

**Designated by Elmbridge Borough Council 11th November 1974
Amended by Elmbridge Borough Council on 21st June 1983, 6th February
1996 and 10th April 2013**

Statement of Designation

(N.B. This information is taken from a report to Surrey County Council Planning Committee as the agenda for the Walton Central Area Working Party on the 24th October 1974 cannot be located).

This conservation area is based on the historic road junction of Church Street and Bridge Street, and the boundary is drawn to include those elements of recent development that contribute to the special character of this part of the Town Centre. The area also includes the historic Parish Church of St. Mary which dates from the 12th century, and parts of Bridge Street and Thames Street where much small scale development remains and enhances the local character.

The principal objectives of a conservation policy in this area are to preserve as far as is desirable the remaining frontage development of Church Street; to preserve the character and scale of the area formed by the juxtaposition of Bridge Street, Thames Street, Church Street, High Street, and Hepworth Way, which gives a sense of closure and intimacy to this shopping area; to encourage the enhancement of the fabric of the conservation area, including building facades, shopfronts, townscape and roofscape, street furniture and advertisements; to ensure that the design of new buildings is in harmony and scale with the character of existing buildings and groups of buildings.