

Shopfronts in Myddleton Road

An area of special architectural and historic interest

Myddleton Road contains a number of original Victorian and Edwardian shopfronts that define the character and appearance of the Bowes Park Conservation Area.

A conservation area is an area of special architectural or historic interest where strict planning controls apply to protect the buildings and environment. This includes alterations to shopfronts.

The council is working with residents and traders to preserve and conserve the character of these traditional Victorian and Edwardian shopfronts in Myddleton Road.

We ask that traditional shopfronts are kept or restored to their original appearance and

maintained in good condition. This means using good quality and traditional building materials.

We want to achieve improved standards of shopfront design in Myddleton Road, both to enhance the appearance of the area and to increase business. Having an attractive shopping area where shoppers enjoy spending time and money improves the area. An attractive environment can draw shoppers to the area and contribute to the commercial and retail vitality of a shopping street.

“Any proposed alterations to shopfronts in this area need to get approval from the council’s planning department. This is to ensure that changes are in line with the conservation area’s character and are attractive and good quality.”



“Any original architectural details should be retained and/or replaced as needed during building work.”

Dos and Don'ts:

- ✓ You will always need formal planning permission to make building changes in a conservation area
- ✓ Canopies should be traditionally designed straight canvas only
- ✗ Internally illuminated signs are not appropriate for shops within a conservation area
- ✗ Solid metal shutters are not allowed and suitable alternatives should be used

Undertaking Alterations

To avoid enforcement action, please contact the planning department on your proposed alterations to shopfronts. Guidance and advice is available from the council's Design and Conservation Team on **020 8489 5217**.

When carrying out alterations or improvements to your property in a conservation area you should consider employing an architect or builder that has worked on similar properties. They will know what materials need to be used and the procedures to be followed. For a list of architects in your area, please contact the Royal Institute of British Architects (**RIBA**) on www.architecture.com



Past alterations to shopfronts have significantly harmed the character and appearance of the shopping parade.

In the photograph of the original street over the page, you will see that the shops used to have traditional straight canvas canopies. These are far more attractive than modern plastic, PVC canopies or Dutch blinds.

Of particular concern is the number of shops that have installed solid roller shutter blinds. These blinds contribute nothing to the street scene when closed because they cut off the window display and stop light from within the shop illuminating the street at night. They are unattractive, create a forbidding atmosphere and can attract graffiti.

Therefore, the incorporation of security glass in shop windows is the preferred alternative to metal roller shutters/security grilles. If these are necessary, they should be open mesh and located internally.



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