

Belmont Road Conservation Area 29

Designation

Conservation area designated:
05.07.1977

Location

OS Sheets: 1472

Belmont Road conservation area lies to the West of Twickenham Green. It falls between Staines Road to the Southeast, from which it is accessed, and Crane Park to the North.

History and Development

This is an early residential development of villas, built in the mid 19th century, on formerly open fields. The Northwest group of semi-detached and terraced houses were built in the later 19th century onwards. These houses were developed at a similar time to Belmont Villas (now Manor Road) of which only three semi-detached pairs survive. Both roads were originally open to the river Crane in the north, this relationship was broken by development soon after WWII. Belmont Road is now surrounded by mostly 20th century development including some modern infill development at its Southeast end.

Character

Belmont Road conservation area is a small isolated and distinctive development of attractive largely unspoilt detached villas enclosing the street and a view terminated by a modern cul-de-sac development at its Northwest end. The houses are set in substantial mature garden plots with important gaps between buildings and set behind well-planted front gardens and consistent rendered boundary walls and piers to the street. This contributes to the suburban character of this group. The Victorian houses are of two storeys on the East side and three storeys on the West side, being developed slightly later. The villas are unified their common use of materials and detailing. Facades are of stucco under shallow slate roofs, classically detailed with moulded window surrounds, rusticated plinths, quoins and porches. The houses on the West side exhibit a slightly more elaborate style. On this side the building line of the street is broken by a group of later semi-detached and terraced brick built houses of a smaller scale and modest front gardens.

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 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 and improvement in quality of street furniture and flooring

Scale: N.T.S.



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