LOWER OUSEBURN VALLEY



Date of Designation 27 October 2000

Planning guidance

Lower Ouseburn Valley Character Statement was adopted as Planning Guidance in October 2000. A Management Plan was adopted as Supplementary Planning Guidance in September 2004.

Additional planning guidance

- Regeneration of the Lower Ouseburn Valley Strategy, 2003
- Urban design framework

Reasons for designation

The area is of considerable historic and industrial archaeological interest. The valley is subject to continued pressure for development and redevelopment which, if not sympathetically controlled and directed would detract from these qualities.

Description of the conservation area

The Lower Ouseburn Valley forms one of the main cradles of the Industrial Revolution on Tyneside and subsequently is rich in industrial heritage. Since the 17th century the area has supported a splendid array of glass-works, lead, iron, soap, limeworks, mills and later, potteries, which by the late 19th century stood next to housing beneath the rail and road bridges. Although much has been demolished or changed there remains substantial physical evidence of the past. The landscape contributes to the diverse character of this area in two principal ways. First, as an effective backdrop and visual edge to the valley and secondly, as a network of open spaces throughout the area. The valley is also identified as being part of a wildlife corridor and is considered to be of moderate ecological value.

Heritage assets

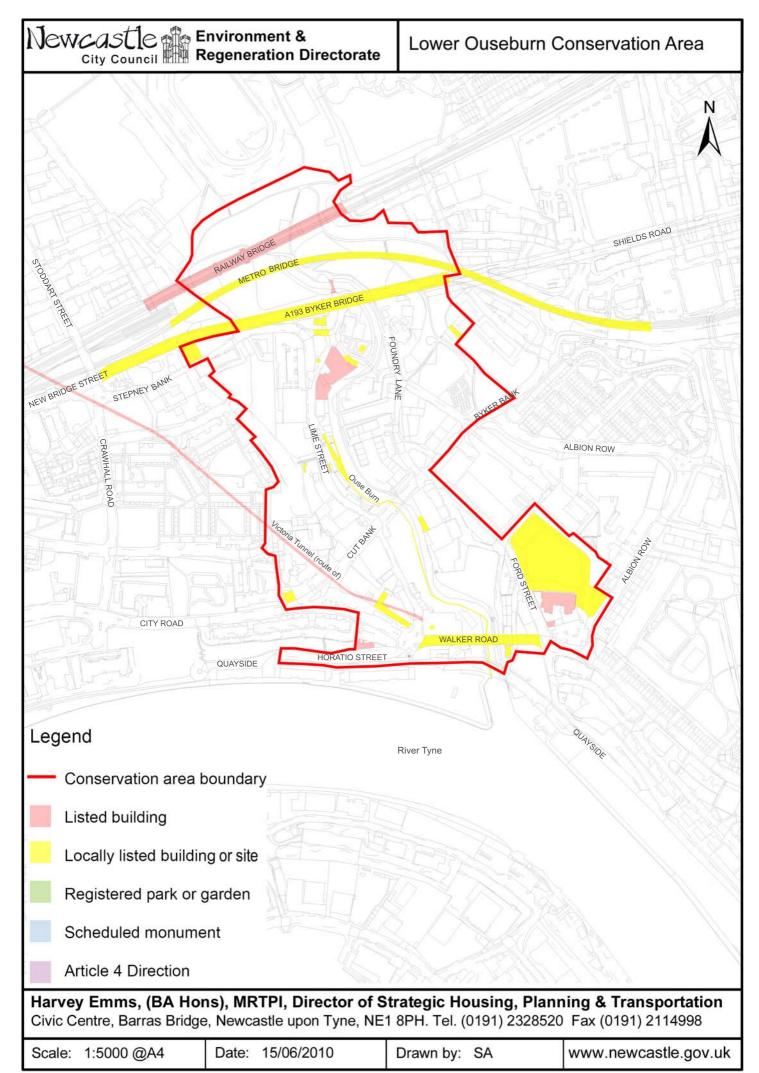
Lower Ouseburn Valley Conservation Area contains one grade II* listed building (Ouseburn School) and 9 grade II listed buildings. The Hadrian's Wall World Heritage Site also runs through the conservation area. There are 19 sites within the conservation area that are included on the local list. See map, over.

Article 4 Directions None

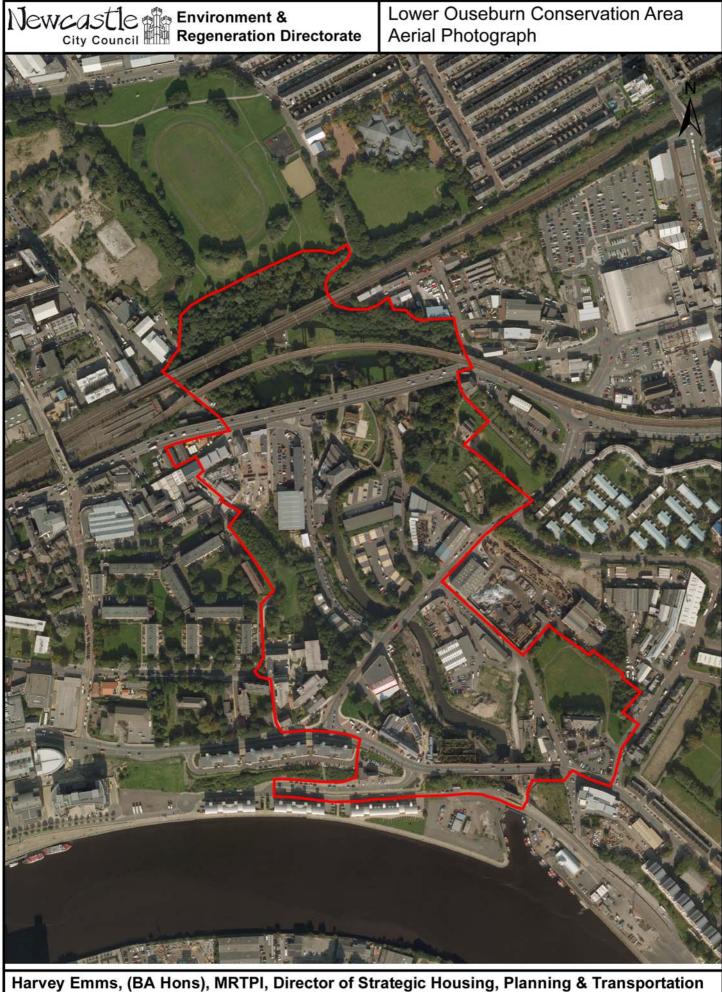
Contact information

For further information about the Lower Ouseburn Valley Conservation Area a useful starting point is the character statement. In addition, and for advice on development in the conservation area, contact:

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