White Hart Lane Conservation Area 53

Designation

Conservation area designated: 14.06.1988

Location

OS Sheets: 2175

White Hart Lane Conservation Area lies on the boundary between Mortlake to the West and Barnes to the East. It includes Eleanor Grove and part of White Hart Lane just South of the railway crossing.

History and Development

White Hart Lane is an important historic route between the riverside and the Upper Richmond Road. The development of Eleanor Grove and this part of White Hart Lane occurred together in the second half of the 19th century.

Character

White Hart Lane conservation area is a small cul de sac development of charming two storey terraced Victorian houses along Eleanor Grove and including a more imposing frontage of three storey commercial buildings to White Hart Lane, forming a gateway to this conservation area. Terraced cottages of painted brick or render enclose Eleanor Grove, either set behind small front gardens and boundaries or opening directly onto the street. A modest pair of later houses terminates the view North along this street. The older properties on the South side have shallow pitched slate roofs behind parapets with moulded cornice and blocking course detail. Younger properties display roofs with projecting eaves supported on corbels. Retained chimneystacks enliven the roofscape here. Houses retain a wealth of detail with moulded window surrounds and either bow windows or square bays with tripartite windows. The larger and well preserved buildings to White Hart Lane are of stock brick with render, set behind well planted front gardens and brick walls to the street. They have canted bay windows, distinctive tripartite windows to the first floor and moulded parapet details, with shallow slate roofs and prominent chimneys behind.

Problems and Pressures

- · Loss of traditional architectural features and materials due to unsympathetic alterations
- Lack of coordination and poor quality of street furniture and flooring
- Domination of traffic, parked cars and poor pedestrian safety leading to clutter of signage and street furniture

Opportunity for Enhancement

- Preservation, enhancement and reinstatement of architectural quality and unity
- Coordination of colour and design and improvement in quality of street furniture and flooring
- Improvement of highways conditions and pedestrian convenience, and rationalisation of existing signage and street furniture
- Areas identified for environmental improvement include: North End of Eleanor Grove.

