

Mays Road Conservation Area 42

Designation

Conservation area designated:
14.06.1988

Location

OS Sheets: 1471

Mays Road conservation area lies in the suburban area to the North of Hampton Hill centre, centred on Mays Road and accessed from Wellington Road to the West and Kings Road to the East.

History and Development

Mays Road was developed as a single residential estate in the 1930s. The estate was built on former nursery land and glasshouses. The grounds of two detached Victorian villas on Wellington Road dictated its shape, themselves replaced by modern development in the post war period.

Character

Mays Road conservation area is a distinctive cohesive planned estate of public housing, designed in accordance with Garden City principles. This residential block is aligned on the axis of Mays Road with houses arranged symmetrically along this route and focused around a central open green space or roundabout. One and a half storey houses form staggered rows of semi-detached pairs and terraces along Mays Road and along only one side of Princes, Kings and Connaught Roads. Houses adopt a rustic Old English cottage style of roughcast walls under steeply pitched tiled roofs with gables, small integral dormer windows and chimneys, and porches. Features that exemplify the Garden City model. Contemporary two storey semi-detached houses of a different but sympathetic character also line part of the West side of Kings Road. Generous and well-planted front gardens set behind hedges and gates to the road and grass verges all contribute to the pleasant suburban character. This estate is important in terms of its social and economic significance within the Borough.

Problems and Pressures

- 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

Opportunity for Enhancement

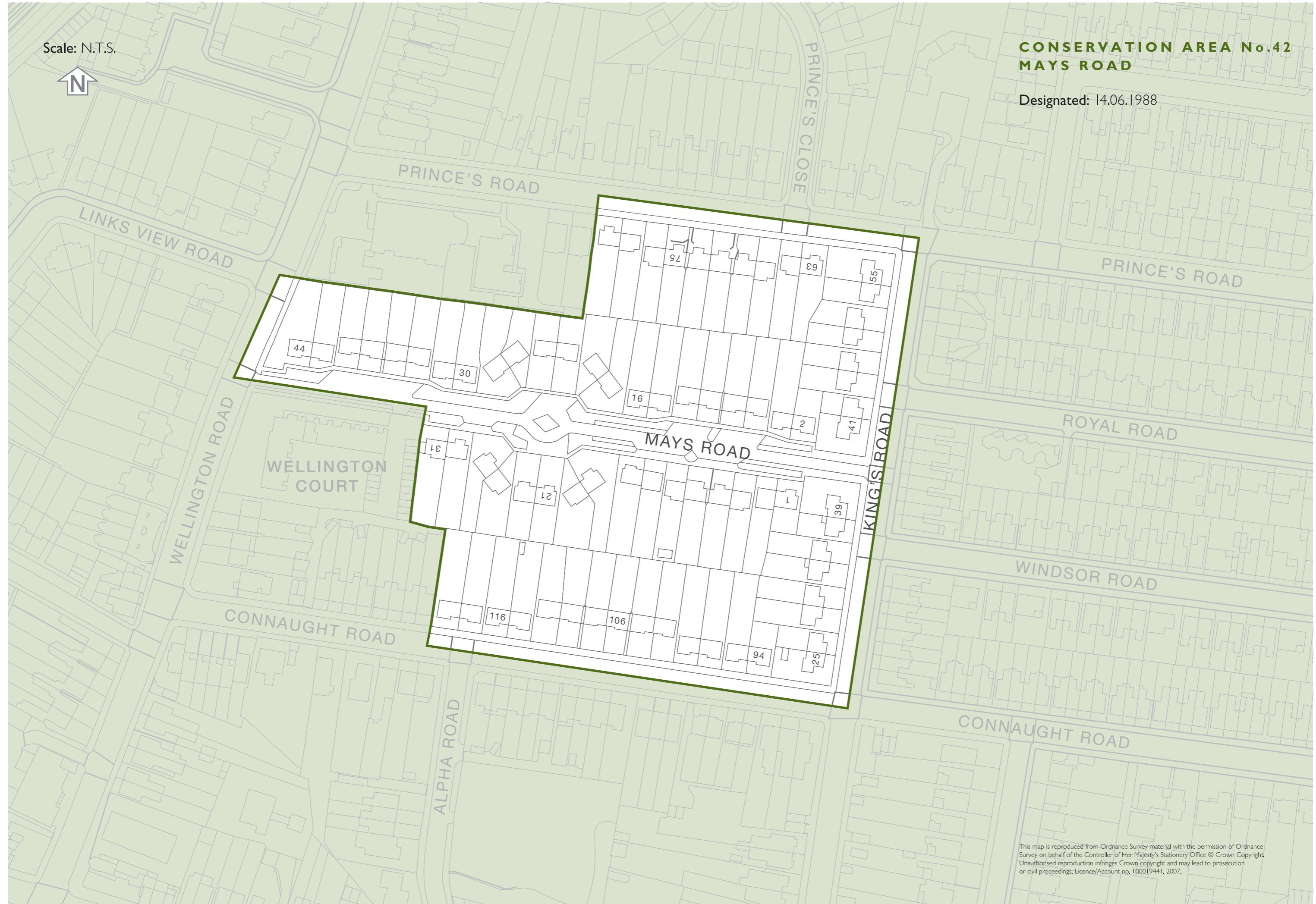
- Preservation, enhancement and reinstatement of architectural quality and unity
- Retain and enhance front boundary treatments and discourage increase in the amount of hard surfacing in front gardens
- Coordination of colour and design and improvement in quality of street furniture and flooring

Scale: N.T.S.



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