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BUILDING DESCRIPTIONS

- A: (Red) – Buildings that are critical to the character of the area: typically these may be landmark buildings and/or buildings with most of their original character retained.
- B: (Yellow) – Buildings that contribute positively to the character of the conservation area: buildings may have some alterations but original character is still prominent.
- C: (Green) – Neutral – Either modern buildings of little interest or buildings where character has been lost beyond economic redemption.
- D: (Blue) – Buildings that detract from the significance or character of the area.

It should be noted that each category inevitably encompasses a wide range of building types and qualities. Category C, for instance includes historically interesting buildings that have been altered as well as less important/more modern buildings in good condition.

Each building is judged individually or within their immediate 'group' context. Whilst category C buildings are generally considered of 'neutral' interest, (indicating they have neither an overriding positive or negative influence on the conservation area) if there are too many, the interest of the area could be diluted, therefore they would have a detrimental effect.

There should be a general presumption in favour of retaining all category A and B buildings. Policies should be put in place to encourage the enhancement of, in particular, category B and C buildings. Category D buildings are considered of negative value therefore opportunities should be sought to achieve their replacement or at least improvement.