

Fieldend Conservation Area 71

Designation

Conservation area designated:
07.11.2005

Location

OS Sheets: 0000

Fieldend conservation area lies on the northern edge of suburban Teddington. It is a cul-de-sac residential estate accessed from Waldegrave Park to the north. It adjoins Waldegrave Park Conservation Area (no.54).

History and Development

This site was used as a plant nursery from the late 19th century, at a time when the surrounding area was undergoing residential development, with new houses being laid out along nearby Waldegrave Park and Teddington Park Road. Development continued through the 20th century until this site was completely enclosed. By the 1930s the site lay empty and following bomb damage during WWII it became a gravel pit then rubbish tip. A number of large Victorian villas have since been replaced on the south side of Waldegrave Park, including those demolished to form the approach into Fieldend with seven new houses. Fieldend was awarded both a Housing Gold Award and Civic Trust Award on its completion in 1961.

Character

Fieldend conservation area is a distinctive and well-preserved estate set in a quiet cul-de-sac. This group of fifty-one houses is a model residential estate developed by the innovative and highly influential Span Developments Ltd of developer/architects Eric Lyons and Geoffrey Townsend and landscape architects Ivor Cunningham/Michael Brown. Fieldend is a generously laid out group of terraced houses to a unified utilitarian design in a fresh modern style. These two-storey houses are stock brick built with weatherboarding and large two-tone white and grey painted timber framed picture windows. They have distinctive glazed enclosed front porches with simple stained timber doors, and flat roofs with deep painted timber fascias. Staggered rows of houses enclose two shared green spaces and a parking square, with a small row of three houses lining the entrance road and a further three fronting Waldegrave Park. The estate has a perimeter road for cars has been provided with rows of garages. This prioritises a safe pedestrian environment at the centre of the development. The houses have no front gardens and only small private rear gardens. Here the uniform buildings are designed to be absorbed into the flowing contours of the informal shared landscape, which is densely planted with a picturesque mix of mature woodland trees and more deliberate rows of plane trees and groves of silver birches. The well-conceived relationship between buildings and the splendid mature landscape and the effective operation of the residents association has fostered a unique sense of community and sense of place. Fieldend is one of the best examples of an estate of its type and period in Middlesex, comparable to the now listed 1959 Span estate of Corner Green on the Cator Estate in Blackheath.

Problems and Pressures

- Loss of traditional architectural features and materials due to unsympathetic alterations
- Maintenance of the balance between the mature landscape and the amenity of residents

Opportunity for Enhancement

- Preservation, enhancement and reinstatement of architectural quality and unity
- Improvement and preservation of landscape setting

Scale: N.T.S.



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WALDEGRAVE PARK

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NEWLAND HOUSE
SCHOOL

WALDEGRAVE ROAD

SHACKLEGATE LANE

WALDEGRAVE ROAD

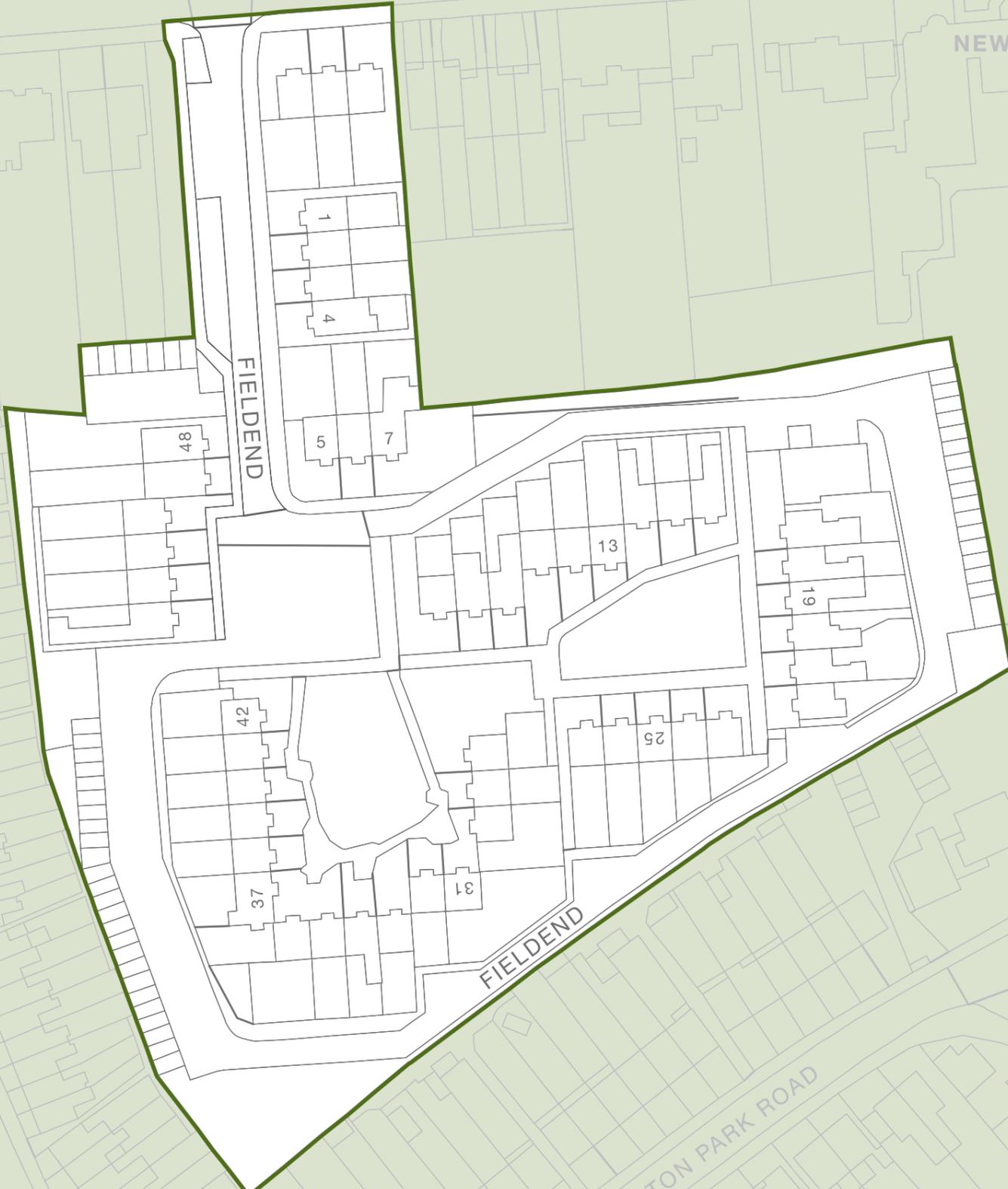
ARLINGTON ROAD

FIELDEND

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TEDDINGTON PARK ROAD

CAMBRIDGE ROAD



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