

Herbert Collins Estates Residents Association

From the Chairman: R.F.George

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Dear Resident,

Deadline Monday 21st November for consultation on the new Article 4 Direction

When you received the new Article 4 Direction from the Council, did you just glance at it, not liked what you saw, but then just put it aside?

Under the Article 4 Direction, among the things for which you will require planning permission will be a patio or a garden shed, out of public view in your back garden.

In Historic England's Advice Note "Conservation Area Designation, Appraisal and Management" they say "It is only appropriate to remove permitted development rights where there is a real and specific threat."

The Article 4 Direction we have now was made over 24 years ago, so you can expect the new one to affect you and anyone who buys your property for many years into the future.

The Council is expecting this consultation, required by law, to be a mere formality and confirm the Direction. It is rather rare for an Article 4 Direction not to be confirmed.

Only an overwhelming response from residents will make the Cabinet sit up and take notice and not confirm the Direction. The Council will then have to make another, hopefully more acceptable and sensible Article 4 Direction.

In case you have mislaid your documents, they can be seen on our website.

Yours sincerely,

Ray George