

Summary Statements

CLAYTON CONSERVATION AREA

Clayton Conservation Area was designated in 1992. The following brief statement identifies the environmental qualities which merit designation and which the Borough Council consider should be preserved or enhanced.

The boundary was drawn to include the area known as the Green at the frontage of Clayton Road continuing on to the area of woodland above Dark Wood and below the Clayton Hall estate to the north. Clayton Hall, a Grade II Listed Building lies within the centre of the former parkland and its landscaped setting is the key part of the CA. The Hall and grounds are now the Clayton Hall Academy. The Hall built from the 1840s is set within a historic park and garden with a lodge off the main road which marks the entrance into the original historic estate. Another entrance into the now school is off Clayton Lane to the north. The main building is used as a school and Business College which have added modern educational buildings into the setting of the main building.

The Green and many buildings around it were former outbuildings probably associated with the estate, such as a farm and barns and stables. The Green creates an attractive setting for this part of the Area and sense of spaciousness. The former farm and its outbuildings have been converted and development is limited due to the area also being within the Green Belt. The woodland to the south of the estate is also protected by an area Tree Preservation Order and other trees are protected across the road around former stables and estate houses. This is in addition to the existing protection which is given to trees in Conservation Areas. The boundary around the Hall is tree lined with a hedge and railings which are largely hidden. The boundary along Clayton Lane has an historic stone boundary wall with a hedge.