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Dear Sir/Madam,

DRAFT Canton Street Article 4 Direction - Additional Protection for Conservation Area

You may now be aware that on 21 May the Carlton Crescent Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan was adopted by Southampton City Council's Cabinet in order that the policies contained within the Plan guide future development proposals in the area. The Plan is available on line at

<http://www.southampton.gov.uk/s-environment/historicenvironment/conservation-areas/carltoncrescentappraisal.aspx>

If you would like a paper copy please let me know. At the same meeting Cabinet also approved the proposal to develop an Article 4 Direction for Canton Street which will remove permitted development rights for works to roofs and front elevations. It is this which I am now writing to you about.

There are 20 Conservation Areas in Southampton, all being "of special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance". Our objective is to ensure traditional building features and boundary treatments, which contribute so much to the character and historical interest of these Conservation Areas, are retained. Four of the 20 Conservation Areas, i.e. Oakmount Triangle, Ethelburt Avenue, Portswold Residents Gardens and Uplands Estate (Highfield), already have Article 4 Directions.

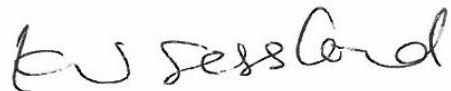
Normally home owners can carry out certain minor works without the need for a planning application to the Local Authority. This is called permitted development, and the rights relating to this are defined in the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995. Under Article 4 of the Order, a Local Authority may make directions to remove such rights if it is felt that such development would be harmful to the character of an area.

Where an Article 4 direction is in force you must get planning permission to undertake works covered by it; there is no fee for such applications. Please note that repairs and maintenance are exempt from the need to obtain planning permission.

Enclosed is a draft Article 4 Direction for Canton Street. I would appreciate it if you could read this and let me know what you think about it by Monday 29 July.

In the meantime please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries regarding the above.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kirstie Sessford". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Kirstie Sessford
Conservation Officer

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