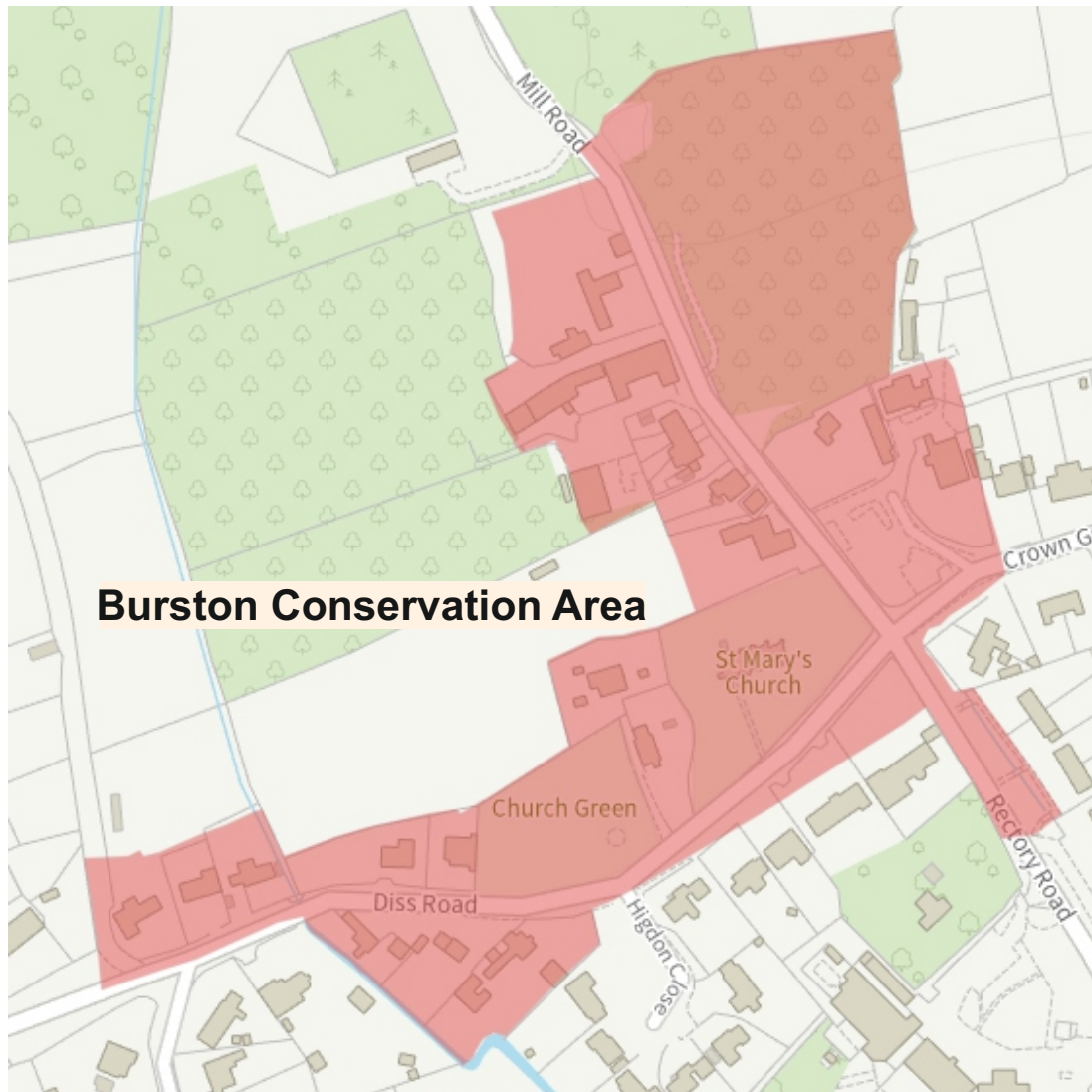


Burston Conservation Area

A conservation area is an area of special architectural or historic interest which needs to be preserved or enhanced. South Norfolk Council identify and designate areas of such special interest and this is normally done after consultation with the public.

The centre of the village of Burston is a designated 'Conservation Area'. The limits of this area are shown on the map below.



All of this sounds like good news, but what does it really mean for an owner of property within the conservation area?

Firstly, it means that while there are many things that can ordinarily be done without any planning permission, such as the erection of a conservatory, or a small side extension to your home, in a conservation area this is not the case. The Parish Council have tried to obtain a list of what can and cannot be done without planning permission, but with no success, and so the only advice is that before any work is done that results in a change to a property, even if it is just changing the colour of the front door or erecting a garden shed, an enquiry should be made to the Planning Department at South Norfolk Council (South Norfolk House, Swan Lane, Long Stratton, NR15 2XE 01508 533845 planning@s-norfolk.gov.uk) to see if a formal planning application should be filed. An informal preliminary enquiry can be made at no cost.

Conservation Areas - Trees

One thing, however, is very clear, and that relates to trees. In conservation areas, notice is required for works to trees that have a trunk diameter of more than 75mm when measured at 1.5m from ground level (or more than 100mm if reducing the number of trees to benefit the growth of other trees). In this context 'works' is anything from pruning, lopping, or crowning, to felling, and notice is required even if the tree is dead. The notice MUST be given to South Norfolk Council at least six weeks before the work is carried out. You can get a special form from the Planning Department (details above), but they will need your details and the details of the owner of the tree(s) as well as the precise location of the trees, (a sketch plan will be required) and what works are proposed, as well as information regarding the health of the trees, and whether the trees, or their roots, are doing any damage.



Links to further information and online forms

Find out if your property is in a conservation area or if any of your trees are protected by using My South Norfolk - <http://my.south-norfolk.gov.uk/mysouthnorfolk.aspx>

Living in a conservation area can affect how you are able to develop your property. Advice is available on Historic England's website -

<https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/your-home/making-changes-your-property/>

To find out if you need consent, visit South Norfolk Council's Do I need planning permission page -

<https://www.south-norfolk.gov.uk/do-i-need-planning-permission>

Find out how to make applications to carry out work on trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order and guidance on notifying proposed works to a tree in a conservation area here -

<https://www.south-norfolk.gov.uk/residents/planning/protected-trees-and-hedges>

Forms and further guidance can be found on the Planning Portal here - <https://1app.planningportal.co.uk/YourLPA/DownloadOfflineForms>