

ASHBURNHAM TRIANGLE ARTICLE 4 PROPOSALS

Statement of Consultation

In line with statutory legislative requirements, the Royal Borough of Greenwich gave notice of the cancellation of the existing and proposed new Article 4 Direction as follows:

- By local advertisement in Greenwich
- By site display within each street affected
- Individually on every owner and occupier of every property within the area to which the direction related
- On the Royal Borough's website

The Notice specified a period of 21 days, between 21 May 2013 and 11 June 2013, within which any representations concerning the direction could be made in writing to the Royal Borough. At the same time, the Royal Borough notified the Secretary of State.

A total of 8 responses were received during the public notification period comprising representations from the following:

- The Ashburnham Triangle Association
- The Greenwich Society
- The Greenwich Conservation Group
- 5x Local residents

The following table summarises the concerns received and gives officers comments in response:

Representation	Officers Comments
Fuller explanation of the new article 4 direction required	<i>Clear information will be made available on the Borough's website and a new Article 4 Guidance Note will be published in clear and simple language</i>
Clarification over whether requirement for planning permission for external painting includes the painting of external joinery	<i>Clarification will be given that this is intended to apply to the painting of external brickwork and not to routine maintenance</i>
Objection to the controlling of the colour of houses, windows and doors etc.	<i>Clarification will be given that the objective is not to control the choice of colour of but to prevent the painting of brickwork</i>
Objections to the language of the consultation letter as too generic and requests for clarification of legal terminology	<i>Information on the website, information to residents and a new Article 4 Guidance Note will be written in clear and simple language</i>
Clarification over why certain properties were excluded	<i>These are either listed buildings or buildings which do not contribute positively to the character of the conservation area. The guidance will clarify why certain properties were excluded.</i>
The erroneous inclusion of land associated with Guildford Arms PH on proposal map	<i>This is a drafting error on the map and will be corrected</i>

In summary, with the exception of a correction to the map of the affected area, there were no changes required to the proposed new Article 4 Direction as a result of the public consultation. The need for further clarification resulting from the consultation responses will be addressed via the publication of clear information on the Borough's website (on 21 May 2014) of clear information within a notification letter to residents (on 21 May 2014), and the publication and distribution of a new explanatory Article 4 Guidance Note (in due course).