

Hampton Court Green Conservation Area 11

Designation

Conservation Area Designated:
14.01.1969

Conservation Area extended:
07.09.1982

Location

OS Sheets: 1568, 1668

Hampton Court Green conservation area is a linear development along approach and perimeter roads to Hampton Court Palace. It is contained by Hampton Village (12), Hampton Wick (18), Hampton Court Park (60) and Bushy Park (61) conservation areas.

History and Development

The area is closely associated with the Tudor Palace, with further high quality development, which continued into the 18th century.

Character

The area was originally designated in recognition of the great architectural and historic importance of the area around Hampton Court Palace, containing many 17th and 18th century buildings, including the Old Court House, the home of Sir Christopher Wren from 1708-1723; the Royal Mews (mid 16th with 17th century) and modern adaptation, and the adjoining barn (1570). It was extended along Hampton Court Road to include Georgian and early 19th century lodges on the north side of the road.

Designated as a priority area of archaeological potential, Hampton Court Road, from Hampton to Hampton Wick skirts the Palace grounds and serves as a boundary to Bushy Park.

The conservation area is essentially an historic landscape bisected by an increasingly busy road (A308), which serves to isolate the Palace from its immediate surroundings. Spectacular views are obtained in all directions. Ribbon development of Hampton Court Road was completed early in the 19th century and little has since changed apart from the addition of occasional 20th century infill. Sporadic development gives way to more intensely developed commercial frontages in the vicinity of the Palace, increasing the feeling of activity. The scale, however, remains strictly domestic.

Long garden frontages, all with a mixture of brick boundary walls, railings, gates and hedges provide good settings for many of the buildings along the road, a large number of which are listed. The most important group of buildings lies at the junction of the approach to Hampton Court Bridge and Hampton Court Road, and provided accommodation for court officials from the late 17th century. The bridge, the fourth since 1750, is by Edwin Lutyens (1930) and provides panoramic views towards the Palace.

Commercial and directional signs for the many visitors are a noticeable feature of the area. Although by definition at odds with the historic environment, it is in general restrained in nature.

The grounds of Hampton Court House contain an historic garden by Thomas Wright (1769) now included by English Heritage in the Register of Historic Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest in England. The grounds contain a pond, shell grotto and rustic 'gothic' hut.

Problems and Pressures

- Development pressure which may harm the balance of the river and landscape-dominated setting, and the obstruction or spoiling of views, skylines and landmarks
- Loss of traditional architectural features and materials due to unsympathetic alterations
- Loss of front boundary treatments and front gardens for car parking
- Lack of coordination and poor quality of street furniture and flooring
- Domination of traffic and poor pedestrian safety leading to clutter of signage and street furniture

Opportunity for Enhancement

- Improvement and protection of river and landscape setting
- Preservation, enhancement and reinstatement of architectural quality and unity
- Retain and enhance front boundary treatments and discourage increase in the amount of hard surfacing in front gardens
- Coordination of colour and design and improvement in quality of street furniture and flooring
- Improvement of highways conditions and pedestrian convenience, and rationalisation of existing signage and street furniture

Scale: N.T.S.



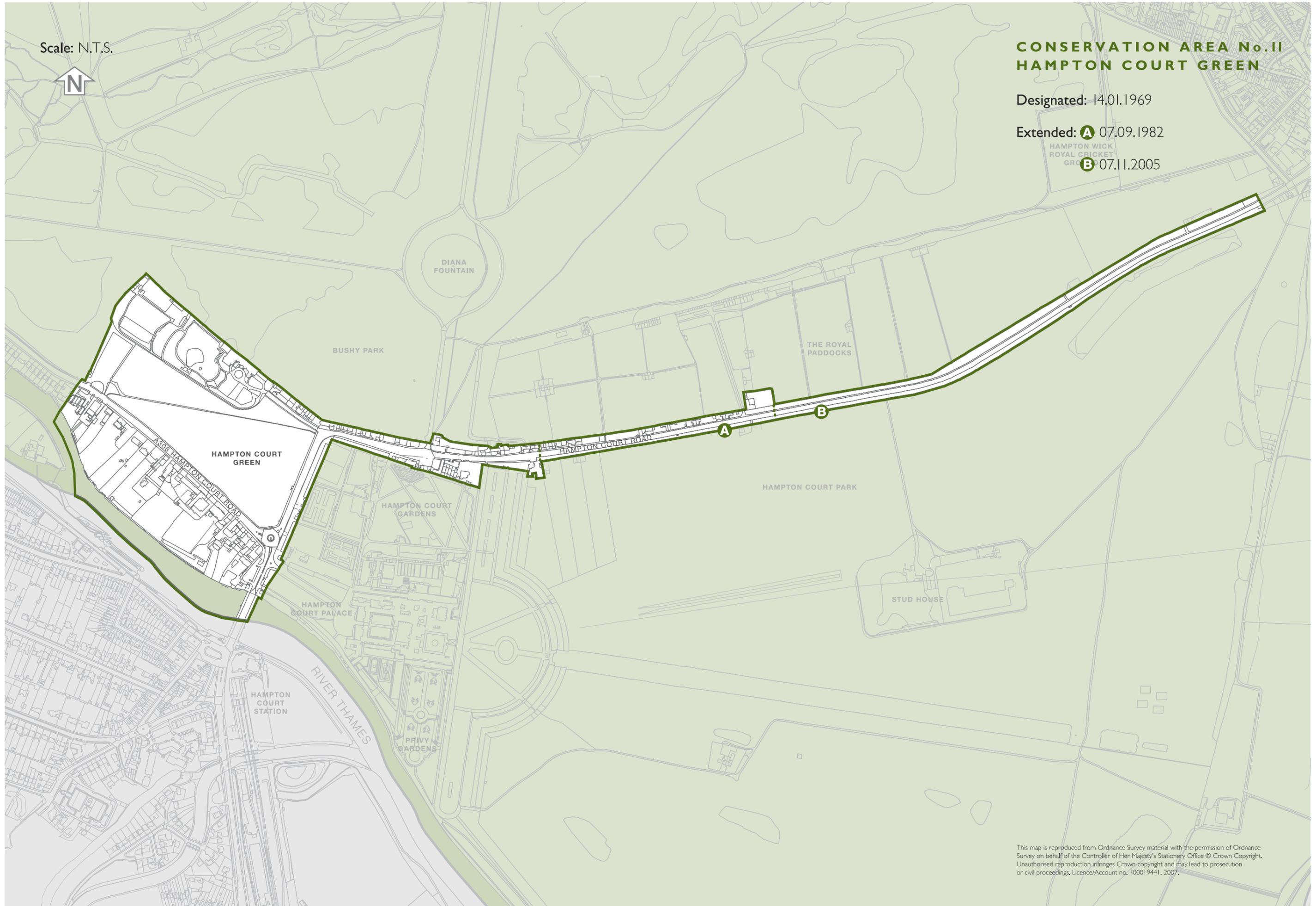
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HAMPTON WICK
ROYAL CRICKET
GROUND



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