

Heritage Statement
78 Darnley Road, Gravesend, Kent, DA11 0SE.
Proposed rear extension.

This property is within the Darnley Road Conservation Area.

The Conservation Area Appraisal highlights a number of attributes that apply in relation to Darnley Road.

The buildings of the Darnley Road Conservation Area are predominantly arranged as short terraces and pairs of villas, with occasional instances of larger detached houses. The buildings are typically of two or three storeys in height.

Paired villas and detached houses are the more common form of buildings on Darnley Road, with buildings of three bays and two storeys. There is a mix of housing types with some short terraces, but predominantly the houses are quite large either paired villas or detached houses that are predominantly set beneath a hipped roof, which in occasional instances is pierced by gables or dormer windows, particularly at the southern end of the Conservation Area.

No 78 is on the west side of the road. Houses were developed at a later time along this side of the road and are mainly 19th century houses. The house is fairly typical of the houses here being of yellow stock brick and tiled roof although it probably originally had a slate roof. The house forms the northern section of a matching pair of houses and there are similar houses to the south. To the north there is a larger detached house which originally sat in a larger plot than other properties. The garden area between No 78 and 76 is now infilled with a more modern looking house.

The houses on the west side of the road are in generous plots and are set back from the road, generally have a front garden with either a hedge or wall to define the front boundary. Most of the front gardens accommodate parking for resident's cars.

This house along with neighbouring houses on the west side of the road are said to provide a positive contribution to the Conservation Area.

A high proportion of the houses have been extended to the rear with varying extension. No 82 Darnley Road has quite a large rear extension over the ground and first floors.

The rear extension will be constructed in materials to match the main dwelling with the roof in slate and render to match the rear elevation used. The addition of a rear extension set in from the outer side walls of the house and with the roof at a lower overall height than the main house is of limited impact and really of no visual impact within the Conservation Area.

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