



GENERAL INFORMATION LEAFLET

ALBERT GATE Conservation Area

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Designation: The Albert Gate Conservation Area was designated in January 1989.

Historical Background: The area provides a gateway to Knightsbridge and retains much of its late Victorian development. It is metropolitan in scale and built with red brick with stone and faience dressings, similar to the character of the Knightsbridge Green Conservation Area. But earlier development includes two classical stuccoed Palazzo-style blocks which flank the Albert Gate, designed by Thomas Cubitt in 1840. The only modern development is 60 Knightsbridge, built in the 1960s.

Listed Buildings: 1 and 2 Albert Gate; 62-64 Knightsbridge; 55-91 Knightsbridge; 4-12 William Street, (all grade II).

Key Features: Apart from the William Street buildings the area is predominantly Victorian in character. Albert Gate provides a grandiose gateway to Hyde Park and a focus of the Conservation Area. The Hyde Park Hotel built in 1888 is a good example of highly ornate architecture. Modern developments which are not in scale and character with the Conservation Area are Bowater House to the west and the Park Tower Hotel in the adjoining borough of Kensington and Chelsea. Views to and from the park and the easterly approach along Knightsbridge are important townscape features. The views from the park particularly, emphasize the predominant Victorian and Edwardian character and setting of this Conservation Area. Land use is varied with hotels, offices, shopping and residential.

Adjacent Conservation Areas: To the west is Knightsbridge Green. To the south east Belgravia; Royal Parks to the north and the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea to the south west.

Strategic Views: Not affected.

Areas of Special Archaeological Priority: None.

Article 4 Directions: None

Regulation 7 Directions: None.

Planning Briefs: None.

Spaces protected by the London Squares Act 1931: None.

Registered Historic Parks and Gardens: None within the Conservation Area. The adjacent Hyde Park (in the designated Royal Parks Conservation Area) is included in the Register.

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