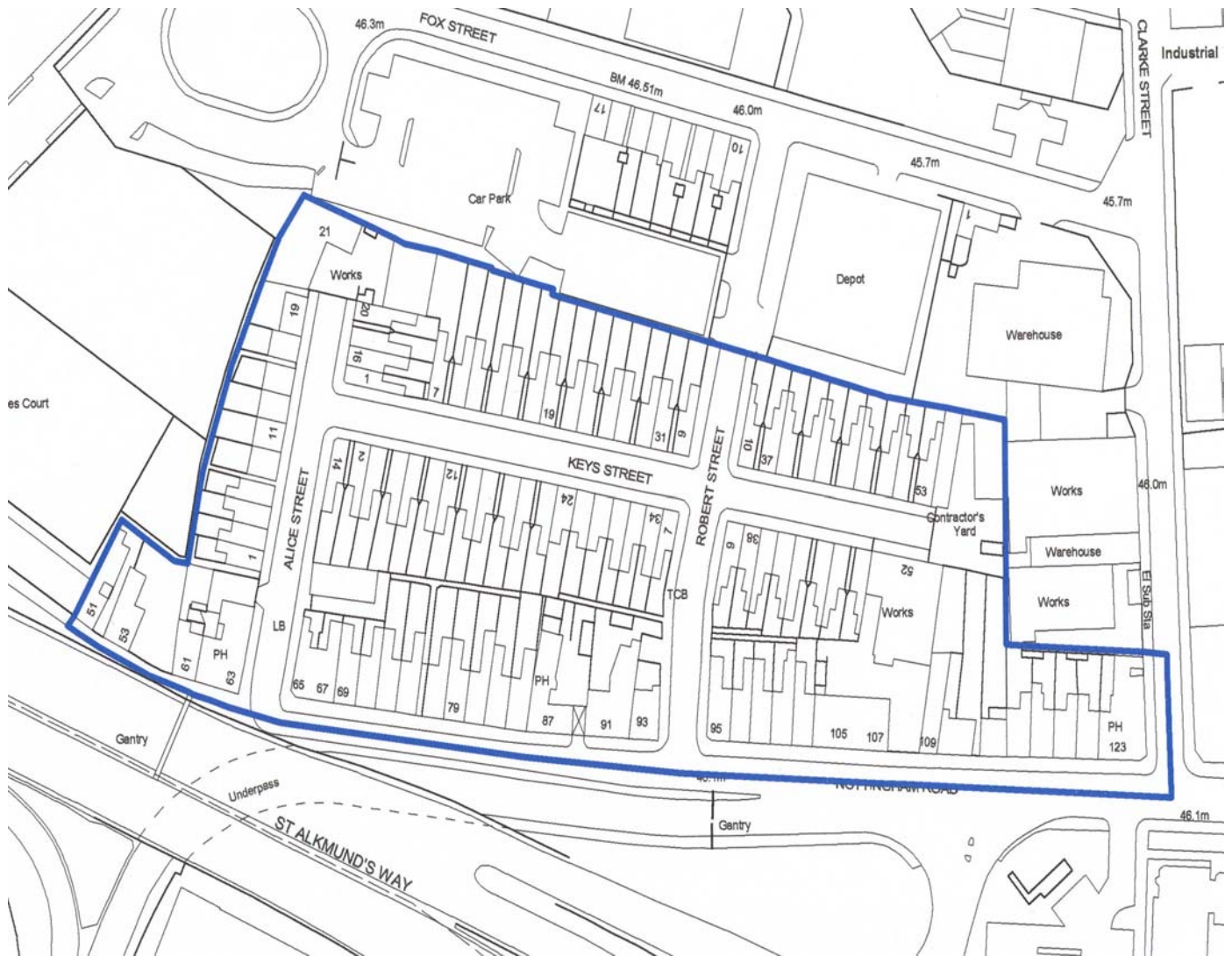
Nottingham Road (the former Punch Bowl Public House). These vernacular cottages date from 1757 and have been included in the Conservation Area in recognition of the importance of the porcelain works in Derby's history. Also of interest are Nos. 115-123 Nottingham Road, which are now owned by the Liversage Trust; this range dates from the mid-late 19<sup>th</sup> century.

There are no statutory listed buildings in the area; however, Nos. 51-53 Nottingham Road are included on the local list.



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