

Historic buildings: conservation areas and planning matters in Surrey 1985–6

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The Administrative County

Surrey County Council

The Society made carefully considered representations concerning both the Proposed First Alteration to the Surrey Structure plan and the new Surrey Minerals plan. Unfortunately, the Society's views were largely ignored.

Surrey Archaeological Society Farm Buildings Policy

The Society's Council has approved a policy drafted by the Conservation Committee aimed at seeking the preservation of a realistic proportion of the redundant historic farm buildings in the county. The policy has the support of the Surrey Amenity Council and the Conservation Committee is studying ways of pressing for the policy to be implemented by local planning authorities.

ELMBRIDGE

Cobham Conservation Area, Mill (Grade II)

Restoration actively discussed by local groups and SHBT. The Thames Water Authority purchased the property from SCC for restoration.

Cobham, Tinman's Row, Downside

Discussions held by the SIHG and DoE about scheduling the industrial cottages as a SAM.

Cobham, Chatley Heath Semaphore Tower (SAM and Grade II) Owned by SCC.

Schemes for restoration under consideration and HBMC grant sought. The SHBT have been consulted.

Walton, Bridge

Plans have been put forward for 'improving' the bridge.

Walton, Painshill Park

Restoration work progresses (*SyAS Bull* 202). A proposal to build a car park on the opposite bank of the Mole was rejected by the local authority and taken to public inquiry. The proposal was supported by the Society, which was represented by Mr B Pardoe at the inquiry, as car parking is essential to the success of the restoration of the 18th century landscape and there is no viable parking site on the Painshill side of the Mole.

The work undertaken at Painshill was described in an article, 'Painshill Park restoration', by Giles Worsley in *Country Life*, 11 September 1986 (802–5). The Cascade and the Bramah wheel were the subject of an illustrated feature by Lesley Howes and Jane Ward in the May 1986 issue of *Popular Archaeology*. Previous articles in the same publication had described excavations at the Temple of Bacchus (February 1984) and the Grotto (March 1985).

The Bramah wheel, which is to be restored, is a massive undershot wheel installed in the 1830s and designed to drive two sets of three pumps. One set of pumps supplied the house, the other

the cascade. Excavations have produced evidence that Hamilton's original wheel, installed before 1750, must have been in a similar location to the Bramah wheel.

Weybridge, Oatlands Park Hotel (Grade II)

Planning application for development in the grounds objected to by the Society.

Weybridge, Warwick Deeping's House, Brooklands Lane

Article in *The Field* referring to the proposed sale of the house by the National Trust to which it had been bequeathed.

EPSOM AND EWELL

Epsom, The Durdans, Chalk Lane

The future of the Riding School (Grade II*) has been a matter of concern. The property has been brought to the attention of the SHBT.

Epsom Conservation Area, 59 and 59a Church Street (Grade II)

No 59 is empty and in poor condition and has been brought to the notice of the SHBT. Planning consent for the conversion of no 59 to offices has been refused.

Epsom, Former Hook Road School, East Street

The Society objected to a planning application for part demolition and new building.

Epsom Conservation Area, 55 South Street (Grade II)

An important remnant of the original spa-period buildings which once ran from the western end of the High Street towards the common. Many of the historic buildings along South Street have been lost (eg nos 53 (The Shrubbery) and 61) while others have been largely rebuilt (57 and 59) or converted as part of the Playhouse Theatre complex (47, 49 and 51). In May 1985, following a consultant's report, the local authority proposed the conversion and restoration of the building as ancillary to an adjacent projected office development and sheltered housing scheme. The Society objected to proposals for partial demolition and rebuilding 'in replica'. Consent was later granted for the conversion of no 55 to provide office accommodation subject to a measure of supervision by the Council's own historic buildings consultants.

Ewell Conservation Area, 3-13 Mill Lane (Grade II)

The Society objected to a planning application for the demolition of the rear extension and internal gutting. A later amendment sought to retain only the façade. No 5 had a medieval core and further attempts were made to save nos 3-5, nos 7-13 having already been gutted. Some timbers in no 5 have been retained but many have been relocated, destroying their historic significance. Very little of historic value is thought to remain.

GUILDFORD

Ash, Station Water Tower

Recently rediscovered following tree-felling. Recorded by SIHG as these towers are now rare. Likely to be demolished but discussions are being held with the railway preservation societies about the rescue of the water tank.

Compton Conservation Area, St Nicholas church

A proposal to erect a church hall within the north side of the churchyard was opposed by the Society. Dr Arnold Taylor represented the Society at the subsequent public inquiry. Inspector's report awaited. Negotiations are reported to be in progress for building the church hall outside the churchyard on Eastbury manor land.

East Horsley, Forest Farm, Forest Road (local list)
Threatened with demolition. The Society made representations and drew to the notice of the SHBT. The building was later sold for restoration.

Guildford Conservation Area, 3 Chapel Street (former Gwinns, built in 1830s) (Locally listed)
Premises mostly gutted but stairs and bread oven remain, other features stripped out. To become a wine bar. Recorded by DBRG.

Guildford Conservation Area, 8 Chertsey Street (formerly Gillingham's furniture shop) (Locally listed)
Early 19th century and earlier incorporating remains of timber-framed building, said to have been a smithy. Now converted to use by estate agents. Recorded by DBRG.

Guildford Conservation Area, 29 Chertsey Street (Grade II)
A threat to the listed cottage arose as part of a proposed development. The property was brought to the attention of the SHBT but the developer later began to restore the property. Recorded by DBRG.

Guildford Conservation Area, Ward Street Hall, Cyrenian Hall (Grade II) and 18–20 Haydon Place
The Society made representations to the local authority concerning the condition of Cyrenian Hall. The adjacent Ward Street Hall and 18–20 Haydon Place have been the subject of planning applications: 18–20 Haydon Place are to be replaced by offices and flats but the future of Ward Street Hall is uncertain.

Guildford Conservation Area, Guildhall, High Street (SAM and Grade I):
Refurbishment started late 1986.

Guildford Conservation Area, 161 High Street (Grade II)
Recorded by DBRG who found that remains of a 17th century roof survived in the centre of the mainly 18th century house. Now the virtual demolition of the interior has taken place, including the removal of floors, all interior 18th century panelling, fireplaces, and doors. Cellar re-excavated. Façade to be restored.

Guildford Conservation Area, Abbots Hospital, High Street (Grade I)
Extension, which largely covers the one-time garden and which had been objected to by the Society, was completed.

Guildford Conservation Area, Cottage at rear of 90 High Street (Grade II*)
Planning application for demolition in order to create a fire exit at the rear of Pizzaland not determined. Recorded by DBRG.

Guildford Conservation Area, 142–4 High Street (Tudor Rose Cafe and the Boulangerie) (Grade II)
Following an unsuccessful planning application to which the Society objected, a public inquiry resulted in permission for the demolition and replacement of a two-storey extension containing an 18th century fireplace and chimney but refusal of consent for work on the main building.

Guildford Conservation Area, 156 High Street (Grade II*)
Refurbishment carried out before proposals were considered by Guildford Planning Committee.

Guildford, Stoke House, Leapale Lane (Grade II)

The Society objected to a planning application for demolition or for demolition behind the retained façade. Application withdrawn.

Guildford Conservation Area, Little White Lion, North Street (not listed)

The Society urged the retention of this building threatened by development of the White Lion Walk shopping arcade. Façade restored but interior rebuilt as two shops. The White Lion Walk scheme was the subject of a feature in *Building Design*, 18 April 1986.

Guildford Conservation Area, 11–12 North Street (formerly Surrey Arms and Millets, building by Henry Peake)

Interior gutted, façade remains. Converted to Pizza Hut. Stable yard at rear being demolished.

Guildford Conservation Area, 51 Quarry Street (locally listed)

17th century timber framed house with 18th century façade. Restored with new staircase. Recorded by DBRG.

Guildford Conservation Area, 53 Quarry Street (locally listed)

The delayed restoration of this council-owned building has begun following representations by the Society. Recorded by DBRG.

Guildford Conservation Area, 57 Quarry Street (Grade II)

Planning application for demolition went to Public Inquiry on appeal. The Society made written submissions. Consent granted for the separation from no 56, insertion of new staircase and new rear entrance. Façade to be retained.

Shalford, Unstead Manor House (Grade II)

Owned by Thames Water Authority but empty and in poor condition. Its future is a matter for concern and it has been brought to the notice of the SHBT. Its position adjacent to a sewage works makes the property unattractive for private purchasers.

Wanborough Conservation Area, Barns

Proposal to convert North Barn for residential purposes refused by local authority. The large barn (Grade II) was reported as being on the market.

MOLE VALLEY

Ashtead, Ashtead House, Farm Lane (Grade II)

Planning application for demolition and replacement of conservatory.

Betchworth Conservation Area, Old House (Grade II*)

Planning application for development of the grounds to finance the restoration and conversion of Old House and Betchworth House (Grade II*). Initial scheme rejected by local authority but revised scheme approved.

Betchworth Conservation Area, Barn, Church Street

Largely demolished by the owner as dangerous following wind damage.

Charlwood, Ivy and Cherry Cottages

Planning application for demolition. Property investigated by SHBT who did not pursue.

Charlwood, Lowfield Heath Windmill (now in Sussex)

Proposals for restoration and resiting have been discussed by SIHG. A site at the Aviary has been offered for re-erection and a trust has been formed to look after the mill.

Dorking, Goodwyn's Place (1901 by Thackeray Turner)

Consent for demolition was refused by the local planning authority. A proposed public inquiry following an appeal was cancelled as the house was to be disposed of for conversion to flats. This scheme was itself later dropped.

Dorking, Sondes Place Model farm

The buildings were in bad repair and attempts were being made to make a photographic record. Listing was being sought. It has been reported that planning consent has been given for sympathetic development.

Dorking, The Punch Bowl, Reigate Road

The Society's Conservation Committee decided not to press for listing, despite a request by a member.

Fetcham, Canon Court (Grade II)

Proposal to divide into flats. The Society urged care in the design and the careful retention of the mathematical tiles. Revised design submitted.

Great Bookham Conservation Area

Planning application for the conversion of the County Middle School into a public Library and dwelling. Schoolhouse designed by William Butterfield to be retained.

Great Bookham Conservation Area, 21-23 High Street

Planning application for redevelopment. Timber framing recorded during alterations.

Leatherhead, Devonshire House, Church Street

The Society objected to proposals to build an office extension overshadowing the adjacent Grade II building (the Museum). Revised extension approved despite renewed objections.

Leatherhead Conservation Area, The White House, Church Road (Grade II)

The Society objected to a proposal for the demolition of this building and planning consent was refused. The Society made a written submission to the subsequent public inquiry. The property is now being restored.

Leatherhead, Pilgrim's Rest, Guildford Road (Grade II)

Planning application for alterations. The Society made representations seeking safeguards.

Little Bookham, Grapevine Cottage

The Society made a complaint concerning the destruction of the historically important smokebay partition which had not been covered by an application for re-roofing.

Mickleham, Norbury Park (Grade II*)

Proposal for minor alterations granted consent. Mathematical tiles were discovered during the work.

Newdigate, Nyes Place, Rusper Road (Grade II)

Planning application for alterations.

Ockley, Court Farm

Possibility of preserving the unusual 18th century ice house (Grade II) discussed and brought to the attention of the SHBT.

REIGATE AND BANSTEAD

Banstead, Park Road/Mint Road Conservation Area, Mint Cottages

The Society objected to a planning application for the demolition of washhouses to make way for an additional house on the site of the one-time drying green. Consent was granted on appeal, the demolition carried out and the house built.

Banstead, Proposal for further Conservation Area

For some years the Banstead History Research Group and other bodies have been trying without success to persuade the local authority to establish a new conservation area at the northern end of Park Road from Apsley House to the Well, possibly extended to include Ivy House and the School in the High Street and nos 6 and 7 Avenue Road. This area contains six Grade II buildings. Planning consent has been granted on appeal for the erection of additional houses on land behind Wilmot (Grade II) and Park Cottage (Grade II) with access either through the Tracery or over land occupied by Glenthorne (unlisted 18th century – formerly the coach house to Rosehill (Grade II)) and Rosehill Farm (unlisted). These latter buildings were demolished in March 1987. Now the School and nos 6 and 7 Avenue Road (all unlisted mid-19th century) are under threat of demolition.

Horley, St Bartholomew's church

Proposal to build an assembly area within the churchyard west of the church considered by the DAC.

Horley Axes Farm, Axes Lane (locally listed)

The deterioration of this property has given cause for concern for several years. The SHBT have been monitoring.

Redhill, The Firs, Brighton Road (Grade II)

Local authority refused permission to demolish modernist extension by Connell Ward & Lucas. Appeal was followed by a public inquiry and Secretary of State granted permission for demolition.

Reigate Town Centre Conservation Area, 31 Bell Street

Planning application for demolition opposed by Society and refused by local authority.

Reigate Town Centre Conservation Area, 20–2 High Street (unlisted)

The Society objected to the proposed demolition of this timber-framed building of listable quality. Planning consent for demolition works was refused.

Reigate Town Centre Conservation Area, 43a High Street (April Cottage)

An appeal was launched by the Weald and Downland Museum for the re-erection of this building in the 'Town Square' at the museum. Re-erection is planned for Easter 1987. The paintings are being restored (*SyAS Bull* 211) but will not be reinserted until the building has a roof and is weatherproof.

Reigate Town Centre Conservation Area, High Street

Preliminary proposals for redevelopment threatened the Old Cage (Grade II) with demolition and the Society made strong representations. More recent redevelopment proposals publicised in advance of planning application retain the old cage but threaten remaining unlisted brewery buildings.

Reigate Town Centre Conservation Area, 16b–18 London Road

The Society objected to a proposal to build a new filling station within the conservation area. Consent was refused by the local planning authority.

Reigate Town Centre Conservation Area, 23–7 London Road (Grade II)

Planning application for demolition of listed buildings and redevelopment of the site of 21–7 opposed by the Society. Consent refused.

Reigate, Little Santons Farm (Grade II)

Planning consent granted for the removal of a small barn to a new position and its replacement by a garage built on traditional lines. Also consent to re-roof the house and insert new windows.

Tadworth, Tadworth Court (Grade I)

The Society objected to a proposal for redevelopment of the grounds on the basis that the high density would adversely affect the environment of the house. Consent was granted and construction is well advanced.

Walton-on-the-Hill Conservation Area, Motte Place

The Society objected to proposals to build a bungalow close to the scheduled motte and across the (unscheduled) probable site of the bailey. Planning consent was refused early in 1987.

RUNNYMEDE

Addlestone, Hatch Farm, Chertsey Road (Grade II)

Planning application for extension.

Addlestone, 24–6 High Street (Grade II)

The society objected to an application to demolish all but the façades. The brickwork of the southern two bays has been retained on the street elevation but the third bay seemingly rebuilt in the process of creating a terrace of three two-bay houses (each with central doors of which the south end house is part of the original). A mansard roof has been provided and at the end of the year the property looked as if when finished it will resemble a Georgian pastiche, but work was not complete. This case shows that the retention of elevations can be of little merit unless carefully detailed drawings are available beforehand and surveillance can be maintained.

Chertsey Conservation Area, Abbey Barn (Grade II)

This 16th century barn has been bequeathed to the youth of Chertsey in 1936 in the Tulk Bequest and was sold in 1978 by SCC to the Acorn Children's Theatre Trust who now propose to sell it for sheltered housing and the development of adjacent land. Medieval walling, moat and the probable site of a manorial complex are threatened. The Society objected to the proposals and drew them to the attention of the SHBT. Consent was refused early in 1987.

Chertsey, Abbey Chase Farmhouse

The future of this building, which belongs to the RMC Group, is uncertain and it has been drawn to the attention of the SHBT. A repairs notice is said to have been served but there has been no subsequent action.

Chertsey, Botleys, North Lodge

Purchased by the SHBT for restoration but the project ran into cost difficulties. The SHBT decided to dispose of the property subject to safeguards.

Chertsey, Vine Public House, Bridge Road (Grade II)

The Society objected to the provision of a covered way of unsuitable design. Planning permission is thought to have been given but work had not started by the end of 1986.

Chertsey, Sareth Cottage, Bridge Road (Grade II)

Planning consent for conversion of garage into extra bedroom. Work progressing.

Chertsey Conservation Area, 56–60 Guildford Street (Grade II)
Planning application for demolition refused.

Chertsey Conservation Area, Cross & Herbert's chemist's shop, 132–4 Guildford Street (Grade II)

Interesting building on the corner of London Street with an 18th century front and 17th century Dutch gables at rear. Consent was granted for limited reconstruction but soon after work began the structure was declared unsafe and quickly demolished. Copy of old façades is being sympathetically constructed.

Chertsey Conservation Area, 11 London Street (Grade II)

Planning consent for new window in a previously blind window recess on the early 19th century extension. Sympathetically carried out.

Chertsey Conservation Area, 58 London Street

Alterations to this 19th century Methodist church have been proposed to allow residential use following a previous proposal for demolition. The property has been considered by the SHBT. Around April 1985, the roof was illegally removed, allowing the building to deteriorate. It is now to be demolished but none of the plans so far submitted for the site have proved satisfactory to the local planning authority.

Chertsey Conservation Area, 70–2 London Street (Grade II)

Planning application for minor alterations. (68–76 is a row of small houses that have been very sympathetically restored.)

Chertsey, 240 Thames Side (formerly Lock Keeper's Cottage) (Grade II)

Attempts made to save this building after planning consent had been given for its demolition. The property has been brought to the attention of SHBT and a private individual has shown interest in restoring it.

Chertsey Conservation Area, 9–15 Windsor Street (Grade II)

Planning application was made for part-demolition of this row of 18th century shops in connection with sheltered housing. The Society objected to the demolition. The local authority refused consent, an appeal was made but withdrawn. The buildings (together with nos 7 and 17) were gutted by fire in the second week of January 1987, leaving just the Windsor Street façade which is virtually intact and has been shored up.

Chertsey Conservation Area, 25 Windsor Street (Grade II*)

Planning application for additional dormer windows on the side elevation of an extension plus certain structural alterations. Understood to have been the subject of a report by HBMC to the planning authority.

Chertsey Conservation Area, 31 Windsor Street

Planning application for new building in Conservation Area. The Society made representations about the excessive height of the rear portion.

Chertsey Conservation Area, Station Hotel

Attempts made to achieve listing in face of a proposal to demolish, but these were unsuccessful.

Ottershaw, Chertsey Lodge, Coach Road (Grade II)

Retrospective planning consent granted for unauthorized extension.

SPELTHORNE

Laleham, Thatched Cottage, Abbey Drive (Grade II)
Planning application for demolition of wall and erection of new chimneys. Society made representations seeking safeguards.

Shepperton Conservation Area, The Manor House (Grade II)
planning application for the demolition of a greenhouse and the erection of staff houses.

Staines Conservation Area, 75-9 Church Street (Grade II)
Property considered by the SHBT but proposals not pursued.

Staines, 229 Laleham Road
Proposed demolition of sheds etc, in connection with sheltered housing scheme.

Sunbury Court (Grade II*)
The Society objected to a planning application for the replacement of a sun lounge.

SURREY HEATH

Chobham, Home Farm, Steep Hill (locally listed)
The Society objected to planning application for alterations.

TANDRIDGE

Bletchingley Conservation Area, St Mary's church
Proposal to introduce a glazed screen at the west end.

Bletchingley, Waterhouse Farm
The Society objected to proposals to extract fullers earth which involve the demolition of Pound House Farm and threaten the environment of the unoccupied Waterhouse Farm (unlisted but of listable quality) and occupied Chevington Farm (Grade II). Pound House Farm and Waterhouse Farm were drawn to the attention of the SHBT who declined to take an interest. It has been reported that the public inquiry will not take place until 1988.

Blindley Heath, Colbays, Hare Lane (Grade II)
Planning consent granted for the removal of an extension and restoration.

Chaldon Conservation Area, St Peter and St Paul's church
Proposals made to restore the wall painting.

Godstone Conservation Area, 57 High Street
The Society objected to proposals to demolish an historically interesting wall.

Lingfield, Haxted Mill (Grade II)
This building was refurbished and was reopened to the public in 1986.

WAVERLEY

Bramley, Rushetts, Horsham Road
Planning application for an extension. The Society objected to the size of the extension.

Chiddingfold Conservation Area, St Mary's church
Plans for a vestry extension on the churchyard. The Society was represented by Dr Arnold

Taylor at the subsequent public inquiry on 19–21 June 1985. The inspector dismissed the appeal by the rector and churchwardens against the refusal of planning permission. The church authorities are said (March 1987) to be considering building elsewhere in the churchyard.

Chiddingfold Conservation Area, Redwood, High Street Green
Planning application for alteration.

Cranleigh, Baynards Station
Given the SIHG's annual award in 1985.

Cranleigh Conservation Area, Broad Oak, Broadoak Cottage and Little Manor
Listed buildings deteriorating following failure of owner to win appeal against refusal of planning consent (*SyAS Bull* 199). The Society pressed local authority to play a constructive role in the preservation of these buildings. Broad Oak (local list) is severely affected by damp but extensive restoration has now been carried out. 20th century outhouses have been removed and floors and plaster have had to be replaced but the staircase has been retained. The building has been divided into two office suites. Attempts have been made to make Broadoak Cottage (unlisted but of listable quality) weather tight and vandal proof. Little Manor (Grade II) is in good condition but surrounded by disused industrial buildings.

Cranleigh, Cranleigh School
Unlisted 18th century barn to be demolished to make way for four houses.

Ewhurst, Broadstone Cottage, Gadbridge Lane (Grade II)
Planning application for demolition of conservatory and extension.

Farnham Conservation Area, 48 Downing Street (Grade II*)
Planning application for alterations.

Farnham Conservation Area, The Tanyard
A 16th century house, the only surviving wing of a much larger house. The Farnham Building Preservation Trust won second prize in the privately funded category of the RICS/*The Times* Conservation Competition for the restoration they commissioned from architects Stedman & Blower. The close-studded façade has been cleaned and restored, the moulded bressumers retained and copies of the original carved doorheads inserted. The judges stated that a 'meticulous attention to traditional materials and patterns together with a high standard of craftsmanship make this a model of careful restoration'.

Farnham, Ivy House, Ivy Lane (Grade II*)
Proposed internal alterations.

Farnham, Waverley Abbey House (Grade II*)
Developers and architects permitted photography of the interior during refurbishment and information regarding the original building was recovered. Additional planning application for the replacement of a decorative ceiling.

Godalming, Bury Cottage, Moss Lane
Planning application for demolition and replacement. Property drawn to the attention of the SHBT. Consent to demolish granted.

Godalming, Catteshall turbine
Conservation of component parts completed by SIHG and Godalming Water Turbine Trust. Several possible sites for rebuilding in the Godalming area are being considered.

Godalming Conservation Area, The Kings Arms Hotel, High Street (Grade II)
 Planning application for removal of staircase.

Godalming Conservation Area, 22 Mint Street
 Framework knitters house/workshop recorded by SIHG

Godalming, Mileposts
 A series of cast iron mileposts on the Godalming–Dunsfold road is being conserved by the SIHG, the West Surrey Society and SCC.

Milford, Milford House Hotel, Godalming Road (Grade II)
 Planning application for conversion and development refused late 1985. Property deteriorating and Society preparing further representations to the local authority.

Thursley Conservation Area, Smallbrook Barn, Church Road (Locally listed)
 Planning application for conversion to residential use.

Wonersh Conservation Area, The Dower House, Barnetts Lane (Grade II*)
 Planning application for the demolition and replacement of the stable block.

Wonersh, Mill House, Guildford Road (Grade II)
 Planning application for alterations.

WOKING

Byfleet, Old Fire Station
 Locally listed building erected 1885 and later, in decorative brickwork and eclectic style. At one time threatened with demolition but being maintained (March 1987). Brickwork being unsuitably painted white.

The South-West London Boroughs

CROYDON

Coulsdon, St John's church, Bradmore Green Conservation Area
 Further brick extensions to give new vestry, kitchen, etc, approved after lengthy discussion with the DAC. Blocked 13th century priests' door will be enclosed.

Croydon, Christ Church
 Proposals for partial demolition and rebuilding of this Teulon church were approved by the DAC.

Croydon, St Augustine's church, South Croydon
 Proposal to erect partition walls, including blocking of western crossing arch to form two halls, committee rooms, etc, to replace adjacent parish hall. Church by John Oldrid Scott.

Croydon, St James' church
 Application to convert church to provide 18 small flats on three floors and construction of matching courtyard on south side. Common room to be created from ground floor of chancel.

Croydon, St John's church
 Extensions and alterations carried out.

Croydon, Davidson Lodge

Planning consent given for partitioning of the interior and work undertaken.

Croydon, Old Palace School (Grade I)

Internal and external alterations to area between chapel and guard room to form extra floorspace, including provision of new staircase over historic stairs. Firebreaks to be provided in roofspace.

Croydon, Central Conservation Area, 6b and 8–14 George Street and 3–9 Park Street

Demolition of building but with retention of George Street façade following appeal for redevelopment.

Croydon, Central Conservation Area, Ship public house, 47 High Street

Alterations to front elevation, including repainting in matt black, new signboards and removal of figurehead carried out in advance of planning application.

Croydon, Central Conservation Area, 53–61 High Street and 42–3 Mint Walk

The Society made representations concerning a planning application for a new development out of keeping with adjacent buildings and their setting. Planning consent granted.

Croydon, Central Conservation Area, 63–7 High Street, 1–6 Mint Walk and 6–9 Mint Walk

Present Victorian corner building with interesting ironwork on top of roof threatened by proposals to build a four-storey block in red and yellow brick bands and slate roof.

Croydon, Central Conservation Area, Wrencote (Grade I) and 113–17 High Street

Formation of landscaped areas in front of Wrencote and Wrencote House, including wrought iron gates. Recladding and alterations to office blocks behind Wrencote and replacement of 113–17 High Street by five-storey office block.

Croydon, Central Conservation Area, Grants, 14–30 High Street and 40–4 Surrey Street

Extensive redevelopment planned retaining High Street façade but proposed Surrey Street elevations, overlooking Butchers Row, alien to the character of that part of the Conservation Area.

Croydon, Central Conservation Area, Whitgift Almshouses, North End (Grade I)

Internal and external alterations to accommodate new boiler plant including removal of door on north elevation.

Croydon, Redcourt, 27 Stanhope Road

Consent for extension to the nursing home granted in 1984 carried out well and gained an award.

Croydon, No 2, Woodside Green

Appeal against refusal for permission to redevelop failed but future of building uncertain.

KINGSTON

Kingston, Horsefair site

Despite pressure from the Society and other bodies, the local authority and developer refused to preserve the medieval undercroft and bridge approach *in situ* but, instead, spent a reported £100,000 to lift the monuments for future preservation elsewhere within the development.

Kingston, Elmfield (Tiffins Boys School), 115 London Road

The Society made representation regarding a planning application for the replacement of the roof.

Kingston, St Paul's church, Kingston Hill
 Proposals for reordering were considered by the DAC.

LAMBETH

Clapham, 435 North Street

The local authority proposed demolition but this was opposed on the grounds that it was important not to deplete further this area of 19th century townscape. There is hope that the property will be preserved.

Lambeth, St Peter's church, Vauxhall

Internal reordering proposed, including provision for the construction of an heritage centre approved by the DAC.

MERTON

The Society is represented on the Merton Borough Conservation Area Advisory Committee which meets three or four times a year.

Merton, Priory

The Society and SIHG was represented by Mr R A McDowall at the public inquiry into a proposal to drive a road across the middle of the priory site and to cover the rest with a Savacentre, offices, etc. Permission was granted for the development subject to raising the road to preserve the chapter house *in situ*. Listed buildings adjacent to the river Wandle are to be retained along with some associated unlisted structures.

Mitcham, Eagle House

This Grade I building (the only one in Merton Borough) was reported as being disposed of by the borough council.

Morden, The Manor House, London Road

The Society objected to a planning application for the erection of new bungalows as detrimental to the environment of St Lawrence's church.

Wimbledon, Broadway Conservation Area

Controversial plans for redeveloping a large area including the listed Town Hall were the subject of a public inquiry early in 1987.

Wimbledon, Eagle House, High Street

The Society objected to a planning application to use the lawn as a parking area.

Wimbledon, Pelham Conservation Area, Pelham School

The Society objected on environmental grounds to a proposed development of the adjacent site.

RICHMOND

The Society is represented on the Borough of Richmond-upon-Thames Conservation Areas Advisory Committee which discusses listed building cases as well as purely conservation area matters. This body meets approximately fortnightly and includes representatives of national as well as local bodies. The committee considers applications in great detail and meets in two halves, which alternate, covering approximately the old Surrey and the old Middlesex parts of the borough respectively. The items listed here are only a selection of those considered in 1985 and 1986.

Barnes, 2 Lonsdale Road

The council required the reinstatement of 18ft of wall demolished without listed building consent.

Ham, Beaufort House, Ham Street (Grade II*)

Listed building consent granted to the replacement of roof valley and insertion of flat roof without altering external appearance.

Petersham, Box Cottage, Sudbrook Lane (Grade II)

Consent granted for the conversion of coach house into residence.

Richmond Riverside Development

A very large scheme involving the demolition of the whole run-down site except Tower House and its boathouse, the Town Hall and the façades of Heron and Palm Court. Among buildings to be demolished are the old Richmond Assembly Rooms (1819). The whole site is to be redeveloped in mock-Georgian style.

Richmond, 8 Brewas Lane and 53–6 George Street (Grade II)

Planning consent granted on appeal for the replacement of the roof.

Richmond Conservation Area, 1 Maids of Honour Row, The Green (Grade I)

Consent granted for the reinstatement of the front entrance and door and ground floor window to match no 4.

Richmond, Kingsmead site, Grove Road

Old workhouse (1786) site being extensively redeveloped. Listed building (Grade II) is to be retained and refurbished but ancillary structures to be demolished.

Richmond, Church View and White House, Lancaster Park (Grade II)

Listed building consent for demolition granted after controversy over replacement buildings.

Richmond Conservation Area, 13 Old Palace Lane (Grade II)

Planning consent given for a three-storey extension, including garage and conservatory, to one of a group of small 19th century terrace houses despite objections by the Conservation Area Advisory Committee. No work undertaken before March 1987.

Richmond Conservation Area, 2 Old Palace Terrace (Grade II)

Unauthorized work was carried out including the removal of panelling, plaster work and a chimney breast. The planning sub-committee recommended an injunction and enforcement action but consent was granted subject to detailed supervision of subsequent work by council officers.

Richmond, Richmond Hill Hotel, Richmond Hill (Grade II)

Planning consent given to the erection of a bigger porch despite objections by Conservation Area Advisory Committee.

Richmond, Old Vicarage School, 48 Richmond Hill (Grade II)

Consent granted for the replacement in fibreglass of original wooden crenellations suffering from dry rot.

Richmond, White Lodge, Richmond Park (Grade I)

Planning consent refused for a proposal by the Royal Ballet School to build a temporary gymnasium.

Richmond, Spring House, 45 Sheen Road (Grade II)

Consent granted for the replacement of a rare *trompe l'oeil* window by a real window.

SOUTHWARK

Bermondsey, Anchor Brewery

Courage's 19th century brewery alongside Tower Bridge has been refurbished and converted into residential units by Clarke London Ltd. A former owner of the site, the Thames-side refurbishment pioneer, Mr Andrew Wadsworth, had obtained planning consent for development. The first unit to be refurbished and converted was the boilerhouse, marketed in 1986. The Brewery comprises mixed architectural styles. Closest to Tower Bridge is the old Malt Mill, topped with its distinctive galleried tower, with the round-headed window openings below interspersed with double loading doors. The central section was the brewhouse and, at the eastern end of the complex, adjacent to Butler's Wharf, is the boilerhouse.

Bermondsey, Butler's Wharf

Former Victorian tea warehouse set immediately alongside the Anchor Brewery has now been converted into four penthouses, 14 flats and two office suites.

Bermondsey, New Concordia Wharf

Rehabilitation and conversion of the 120,000sq ft 19th century grain warehouses and their conversion into dwellings by Pollard Thomas Edward & Associates for Andrew Wadsworth gained an *Europa Nostra* award.

Southwark, Winchester Palace

The area around Winchester Palace has been redeveloped and this has meant the loss of St Mary Overy's Wharf and the surroundings of St Mary Overy's Dock. However, it has made more of the remains of the palace visible and these are being laid out by HBMC.

Rotherhithe Conservation Area

Competition-winning Elephant Lane 'vernacular' housing scheme by Corrigan, Soundy & Kilaiditi built within the Conservation Area where several 19th century warehouses have been preserved. A new modernist block, also by Corrigan, Soundy & Kilaiditi, has been approved for construction in 1987.

Rotherhithe, Dock Manager's Office (Surrey Docks)

Restored after lying empty for nearly 50 years. Will eventually form part of Surrey Quays development.

SUTTON

Beddington, St Mary's church

Proposals to insert a mezzanine floor in the north aisle and a limited amount of re-ordering within the church were refused a faculty following a consistory court hearing early in 1987.

Beddington, Carew Manor Conservation Area, Beddington Park Cottages

Original materials are to be incorporated in the reconstruction of nos 1 and 1a Beddington Park Cottages as part of a small development scheme. The cottages were recorded in detail for the Carew Manor Group and timbers from the crown post roof and timber frame have been dismantled and numbered for re-erection by the contractors. Carpenters' marks on the trusses suggested that the roof had been dismantled and reconstructed at least once before during its lifetime.

Beddington, Carew Manor Conservation Area, Carew Manor (Grade I)

A report has been submitted to the London Borough of Sutton by the Carew Manor group making proposals for the sympathetic long term preservation of this important building, at present used as a special school, preferably as a museum or interpretation centre run in conjunction with the adjacent Beddington and Mitcham Area of Opportunity.

Continued monitoring of repairs and alterations within the building have led to the discovery of previously concealed brick arches in the south wing. A number of pieces of re-used stone, some with probably Tudor mouldings, some with early 18th century mouldings and some 'gothick' mouldings, possibly dating from the rebuild of 1818, were found in the wall of the late 19th century gymnasium.

Beddington, Carew Manor Conservation Area, Carew Manor Gardens

Research by Nicholas Burnett and John Phillips has recovered much of the ground plan of successive gardens to the east of Carew Manor, especially that created by Sir Frances Carew in the second half of the 16th century. A paper on the subject was read by Mr Phillips at the historic Surrey gardens conference at Sutton, 30th November 1986. The surviving orangery wall, dating from the early 18th century, has been surveyed but there are fears for its future in the face of continuing vandalism.

Carshalton, Water House, Carshalton House

A trust is being formed with a view to opening the building to the public. A Skelton and R Green are investigating the building and have carried out a small excavation which disclosed the entrance steps on the west side. Andrew Skelton is studying the 18th century gardens in which the water house stood.

Carshalton, Grotto/Ice house, Carshalton House

Said to be in need of conservation repairs.

Carshalton, Grotto, Carshalton Park (Grade II)

The felling of a large sycamore tree by the Parks Department of the local authority and the burning of it where it lay caused damage to the lower level of this brick-built grotto. Some restoration is in hand.

Wallington, 79 Manor Road

The future of this interesting unlisted building gives cause for concern.

WANDSWORTH

Roehampton, Holy Trinity church

Proposals for partitioning within the church have been discussed by the DAC.

Streatham, St Peter's church

Proposals for reordering were considered by the DAC.

Streatham, Silk Mill, Factory Square

An early example of factory organization as opposed to the domestic system employed in Spitalfield. The first silk mill in England to use the Jacquard loom. Messrs Sainsbury has applied to demolish the factory and have appealed against deemed refusal.

Wandsworth, 110-12 St John's Hill

The Society objected to an application for the removal of the cornice.

Wandsworth, St Peter's church, Summerstown

Proposals for partitioning within the church were rejected by the DAC.

NOTE

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Abbreviations (see also list at beginning of volume)

DAC	Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches
DBRG	Domestic Buildings Research Group (Surrey)
HBMC	Historic Buildings & Monuments Commission (England)
RICS	Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors
SAM	Scheduled ancient monument
SCC	Surrey County Council
SHBT	Surrey Historic Buildings Trust
SIHG	Surrey Industrial History Group