

Heritage Statement

65 SHREWSBURY ROAD |
PRESTWICH | M25 9GQ

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This Planning Statement has been prepared in support of our application for the erection of porch and garage conversion including removal of existing garage door and replacement with glass door/window unit located at 65 Shrewsbury Road.

The proposed works aim to enhance the functionality and aesthetic appeal of the dwelling while respecting and complementing the existing architectural character of the area. This heritage statement outlines the significance of the conservation area, the proposed changes, and how they align with the conservation objectives

2.0 SITE AND CONTEXT

The property is a detached 3 storey residential property situated at the end plot on Shrewsbury Road. The property is one of four new builds that were issued to planning back in 2012.

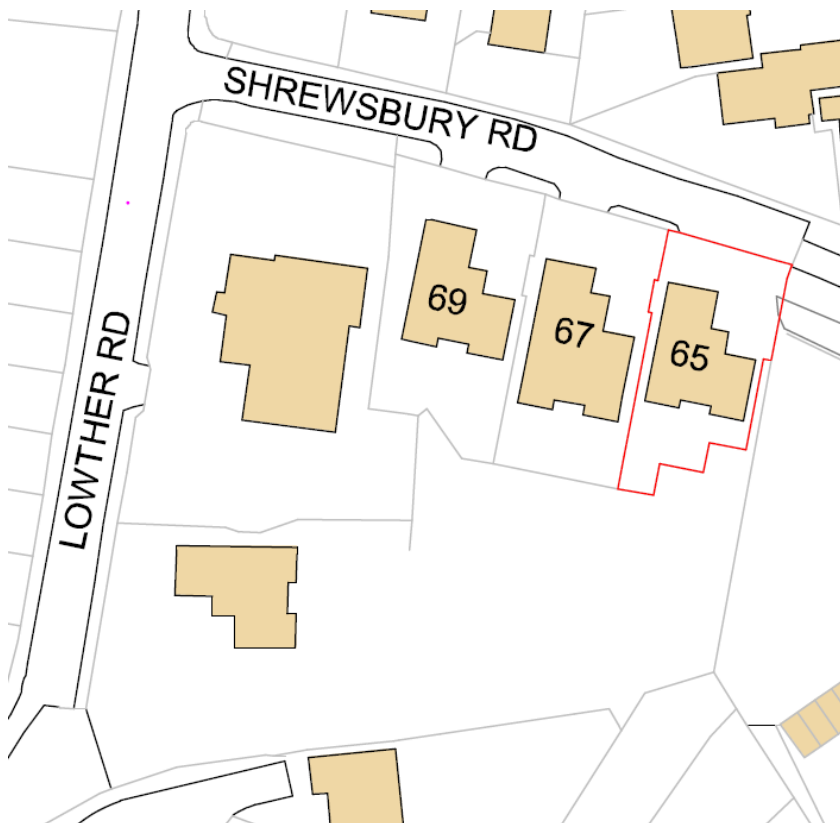


Figure 1: Location Plan



Figure 2: 65 Shrewsbury Road: Google Street View imagery: Accessed Jun 2023

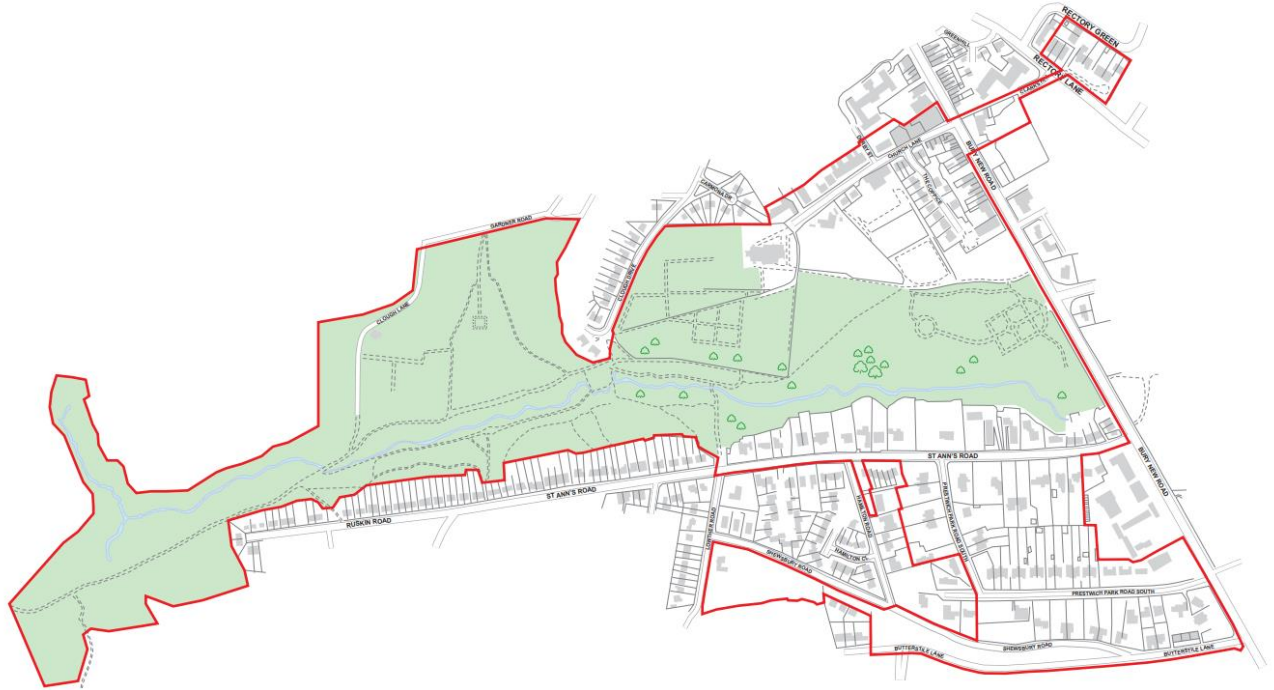


Figure 3 & 4: 65 Shrewsbury Road: Front Elevation, Site Images

6.0 St. Mary's Conservation Area

St. Mary's Conservation Area boasts a rich historical context, primarily originating as a 19th-century residential suburb with elements dating back to c.1850. The area features a diverse architectural tapestry, ranging from Georgian remnants to Victorian, Edwardian, and mid-war dwellings. The prevailing character stems from the contrast of large period buildings within generous grounds, accentuated by a mature street and garden landscape.

However, it is essential to acknowledge that the area has undergone changes over time, particularly during the latter half of the 20th century, which saw the emergence of modern development. While this evolution introduced denser development and, at times, poor-quality architecture, it also highlights the dynamic nature of the area's heritage.



St Marys Conservation Area Map

4.0 PROPOSAL AND SCOPE ASSESSMENT

Replacement of Garage Door with Bifold Glass Doors:

The existing garage door will be replaced with bifold glass doors. This alteration intends to introduce a contemporary element to the facade, enhancing natural light ingress while promoting visual connectivity between the interior and exterior spaces. The use of glass harmonises with modern architectural principles and responds sensitively to the evolving needs of occupants.

Introduction of Glass/Brick Porch:

Glass framework will be added between the existing brick pillar and the house to enclose the space, creating a new entrance feature. This addition serves both functional and aesthetic purposes, enhancing the visual appeal of the entrance while providing shelter from the elements. The existing brick pillar, which currently supports a pitched roof canopy, will remain integral to the design. By integrating glass frames with this existing structure, we aim to seamlessly blend the new addition with the established architectural features of the property. This combination of traditional brickwork and modern glazing techniques harmoniously bridges the past and present, enriching the character of the property within the St. Mary's Conservation Area.

5.0 IMPACT AND SUMMARY

In implementing the proposed changes, utmost consideration has been given to the preservation of the conservation area's character and integrity. The design approach prioritises sensitivity to context, ensuring that the modifications do not compromise the area's heritage significance. To mitigate any potential adverse impacts, the following principles have been adhered to.

Respect for Architectural Context:

The design respects the architectural context of the conservation area by integrating contemporary elements in a manner that complements rather than detracts from the existing character. The proposed materials and forms pay homage to the area's historical and cultural heritage while reflecting modern sensibilities.

Preservation of Landscape and Setting:

Efforts have been made to preserve the surrounding landscape and setting, acknowledging the importance of mature street and garden landscapes in defining the area's character. The introduction of the glass/brick mix porch maintains visual permeability and minimises disruption to the established greenery.

Sustainable Design Practices:

Sustainability principles inform the design process, emphasising energy efficiency, material longevity, and minimal environmental impact. The use of glass promotes daylighting and reduces reliance on artificial lighting, contributing to the overall sustainability of the dwelling.

6.0 CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the proposed modifications to the property at Shrewsbury Road align with the conservation objectives of the St. Mary's Conservation Area. By sensitively integrating contemporary elements while preserving the area's historical fabric and character, the design seeks to enhance the dwelling's functionality and aesthetic appeal while contributing positively to the broader heritage landscape. We trust that the planning authorities will recognise the merit of these proposals in enriching the built environment while safeguarding the legacy of the conservation area for future generations.