

# Knockdene Conservation Area



Notice is hereby given that the Department of the Environment, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon it by Article 50 of the Planning (NI) Order 1991 has designated the area at Knockdene indicated on the map overleaf as a Conservation Area, being an area of special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance.

It is the aim of the Conservation Strategy for Belfast outlined in the Belfast Urban Area Plan 2001 to protect and enhance the architectural and historic character of the city.

The Knockdene area exhibits a very high standard of townscape character with many period Victorian and Edwardian properties contributing to the special quality of this suburban setting. The Knockdene Area of Townscape Character (ATC) was declared in October 1992. Following consultation with the Belfast City Council and the Historic Buildings Council the Department has now decided to designate this ATC as a Conservation Area in recognition of the special townscape merits of the area.

Conservation Area designation introduces control over the demolition of unlisted property in the area and in future the prime consideration for the Department in assessing whether development proposals are acceptable will be the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character and appearance of the area.

Planning Policy Statement 6 'Planning, Archaeology and the Built Heritage' sets out the Department's current regional planning policies for the control of development within Conservation Areas.

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