



Access to Surbiton Town Sports Ground



#### Davis Road



Tolworth Court Farm

**Kingston Road** 



The Hogsmill



20 Jubilee Way

### **Origins and General Character**

Towards the end of the 19thC a small cluster of development began to appear around Tolworth Court Farm at the southern end of the existing Old Kingston Road. Tolworth Court Bridge crossed the river over the Hogsmill here and the river formed the southern boundary of the area and the borough. The former Riverhill house became Tolworth Hall and then reverted back to Riverhill around the beginning of the 20thC, with the Cottage, now, Iris House, dating back to the end of the 19thC. King George's field stands on the site of a former clay pit while Cox Lane was an ancient route that served the surrounding farmland that dominated the area until after the war.

Today the area contains a range of uses which, with the exception of the area around the King Georges recreation ground, north of Jubilee Way, are mostly hidden behind heavily landscaped edges. Kingston Road, divides the area in two and this road combined with Jubilee way generate heavy traffic throughout the area. The large industrial estate on Cox Lane marks the western edge of the area

### Land Use

Metropolitan open land, public access to open space, riverside walk, allotments, sports grounds, mobile home park, school, garden centre, bus depot, concrete works, business park.

### Movement

Kingston Road is a major route to Kingston and the A3 from the south with traffic congestion at peak times. The physical environment of the road is good with a wide central reservation, grass verges and attractive tree planting. Cox Lane and Jubilee Way, carry heavy traffic from the industrial estate and the Hook area through to Kingston Road.

### Built form

Older villas set in the landscape still remain, such as Riverhill, Wig Hill and Mayfield, some having been converted to sports clubs. Other buildings ancillary to the open space uses have less architectural merit but are not intrusive in the landscape. The industrial estate contains a mix of styles and age of units with little cohesive character.

### Open space

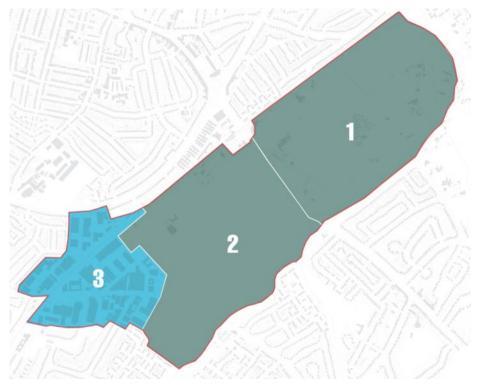
The King George's Recreation Ground makes a visual contribution to the area, being visible from the surrounding roads. The other areas of Metropolitan Open Land (MOL) are substantially hidden behind landscaped bunds, with scope to integrate them to hinterland to maximise their amenity value. The area contains local nature reserves and sites of nature conservation importance, particularly adjacent to the Hogsmill. The edge of the Old Malden Conservation Area incorporating an area of open space to the west of the Hogsmill adjacent to Church Road forms the eastern boundary of the area. Tolworth Court Farm is a nature reserve.

Footpath from Kingston

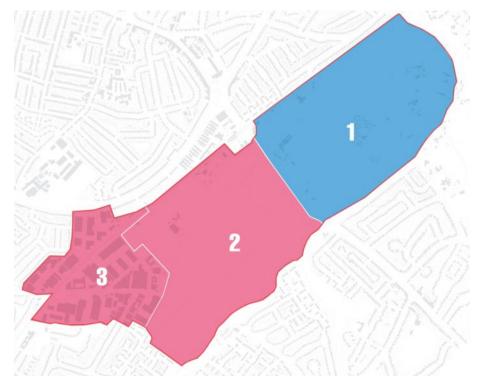
## Key Village Characteristics

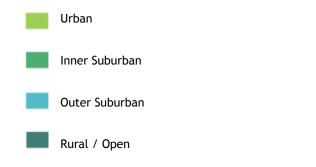


## Character Area Types

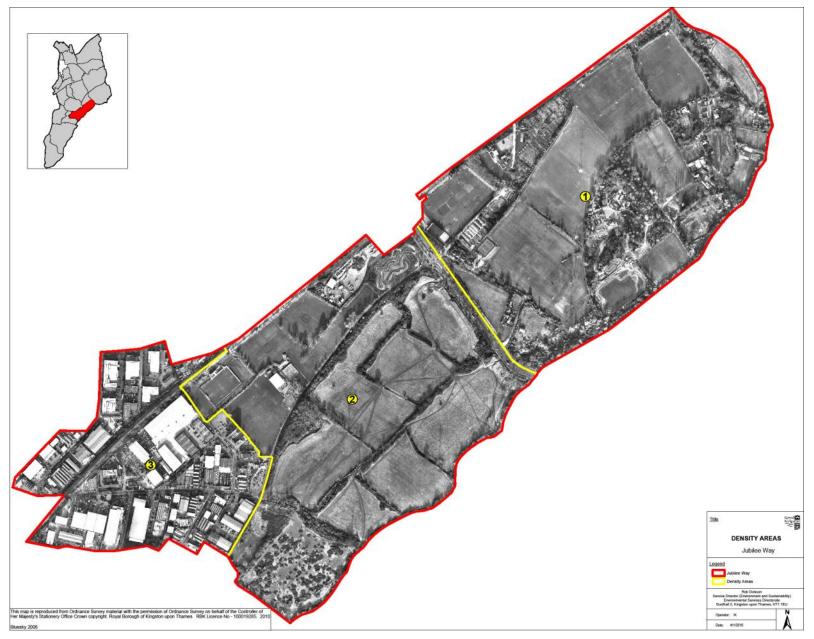


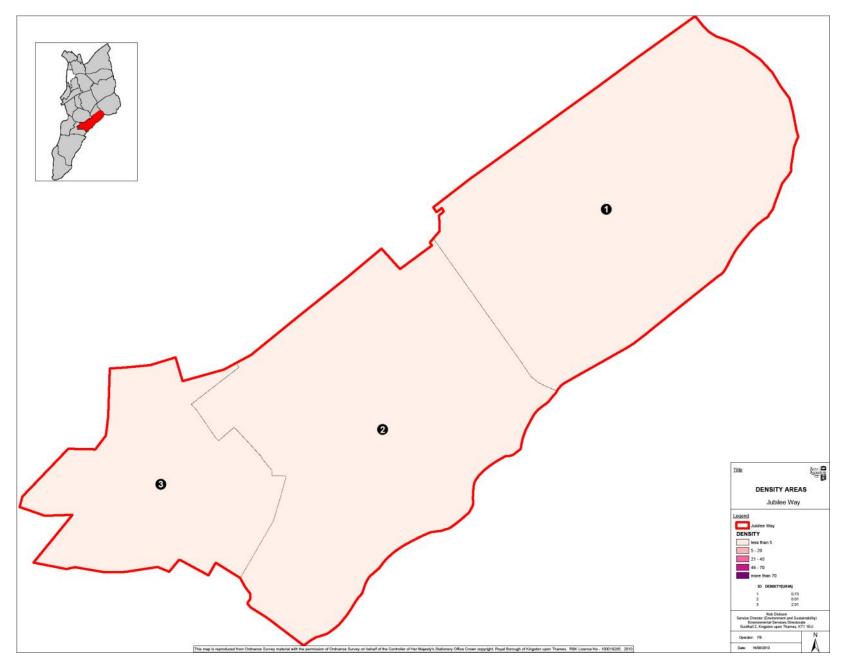
### Character Area Assessment

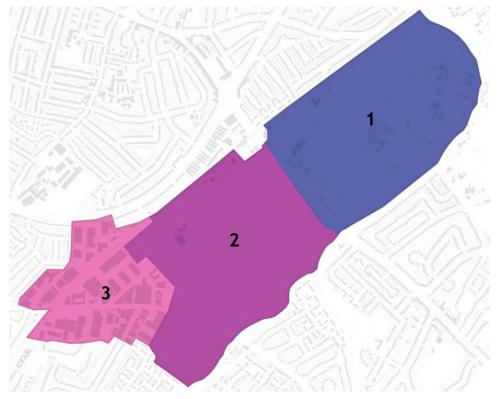




- Area of Established High Quality
- Area with scope to reinforce the existing character
- Area requiring enhancement to reinforce identity







# Character Areas

### **1** Riverhill



Public Footpath adj. to hogsmill



Boundary with Worcester Park Road The Hogsmill River forms the southern edge of this character area. It's amenity value is relatively hidden behind a thick landscaped boundary with Worcester Park Road. Footpaths do run alongside the river, however, there is scope to improve the access to the footpath network.

Some fine villas set in the landscape still remain with Riverhill House which appears on the 1868 Surrey map, still surviving as the Surbiton Town Sports Club House. The slightly later coach house forms the focal point of the mobile home park arranged around it. There is scope for improvements to the car park to improve the setting of the surrounding buildings. Access into the area from Worcester Park Road and Old Malden Lane is mainly via narrow lanes, formerly the drives to historic houses. Glimpses through to Iris House and The Riverclub, built at the beginning of the 20thC,











Iris House

Access to Riverhill Hs

The Hogsmill

**Riverhill House** 

The Riverclub



Old Kingston Road (north)



Tolworth Court Farm Cottages, Old Kingston Road (south)

contribute towards the rural character of the area. The Old Kingston Road area is of mixed character with a variety of land uses and little visual access to the open space beyond. Old Kingston Road itself has mixed age residential at its northern end with the former Tolworth Court Farm Cottages at its southern end. Tolworth Court Farm is a local nature reserve.

### **ISSUES & RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Potential to open up views and access to the Hogsmill.

Character Area Type: Rural (Density 1dph) (PTAL 1a and 1b) Character area Assessment: area of established high quality

Kingston Road



Footpath from Kingston Road



King Georges playing field



Towards the industrial estate



Motorcycle project with aggregates depot behind

Kingston Road is heavily landscaped and in spite of heavy traffic at peak times, provides a green lung between the suburban development of Ewell to the south and Tolworth to the north. Views to Tolwoth Tower help to create a sense of entry as the Tolworth gateway is approached further north. Views to the open space east and west of Kingston Road are limited, with few long distance views. At the junction of Jubilee way and Kingston Road, the bridge, former petrol station and the aggregates depot reinforce the gateway location in the change from rural to a more urban character. North of Jubilee Way the area has a more open character with railings allowing views into the open space. To the south, the riverside walk and footpaths through the areas of nature conservation importance are hidden behind dense vegetation.

### **ISSUES & RECOMMENDATIONS:**

• Potential to open up views and access to the Hogsmill and other areas of high amenity value

### Character Area Type: Rural (Density Odph) (PTAL 1a, 1b and 2) Character area Assessment: area requiring enhancement to reinforce identity

3 Chessington Industrial Estate









Davis Road

Cox Lane

Cox Lane

Junc. Mount Rd / Cox Lane

Area laid out in the 1950's, with plots being occupied on a piecemeal basis throughout the decade. Mixed age and style of industrial units with scope to improve the main road network with additional landscape.

### **ISSUES & RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- Visual character of area needs to be improved with comprehensive landscape strategy.
- Industrial estate has sensitive residential receptors close to it.

Character Area Type: Outer suburban (Density 2dph) (PTAL1b and 2) Character area Assessment: area requiring enhancement to reinforce identity

Riverhill				
Character Area Assessment Criteria	Good: Makes a significant contribution (Value of 10)	Moderate: Makes some direct contribution (Value of 5)	Poor: Does not contribute (Value of 0)	
Clearly identifiable "edges" that distinguish it from the surrounding development				
Strong street pattern or road layout with well defined public spaces				
Building and street layout that is easy to find your way around with good connections to the surrounding streets				
Area with predominance of buildings of architectural or historic interest				
Buildings with cohesive scale, massing and details				
High quality public realm and or generally consistent boundary treatments				
Significant trees or shrubs that make a positive contribution to the identity of the area				
Green open spaces or riverside areas that make a positive contribution to the identity of the area				
Topography, significant views or landmarks that contribute to the experience of being within the area				
Area with few vacant or underused sites which affect the character				
Criteria score	80	5	0	
Character Area total score	85			

Jubilee Way				
Character Area Assessment Criteria	Good: Makes a significant contribution (Value of 10)	Moderate: Makes some direct contribution (Value of 5)	Poor: Does not contribute (Value of 0)	
Clearly identifiable "edges" that distinguish it from the surrounding development				
Strong street pattern or road layout with well defined public spaces				
Building and street layout that is easy to find your way around with good connections to the surrounding streets				
Area with predominance of buildings of architectural or historic interest				
Buildings with cohesive scale, massing and details				
High quality public realm and or generally consistent boundary treatments				
Significant trees or shrubs that make a positive contribution to the identity of the area				
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Topography, significant views or landmarks that contribute to the experience of being within the area				
Area with few vacant or underused sites which affect the character				
Criteria score	40	10	0	
Character Area total score	50			

Cox Lane					
Character Area Assessment Criteria	Good: Makes a significant contribution (Value of 10)	Moderate: Makes some direct contribution (Value of 5)	Poor: Does not contribute (Value of 0)		
Clearly identifiable "edges" that distinguish it from the surrounding development					
Strong street pattern or road layout with well defined public spaces					
Building and street layout that is easy to find your way around with good connections to the surrounding streets					
Area with predominance of buildings of architectural or historic interest					
Buildings with cohesive scale, massing and details					
High quality public realm and or generally consistent boundary treatments					
Significant trees or shrubs that make a positive contribution to the identity of the area					
Green open spaces or riverside areas that make a positive contribution to the identity of the area					
Topography, significant views or landmarks that contribute to the experience of being within the area					
Area with few vacant or underused sites which affect the character					
Criteria score	10		0		
Character Area total score	10				