

61 Houblon Road, Richmond, TW10 6DB

Heritage and Planning Statement

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St Matthias (C30) Conservation Area

Location

St Matthias conservation area lies on the plateau and northern scarp of Richmond Hill. It is situated on the north slope of Richmond Hill to the south of Sheen Road, and bounded to the east by Queen's Road. It adjoins Richmond Hill (5) to the West and Sheen Road (31) conservation areas to the North.

History and Development

The area was largely fields with a few large 18th century dwellings until the mid 19th century. The arrival of the London and South Western Railway at Richmond in 1856 led to substantial development in the form of new streets and high class villas on the slopes of the hill. The church of St Matthias was consecrated in 1856 and early development building took place around Frairs Style Road, Park Road, Marlborough villas (now road), Montague Villas (Rosemount Road) and Cardigan Road.

Character Centred on St. Matthias' Church at the top of the hill this high quality residential area was designated for its cohesive form of varied architectural styles. Mostly developed between 1860s and the 1880s the area is dominated by three main roads with a few cross streets which climb up the hill. There are also interesting paths, such as Albany Passage, which derive from the paths between former fields. There are many short distance views and vistas due to the rise in ground level and the Church of St. Matthias is a major landmark which can be seen from some distance in the village.

There is a mix of mid and late Victorian building styles and forms, from terraced mews to large detached villas and all maintain a consistently high quality of townscape. The building styles are noticeably different ranging, for example, from the three storey grandeur of Montague Road to the interesting brick detailing and symmetry of Rosemont Road of the terrace cottages in the Alberts. The dwellings are mostly set back from the road and many have retained their front gardens and these form an important feature throughout the conservation area.

The Alberts and Houblon Road are characterised by tight groups of two storey brick terraced houses with slate roofs. Houblon Road is particularly interesting as it has undergone little alteration.

Proposal & Conclusion

The proposal is to construct a single storey rear extension extending out 2.6m from the original dwelling and to convert the loft space into habitable room with conservation style Velux windows.

The proposed extension being similar to extensions on both neighbouring sides of the house (no 59 & 63) is not expected to create any adverse effects on the neighbours. It will also be in line with the policy with LBRUT house and external alterations SPD.

There is no significant impact made to the heritage of the area.