

## ***Pope's Avenue Conservation Area 40***

### **Designation**

Conservation area designated:  
*07.09.1982*

### **Location**

*OS Sheets: 1572*

Pope's Avenue conservation area falls within the suburban area of Twickenham, to the South of Twickenham Green and the North of Strawberry Hill Station. It lies just to the West of the railway line, stretched along the East side of Pope's Avenue and the North side of Pope's Grove.

### **History and Development**

This area is a residential development of villas built from the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century onwards. Development began at the junction of Pope's Avenue and Grove, with later development continuing South along Pope's Avenue. The nearby Strawberry Hill Station arrived in 1873, accelerating development in the area. This group is now surrounded by later mostly 20<sup>th</sup> century suburban development.

### **Character**

Pope's Avenue conservation area is a small distinctive and cohesive development of largely unspoilt detached and semi-detached villas. These houses are set in substantial mature garden plots with important gaps between buildings. They are set behind well planted front gardens and consistent boundary walls to the street. They are of generally two storeys with some larger scale three storey villas along Pope's Grove. These houses have either stucco or stock brick facades with slate roofs over. The grander villas are more ornate, classically detailed with moulded window surrounds, pilasters or quoins, and cornices. There is a greater variety in the character of those houses along Pope's Avenue. This group includes both earlier and later Victorian villas, demonstrating the evolution of architectural taste in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

### **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
- Lack of coordination, clutter and poor quality of street furniture and flooring

### **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
- Coordination of colour and design, rationalisation and improvement in quality of street furniture and flooring

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