

Latchmere Road: High quality townscape of 3-storey/ 2-storey detached/ semi-detached houses with off-set gabled 2-storey bays on the north side contrasts with the 3-storey repeated house type on the south side. Regrettable loss of some front boundaries, and only 2 street trees have survived, the remainder not replaced.





Park Farm Road—modern take on Victorian form, the landscape but a celebration of the wheely bin



Chesfield Road—a beautiful street with elements of great character.....



Staunton/ Park Farm/ Chesfield Roads less cohesive than last three streets but high quality character streets some street trees enhance softness (need pruning)



but weakened by recent changes.....



Thorpe Road—a characterful street but undergoing weakening by hip to gable extension, 2-becomes-3 (storeys) and defenestration (timber sash windows replaced by anything goes)



Deacon Road—Another characterful street, with more variety of house types with similar character erosion



Upper Park Road—A balance between Victorian 3-storey at one end, and Arts and Crafts inspired later housing at the other, linked by an outstanding Plane tree lined Bertram Road. Upper Park Road which has a mixed Victorian and twentieth century influence but with exceptionally strong coherence of forms, massing, plot lines, heights, scale and sympathetic variety. **Bertram Road:** Fantastic London Plane trees (some need reinstatement). Front boundaries intact to high quality



Clifton Road—a charming street of Edwardian semi-d's with street trees, and, because of the short front gardens, virtually intact front boundaries



St. George's Road—like Clifton Road but laid out to detached houses



Two infill sites—LHS sensitive scale, ridge height and form but lack of detailing and landscape....



RHS squeezed vertically scale (the 3rd storey for 2 narrow plots), less crude detailing but lack of landscape



Canbury Avenue with mature street trees and on the flank of one building, once a shop, an old, painted advertisement; Flour xxxKING HAY STRAW CHAFF MEALS ETC & SEED MERCHANT



Street views of rear roofs—common in Victorian street layouts, and showing how rears can contribute to fronts...





Cross Road; the corner location of some old garages demanded a strong design with character and sensitivity to the Victorian terrace and the modern flat block. Poor landscape and boundaries. Note roof contains discrete photovoltaic cells.



Osborne Road; An elegant street with street tree planning and benefiting from short front gardens, an intact streetscape



An extremely beautiful, curving terrace in Canbury Park Road, largely untouched by roof, porch, parking development. A substantial character asset to the area's townscape and worthy of consideration for some local protection.



Windsor Road: 2-storey, semi-detached houses, hipped or gabled roofs. Roofscape deteriorating with overbearing extensions. No street trees but plenty of street parking machines.





Bearfield Road with extensions beginning to turn the character of the streetscape

Bearfield Road is a short street whose building lines are unusually close together. This makes for an intimate spatial character, enhanced by the 2-storey houses with front boundaries and some narrow plot widths. Parking has been designated on both sides of the street to be half on-footpath. Given the need for car-parking, encouragement should be given to develop a public realm enhancement scheme to address the need for parking whilst providing for pedestrians i.e. an experimental public realm scheme with flush kerb/ combined levels, limited tree planting, and footway rationalisation might improve the street without losing the townscape or the parking.



King's Road: The sections at either end have almost entirely lost their front boundaries to on-plot parking. Despite this some character brought back by street tree planting. Two shop parades need enhancement and some lift by car repairs workshop and newsagent at Park end. Characterised by the beautiful and listed St.Agatha's Church. The Richmond Park Tavern has a public realm improvement in front, but still needs its roof or it will always appear alien in this context. Mid section more preserved from deterioration of character.



Bank Lane to Durlston Road along Richmond Road: The character, apart from the neutral, modern 3-storey block and the ugly flat block Sefton Court, is still readable, as is a mix of smaller detached houses from the late 19th century between Latchmere Rd and St. Alban's Road which has been expanded by 1913, on similar plot widths and building lines to the remaining stretches, with grander, larger semi-detached villas. The first few houses on the west side (179-185) are 2-storey, detached more modern housing of loose arts and crafts influence, which then shift to 3-storey strong arts and crafts influence semi-detached mansions with long front gardens. Intact front boundaries with on-plot parking (very wide plots), strong townscape, large gaps between houses, a building line well back, with well planted front gardens. The roof-scape is coherent and displays subtle variation in designed dormers with alternating hips or gables across the plots. Fine brickwork, pebble-dash, and tiled bays. Decorated ridges, finials, chimneys, and ornate fenestration.

Nos. 210-226 on the east side contains fine late Victorian, semi-detached, 2-storey villas, with occasional attic rooms with windows in gables. Slate roofs, decorated ridges, ground floor bays in brickwork. Dentil courses and corbels in brick or timber brackets. Front boundaries are characteristic brickwork with metal gates. Significant planting and trees in front gardens. Timber sash windows. A matching pair of 3-storey houses with steeply pitched corner roofs with decorated tips frame the entrance to St. Alban's Road.



VICTORIAN AREA ISSUES:

- Degradation of key architectural elements like the roofscape, hips to gables, dominant dormers, garden car-parks, front boundary coherence

VICTORIAN AREA RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Preserve the distinctive, well-balanced building forms, roofs capes and front gardens including boundaries, characteristic clear gaps between houses, building lines and detailing
- consider extending the conservation area to include Wyndham Road, Bockhampton Road, Durlston Road to Kings Road, parts of Elm Road, Clifton Road, St.Georges Road, the curved terrace in Canbury Park Road, the Canbury Arms and across the railway to the Gordon Road terrace of houses
- Opportunity to do something to commemorate the aviation heritage on Canbury Park Road e.g. Siddeley House
- Tree planting to cycleway in front of modern office to make it a less transition space
- Consider King's Keep estate for inclusion in a local area of special character and protect mature trees
- Reconsider the plastic street name signs which have deteriorated badly for replacement by traditional metal
- support character of back street workshops by managing conflicts with surrounding uses i.e. controlling noise, whilst promoting the presence of businesses.

Character area type: inner suburban (density 38 dph) (PTAL 1b-6a)

Character area assessment: area of established high quality