

Lawn Crescent Conservation Area 20

Designation

Conservation area designated:
17.09.1974

Location

OS Sheets: 1976, 1986

Lawn Crescent conservation area lies within suburban Kew, accessed East off Sandycombe Road. It lies between The Avenue to the South and Victoria cottages to the North. It is enclosed by Kew Gardens conservation area (15).

History and Development

This crescent of houses was built as a single residential estate around 1900, as part of the wider suburban development of Kew from the late 19th century onwards.

Character

Lawn Crescent conservation area is an exceptional secluded estate of twenty pairs of unspoilt semi-detached houses enclosing an attractive central green and railings. The houses are set in mature garden plots with important gaps between buildings, and substantial front gardens behind consistent front boundary brick walls and timber gates. Street trees along the wide road and footway further contribute to the pleasing leafy suburban character of this area. This is a cohesive group of houses with a consistent design and rhythm. They are two and a half storeys of originally tuck pointed red brick under steep slate mansard roofs with dormer windows and decorative bargeboards. The pairs of houses share front entrances recessed under brick arches and they are further enlivened by square bay windows, timber windows, front doors and French doors, linking timber balconies, terracotta panels of foliage and floral motifs and roughcast coved eaves soffits. The terraced houses to Sandycombe Road are less ornate than those around the green and effectively form the gateway to Lawn Crescent.

Problems and Pressures

- Loss of traditional architectural features and materials due to unsympathetic alterations
- Loss of front boundary treatments and front gardens for car parking

Opportunity for Enhancement

- Preservation, enhancement and reinstatement of architectural quality and unity
- Retain and enhance front boundary treatments and discourage increase in the amount of hard surfacing in front gardens

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