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Householders in England and Wales are allowed to make minor changes to their properties without planning permission from the local planning authority - known as 'permitted development rights'.

Sometimes these rights need to be removed to protect the character of an area, for example to prevent a large number of houses in multiple occupation or the loss of original features in a conservation area.

The application of an Article 4 Direction removes these rights and is a way in which we can control building works and changes of use which would ordinarily be 'permitted development'.

You can however apply for planning permission to carry out certain works within an Article 4 Direction area.

For more information please contact the planning department 01253 476206 or the conservation team 01523 476332.

Issue of Article 4 Directions

Article 4 Directions are issued by the council in circumstance where specific control over development is required, mainly where the character of an area of acknowledged importance would be threatened. They are more commonly applied to conservation areas.

Please note: It is important to read the legal information accompanying each individual Article 4(1) Direction as each is different.

Existing Article 4 Directions

Blackpool has 2 Article 4 Directions - The Promenade and Stanley Park

- [Article 4 Direction - Promenade](#)
- [Article 4 Direction Map - Promenade](#)

The Article 4 Direction that covers Stanley Park, which is in a conservation area, has recently been amended due to changes in legislation and a new one created to cover technology. Information of the amendments to the existing Article 4 and the newly created Article 4 are shown below

- [Amended Article 4 Direction](#) [PDF 50KB]
- [New Article 4 Direction](#) [PDF 62KB]
- [Notice of confirmation of an Article 4 Direction relating to Stanley Park Conservation Area](#) [PDF 75KB]

[Original Article 4 Direction](#) [PDF 53KB] - No longer in operation

[Press Notice for New Article 4 Direction](#) [PDF 5.09MB]

[Letter sent to homeowners in Stanley Park Area](#) [PDF 135KB]

[List of address Article 4 Direction letter was sent to](#) [PDF 35KB]

Introduction of a new Article 4 Direction.

The council is introducing a new Article 4 Direction for Raikes Hall, a conservation area, which will come into force on **Monday 1 June 2020**.

Information on the Proposed New Article 4 Direction can be found below:

- [Notice for Article 4 Direction for Raikes Hall](#)
- [Article 4 Direction Raikes](#)

- [Raikes Hall Conservation area location plan](#)
- [List of Addresses for Raikes Hall area](#)

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