

GARDENS Conservation Area



City of Westminster

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Designation: Designated in June 1969, the boundaries remain unaltered to date.

Historical Background: The Conservation Area includes two distinct areas, Grosvenor Gardens and Victoria Square. The former was set out in the 1860's by Thomas Cundy III. The latter developed circa 1840, by Matthew Wyatt.

Listed Buildings: There are 108 listed buildings within the Conservation Area, all are Grade II. There are 3 other listed structures within Grosvenor Gardens: the statue of Marshal Foch; the Rifle Brigade memorial, and 3 pairs of gate piers and gates.

Key Features: The formal layout of public open space at Grosvenor Gardens is formed by two triangular gardens enclosed by four grand mid-Victorian, French Renaissance style terraces. There is a fifth terrace on Lower Grosvenor Place. The Victoria Square development is characterised by domestically scaled stuccoed terraces. In Lygon Place off Ebury Street there is a terrace of Queen Anne style houses, built circa 1900 (listed grade II). There are also three small mews, at the rear of the Grosvenor Gardens terraces.

There is a variety of land uses including offices, residential and public open space. The area is bounded and disturbed by busy traffic routes.

Adjacent Conservation Areas: Belgravia Conservation Area to the west and Royal Parks Conservation Area to the north.

Strategic Views: King Henry VIII's Mound, Richmond, to St. Paul's Cathedral, partly affects the area.

Areas of Special Archaeological Priority: None.

Article 4 Directions: None

Regulation 7 Direction Areas: None.

Planning Briefs and Design Guides: The eastern part of the Conservation Area falls within the Chelsea-Hackney Line Safeguarding Directions. The site of the Victoria Transport Interchange proposal is immediately to the east of this Conservation Area.

Spaces protected by the London Squares Act 1931: Lower Grosvenor Gardens (the triangular garden enclosure bounded on the east by Buckingham Palace Road and on the other two sides by the roadway of Grosvenor Gardens).

Registered Historic Parks and Gardens: None within the Conservation Area.

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