

# Dalston Lane (West) Conservation Area Public Consultation

19 September to 31 October 2016

Hackney Council is consulting on a revised boundary to the Dalston Lane (West) Conservation Area along with a new draft Conservation Area Appraisal.

This leaflet contains some important information including:

- A map of the Conservation Area
- How being in a Conservation Area affects you
- How you can find out more information
- How you can have your say





#### What is a Conservation Area?

Conservation Areas are areas of special architectural interest. It is the character of the area as a whole rather than the quality of specific buildings that is important. The historic layout of roads, paths, gardens and trees all contribute to this special character. Hackney Council designates Conservation Areas in order to preserve and enhance the character and appearance of these historic areas.

## How does being in a Conservation Area affect you?

Conservation Areas enjoy special protection under the law. Below are some of the key requirements for works in Conservation Areas:

- You will need planning permission to demolish a building in a conservation area. Hackney Council will seek to keep all buildings that make a positive contribution to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.
- You must give us six weeks notice in writing before any work is carried out to lop, top or fell a tree in a Conservation Area. You can contact the Council's Tree Officer for advice and help.
- You will need to demonstrate that any development proposal preserves or enhances the character and appearance of a Conservation Area. Hackney Council has greater control over building work in conservation areas, including materials and detailed design.
- You may need to apply for planning permission for alterations or extensions that would not normally need planning permission, such as minor roof alterations, dormer windows or a satellite dish. If you are in any doubt about whether you need planning permission, you can contact the Duty Planner on 020 8356 8062 or planning@hackney.gov.uk.
- Hackney Council also has greater control over the erection of advertisements and signs. For instance, the Council has the power to control shop signs, posters or estate agents boards that would not normally need permission.

### Why are we consulting?

Dalston Lane (West) Conservation Area was originally designated in 2005 at a time of profound physical change in the central Dalston area. Since 2005, central Dalston has continued to be under close scrutiny and development pressure, with the built heritage facing many threats. Hackney Council is therefore proposing a westward extension of the Dalston Lane (West) Conservation Area to

manage change carefully in this area. The current Conservation Area forms part of an old village core that includes historic open space and ribbon development, dating from both the Georgian and Victorian era. The proposed extension of the Conservation Area will include significant buildings that make up Hackney's industrial past in and around Ashwin Street. Please see the enclosed map which shows the existing Dalston Lane (West) Conservation Area and the proposed extension.

### Dalston Lane (West) Conservation Area Appraisal

The Council has prepared a draft Conservation Area Appraisal as part of its proposals to revise the boundaries of the Conservation Area. The appraisal describes and analyses the particular character of Dalston Lane (West) Conservation Area. This includes more obvious aspects such as its buildings, architectural details and open spaces, as well as attempting to portray the qualities that make the area unique. These include less tangible characteristics such as cultural and socio-economic influences.



The draft appraisal can be viewed at www.hackney.gov.uk/dalston-lane-west-ca or by visiting: Hackney Central Library, 1 Reading Lane E8 1GQ, Dalston CLR James Library, Dalston Square E8 3BQ or the Planning Reception at Hackney Service Centre, 2 Hillman Street E8 1FB.

### Have your say

If you have any comments on the proposed extension of the Dalston Lane (West) Conservation Area, or on the draft Conservation Area Appraisal, you can have your say by:

- Attending a community drop-in session at
   Dalston Square (in front of the CLR James
   Library), Dalston Lane on Wednesday 28
   September at 4 7pm or Saturday 1 October
   at 12 3pm
- Visiting www.hackney.gov.uk/dalston-lanewest-ca to view the draft documents and respond online
- Including your comments in the comment box of this consultation pack, and returning it to: CUDS Team, Hackney Council, 2 Hillman Street, London E8 1FB
- Speaking to a Conservation Officer on **020 8356 8106**.

This consultation closes on **31 October 2016**.

### **Comments**

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You can also return your comments online at www.hackney.gov.uk/dalston-lane-west-ca						
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