

Conservation Areas

Designation

A Conservation area designation is made by the District Council, and can be made when the Council believes that an area has either special architectural or historic interest. The different types of historic or architectural interest include

1. Assets linked to a particular industry or individual with a local interest
2. Where an earlier, historically significant (including ancient parkland) layout is visible in modern street patterns
3. Where a particular style of architecture or traditional building materials prevail.

Before the District Council make the designation they involve the local community in developing an appraisal of the area, which is available for comment on the web site.

If the District Council is minded to proceed to a designation there are advertising formalities with which they need to comply.

Downsides

The designation of an area as a Conservation area controls the way owners deal with their properties, including:

Control over demolition of unlisted buildings

Control over works to trees

Control over advertising and

Restrictions on the types of development that can be carried out without planning permission.

I would recommend that Fringford does not at this stage progress to identify potential Conservation areas, and relies on the protection afforded the Village by the Cherwell DC Local Plan.

Special Areas of Conservation

CDC have confirmed that these are areas that contain confidential ecological information. The Parish Council requires details of the species a request can be made to the Thames Valley Environmental records centre, who will research the request at a cost of £55 per hour.

