

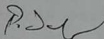
Proposed Extension of the Kennington Conservation Area

(Bishops Ward)

Report by the Director of Environmental Services

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PURPOSE

To extend the Kennington Conservation Area (CA8).

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) That the Committee approve the extension of the Kennington Conservation Area under section 69 of the Planning (Listed Building & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as shown on Plan No. DES/PP/397.
- (2) That the Committee approve the detailed boundary of the area as shown on Plan No. DES/PP/397.

For decision

1. Context

1.1 The function of the planning system is to regulate development and use of land in the public interest. The best of the Borough's built and landscaped environment can be valued and protected as part of this regulation through the designation of new conservation areas or the extension of existing ones. The enduring quality of these areas adds to the quality of life of the residents by protecting and enhancing the local scene, and sustaining the sense of local distinctiveness and civic pride. This is of particular importance when it comes to protecting local landmark buildings such as the former Regal Cinema (later Gala Bingo) on Kennington Road, which has been a prominent landmark and popular centre of entertainment in Kennington for over 60 years.

1.2 The proposal to extend the Kennington Conservation Area to include the former Regal Cinema and the adjoining public house falls within the general objectives of the Environmental Services Committee as reported to Committee on the 15th June 1995 (Ref. ES 20/95-96). That report included principles promoting civic pride (1.6) and the objectives for service areas including 'sensitive planning and conservation' (11). It also set out the objectives for the committee and the work programme.