

2.3.3 Landscaping, trees and views

The stable block yard occupies the site between the Stable Block and the western boundary wall. It is defined by the rear of the building, the boundary wall to South End House described above (running north-south) and by two walls perpendicular to it that continue the lines of the Stable Block's north and south facades. The Stable Block walls are early C19, and contemporary with the Stable Block itself, although extensively rebuilt.

There are openings in the north and south walls, with a modern timber gate in that of the south wall. The yard is covered in tarmac. A bin area outside the current kitchen is defined by a modern timber fence parallel to the south wall, which also encloses a small timber shed.

Views between the grounds of South End House and the Stable Block yard are screened by planting within the South End House grounds, with mature trees and shrubberies along the edge of the drive which runs north-south to the garage at the south-east corner.

Elsewhere the application site is contiguous with the wider park landscape. To the south and east consists of open park grass land. Immediately adjacent to the Stable Block to the east there are two curious raised lawns, but then the open landscape runs into the Park's northern half. It is reasonably level, with long distance views to and from the wider landscape and the House.

The ground drops noticeably immediately to the south of the site, and from this point one overlooks the path towards/ from Orleans House to the west, with views across the Western meadow to the Thames towpath beyond. This is analogous, in a minor way, to the view from the piano nobile of the House down to the river. This area has a number of substantial mature trees close to the site, so the long views are between the trunk and under the canopy.

To the north of the service yard there is an unkempt service area containing the former changing block building and some concrete hard standings. This is enclosed, and screened from the rest of the park and Montpelier Row by the shrubberies of the Sweet Walk to the north, east and west, interspersed with substantial mature trees. There is a poor quality timber and wire fence reinforcing the boundary to park to the east. There are no clear views into or out of this area from the park or from Montpelier Row due to the shrubberies and trees.

The Topographic survey and Agricultural statement supporting the application, give more information on trees and levels.

2.3.4 Adjacent Buildings outside the site

The nearest buildings to the site are those to the immediate west; South End House, its gazebo and garage, and Montpelier House. These are described at section 2.5 below, and more fully in the Heritage Statement.



Existing bin store and kitchen door



View of Southend House Boundary wall and Stable Block



View of Boundary wall to Southend House from yard



View of existing terrace and cafe entrance

2.4 SUMMARY OF EXISTING HERITAGE

The Stable Block is Grade II Listed and sits within the Listed Marble Hill Park. The House, which is some distance away from the Stable Block, but visible from it, is Grade I Listed.

The site itself contains statutory listed structures. The Stable Block is grade II listed and forms part of Marble Hill Park, which is a grade II* Registered Park and Garden.

Within the 500m study area, the assessment has identified two Grade I, 11 Grade II* and 23 Grade II listed buildings. The Grade I Marble Hill House (AOC 114) is located c. 250m west of the proposed site. A grade II listed Gazebo stands to south-west of the Block, beyond the boundary wall with South End House, which is grade II* listed together with Montpellier House to the north.

A grade II Ice House stands to the east of the Stable Block. Grade II listed White Lodge stands at the north-west entry to Marble Hill Park. Along Montpellier Row there are a total of five Grade II* and five Grade II Listed Buildings.

The site lies within Conservation Area 8: Twickenham Riverside, and within an Archaeological Priority Area, both designated by Richmond upon Thames Borough Council.

Three other Conservation Areas, as designated by Richmond upon Thames Borough Council, lie within the 500m study area, comprising 21: Cambridge Park; 48: Amyand Park Road; and 49: Crown Road.

The proposed development site does not lie within 500m of any nationally designated Scheduled Monuments, Registered Battlefields or World Heritage Sites.

A total of 77 non-designated heritage assets, registered on the Greater London Historic Environment Record, fall within the 500m study area. None of which fall within or are adjacent to the site's boundary.

