

Conservation Areas – Planning Requirements

(<https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/residents/environment-planning-and-building/planning/conservation#conservation-areas>)

Calderdale has a wealth of features and architecture worthy of being conserved and enhanced for the future:

Ancient Monuments

Conservation Areas

All local planning authorities have a statutory duty to designate conservation areas.

These are areas of special architectural or historic interest. Of which, the character or appearance is desirable to preserve or enhance.

Find out more at: [Historic England - Conservation areas](#).

A number of special controls and requirements apply in conservation areas, in order to protect their character. This does not mean that there will be no new developments or alterations to existing buildings. It is recognised that places must be able to adapt to current needs through appropriately managed change. The Council has a duty to ensure that any change:

- increases the attractiveness of these areas;
- or does no harm to their special qualities.

Do you want to make alterations to a property, demolish a building or fell a tree in a conservation area? Please see: [Do I need planning permission and will I get it?](#)

Controls in Conservation Areas

There are special controls and requirements that apply to conservation areas to protect their character, which include:

- Consent for demolishing buildings and other structures.
- New developments must be well designed, including using traditional natural materials as appropriate.
- New buildings, extensions and alterations must preserve or enhance the character of the conservation area.

- The Council must be notified six weeks before you want to fell or prune a tree(s), see: [Trees and hedges](#).
- Permission is needed for some types of development that you may not need elsewhere, such as:
 - larger extensions;
 - dormer windows;
 - cladding external walls of a house;
 - satellite dishes facing a highway;
 - illuminated advertisements.

To find out if you need planning permission, see: [Do I need planning permission and will I get it?](#)