

Hampton Court Park Conservation Area 60

Designation

Conservation area designated:
29.01.1991

Conservation area amended:
29.1.1996

Location

OS Sheets: 1568, 1667, 1668, 1768

Hampton Court Park conservation area is situated on the North bank of the River Thames to the South of Bushy Park and the East of Hampton Court Palace.

History and Development

This parkland was formed in the early 16th century when Cardinal Wolsey first constructed a moated house in Hampton. Under Henry VIII the house became Hampton Court Palace and the gardens were greatly extended to include the Privy Garden, an eight acre tiltyard and an outer orchard of nine acres. The parkland extended to 1200 acres. Sir Christopher Wren impressively extended the palace in the late 17th century under William III.

Character

Hampton Court Park is of national and international importance as an historic area of parkland and the setting to Hampton Court Palace, which is listed Grade I and scheduled as an Ancient Monument. The palace and the line of the Longford River are noted as being of archaeological potential. Hampton Court Park is a well defined and extensive area of open space with a distinct physical identity, contained by the river and Hampton Court Road. The informal landscape of the park is overlain with the discipline of three radiating avenues with the central avenue bordering the Long Water. All three avenues are linked by a fourth completing a vast equilateral triangle of trees. Vistas framed by these avenues extend beyond the confines of the park and contribute also to the setting of the palace. The Barge Walk towpath from Kingston Bridge to Hampton Court Bridge outside the walls of the park offers an uninterrupted riverside walk of great quality. Three unaltered walled paddocks survive adjacent to Hampton Court Road as a relic of the recreational pursuit of the monarch. An interesting twelve sided icehouse in plum brick survives besides other estate buildings. The historic boundary walls and railings to the park are also of historic significance and provide containment and enclosure to the open space, and heightens its' significance and the pleasure of glimpsed views. From outside the park these walls also provide a continuous and defining local reference.

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

Opportunity for Enhancement

- Improvement and protection of river and landscape setting

Scale: N.T.S.



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