

## 25: WANDSWORTH COMMON

### (g) ELLERTON ROAD

(For an account of the history of the area see **Wandsworth Common: Introduction.**)

#### **Buildings & Townscape**

The buildings in the Ellerton Road area are much later historically than elsewhere in the Conservation Area and owe little to the history of the Common itself.

Between 1897 and 1916 the main development involved the building of terraces in Loxley Road and Ellerton Road, with a short extension to Lyford Road. Parts of Herondale Road were under construction and Frewin Road was just commencing. The houses were built as separate groups by different builders.

There are broadly three types of building occurring in distinct groups.

The west side of Ellerton Road has a distinctive cottage style. Buildings are generally of red brick construction, two storeys with timber casement windows divided into 'Georgian' panes.

Some buildings are arranged in an 'L' formation and grouped in pairs and threes. Hipped roofs with plain clay tiles predominate. A few are constructed of a dark plum brick with light red dressings to openings and corners. Timber doorcases are a characteristic feature, with projecting canopy.

The east side is generally of a different character with buildings arranged in short or longer terraces. They are two storey of red brick construction with roughcast to bays.

Frewin Road contains two storey buildings arranged in pairs, and short terraces of four and six. Two storey bays are a characteristic feature.

On the north side of the street buildings are of brick construction but rendered both to ground and first floors. Semi-circular Dutch gables are a prominent feature which architecturally unite pairs of buildings. Timber casements with 'Georgian' panes and vertical sliding timber sashes to first floor above ground floor entrance are a distinctive feature of the fenestration. Roofs are of plain clay tiles.

On the south side buildings are of red brick with roughcast to bays. Triangular pediments to doorcases are common to both sides of the street.

Herondale Road contains two distinct groups of buildings. Nos.1-11 odd and 2-42 even, represent two storey red brick properties with two storey projecting bays with roughcast mainly to bays. They have gabled roofs to the street. Windows are timber casements with leaded lights.

On the south side nos.13-23 are three pairs of two storey yellow brick buildings with red brick soldier courses to openings. They have a distinctive horizontal emphasis in form and exhibited through the ranges of steel casement windows. They date from around 1920 and represent the influence of the Modern Movement.

Adjoining to the west are houses more characteristic of the cottage style represented in Ellerton Road with their hipped roofs and 'Georgian' panes to timber casements.

Both red and yellow stock brick are represented. The distinctive projecting timber canopies and doorcases are similar to those in Ellerton Road.

Loxley Road comprises terraces of two storey buildings arranged in pairs. They are constructed of red brick with roughcast to first floors on the north side. Two storey bay windows are a characteristic feature with timber casement windows divided into leaded lights. Pitched roofs are common to all properties and covered with plain clay tiles. Front boundaries are mainly random rubble walls with timber posts and fences, and hedges behind. There are similar buildings in Magdalen Road.

This character statement is intended to give an overview of the development and current character of the conservation area; it is not intended to be prescriptive, nor to be a summary of planning constraints or an inventory of individual buildings or other features whether listed or otherwise.