

Appendix VII

12. Coldharbour Road

12.1 Location and extents

Coldharbour Road wraps around the northern and inner eastern boundary of the centre of Pyrford. It runs from the Old Woking Road to the junction with Engliff and Upshot Lanes

12.2 Description and History

The road breaks into three sections:-

- Between the junction of Old Woking Road and Oakcroft Road
- Between the junction of Oakcroft Road and Lovelace Drive
- Between the junction of Lovelace Drive and Engliff Lane

12.3 Distinctive Features

Each section has distinctive features:-

The houses are a mixture of old and infill developments and are older stock – consisting of cottages that were built in the early twentieth century. It also has a parade of shops, a church, a school, the Pyrford Cricket Club, the Village Hall and the Pyrford Social Club.

Most of the houses were built in the 60s, as chalet bungalows, but have been extended.

In the 1960s:-

- The Village Hall was built in place of a war memorial
- The Arbor was built as a youth club and converted to a Scout Hut in the nineties
- The primary school was built for the greatly increased population.

12.4 Typologies present

Coldharbour Road covers the complete spectrum of housing styles from large properties to small and medium cottages. There are three semi-detached cottages from the early twentieth century, one of which was the Post Office until the Nineties. Since then a detached and three semi-detached cottages have been built in a similar style.

All the village community facilities can be found on this road:

- The shopping parade
- The Cricket Club
- The Village Hall
- The Social Club
- The Arbor

12.5 Built Form Characteristics

Apart from the church, the school, the parade of shops, The Arbor and the Village Hall, all of the other properties are residential.

12.6 Streetscape and Spaces

There is a small green space in front of the parade of shops, with a village sign and public notice board

12.7 Greenspace and Vegetation

Pyrford is a residential area with flowering cherry trees in the green space and oaks along the road

12.8 Perceptual Factors

The village works hard to create and sustain the community feelings generated by the groups which make use of the public buildings. The community organises and runs the annual Wisley & Pyrford Flower Show and supports the Ride100 cycling event, for which a water-stop is provided and a party in the cricket ground is organised for the residents who wish to celebrate the event.

12.9 Opportunities and Issues

The buildings that form the shopping parade have the potential for considerable improvement in architectural design and quality of construction.

Traffic congestion on this road during term-time at the school when the school-day begins and ends is chronic. The situation is exacerbated if there is any additional event at the church, village hall or cricket club. Should the school be enlarged to accommodate more students and unless steps are taken to relieve the situation, grid-lock will occur and the condition will become untenable.

The buildings that form the essential community asset – the Village Hall, Social Club and Cricket Club – all have much potential for improvement.