

High Street (Hampton Hill) Conservation Area 38

Designation

Conservation area designated:
07.09.1982

Conservation area extended:
23.03.1996

Location

OS Sheets: 1470

High Street (Hampton Hill) conservation area is aligned along the high street of Hampton Hill, between Uxbridge Road to the South, No.167 to the North and fringing Bushy Park to the East. It adjoins Bushy Park (61) conservation area.

History and Development

The High Street is the historic route between Fulwell and Hampton village. Bushy Park was enclosed for deer coursing by Henry II in 1537. Following the Enclosure Act of 1811 development began to cluster along this road and fringing the park. The settlement of "New Hampton" had appeared here by at least the mid 19th century. Growth was accelerated by the advent of the Waterworks and then the railway in 1863. The widening of the street for a tramway in 1910 resulted in some redevelopment, followed by larger scale of development in the later 20th century to the North.

Character

High Street (Hampton Hill) conservation area forms the busy centre of Hampton Hill and the historic core of the original linear settlement. It is a largely residential area that also retains a distinctive traditional village high street character. It retains many fine original shopfronts including a number of remarkable single storey shop units built on the frontage of former houses. The area is defined by the listed high brick walls of Bushy Park to the East and areas of later terraced housing along the railway to the West. The Pantile Bridge crossing the Longford River forms the south gateway to the high street. Here an important green space with rustic timber shelter at the junction with Uxbridge Road and the low wall to Bushy Park allowing wide open views into the park, are in contrast to the enclosed character of the high street to the North. The North gateway is less clear, marked by the transition to a more compact and smaller scale high street. The listed early 19th century nos.167 and the opposing former engineering works in distinctive polychrome brickwork (no.92) frame this gateway. The high street is enclosed by closely packed predominantly two storey Victorian buildings occupying traditional long narrow plots. This allows a series of views North and South along this wide and gently curving street. Materials are predominately yellow stock brickwork with red brick dressings and timber sliding sash windows. Other buildings are either painted or rendered, all in a variety of architectural styles. The roofscape is characterised by mostly shallow pitched slate roofs with brick chimneys, all providing unity rhythm and interest to the street. The wider landscape setting of Bushy Park and the backdrop of mature trees contribute to the enclosure and distinctive village character of this area. Cross Street and Windmill Road off the high street are groups of two storey cottages set behind small front gardens and boundary walls. Glimpses up these narrow streets add further interest to the streetscene.

Problems and Pressures

- Loss of traditional architectural features and materials due to unsympathetic alterations
- 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
- Loss of original or quality shopfronts and unsympathetic alterations and advertisement

Opportunity for Enhancement

- Preservation, enhancement and reinstatement of architectural quality and unity
- 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
- Retain and improve the quality of shopfronts and advertisement
- Areas identified for environmental improvement include: Northern Pedestrian Entrance to Bushy Park, Land to South of The Star PH, Park Gate Court, Green at Junction of High Street and Uxbridge Road.

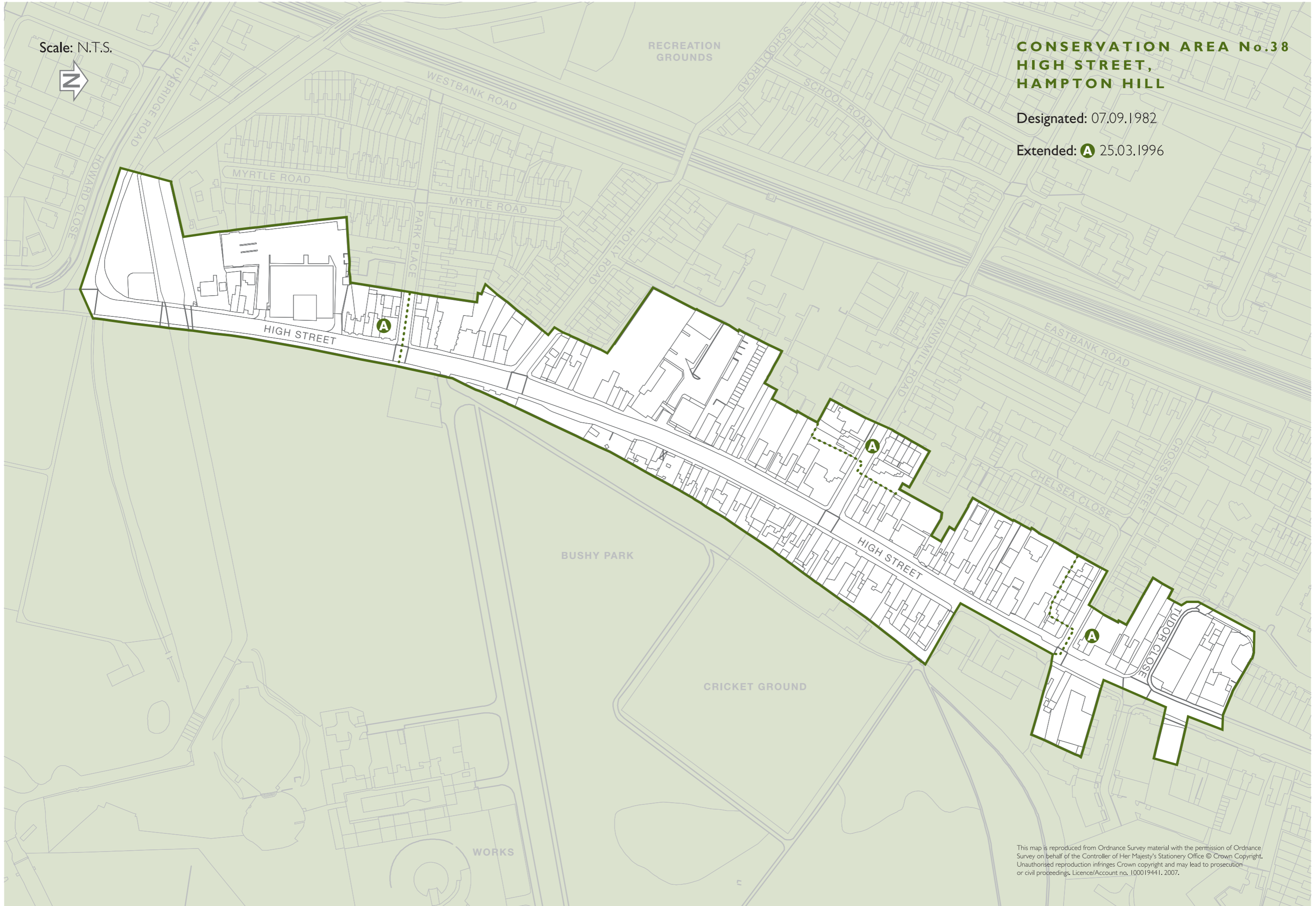
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HAMPTON HILL**

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