

14. DORIN COURT

14.1 Location and extents

Dorin Court is a small cul-de-sac off the north-westerly side of Old Woking Road, just under a mile from the crossroads in West Byfleet.

It is a straight close of 6 properties running roughly from the southeast to northwest.

Standing with one's back to Old Woking Road the houses on the left, Nos. 1-2, i.e. on the southwest side, back onto the Kings Gate development of 3 houses on Old Woking Road built by Bewley Homes in 2000. The houses at the northwest end of the close (nos. 3-4) back onto Blackdown Avenue. On the right hand side of the close, i.e. the northeast side, Nos. 5-6 back onto 116 Old Woking Road and the narrow lane leading to it.

14.2 Description and History

The present houses comprising Dorin Court were built in 1973 and the overall plot size is about 2 acres.

The houses are situated where there was previously a single house of that same name, presumably built in the early years of the 20th century. The plot of that house was somewhat bigger with a piece of land at the north-western end sold off before the present Dorin Court houses were built and incorporated into Blackdown Avenue.

14.3 Distinctive Features

There are no particular distinctive features.

14.4 Typologies present

The properties are built in the Georgian style and normally described as 'Executive Houses' that were favoured in the Woking area in the 1970's. Although the design of all the houses is similar there are in fact 3 styles, with Nos. 3 and 4 in particular being the largest.

14.5 Built Form Characteristics

The houses are brick with a cavity wall and slate roofs.

14.6 Streetscape and Spaces.

The road is relatively generous in width as are the pavements. The garden land between the houses and the road is open plan, and is generally laid with lawns and small bushes, with no fences permitted.

14.7 Greenspace and Vegetation

The plots of Nos. 3 and 4 facing Old Woking Road are of a good size; the plot sizes of the other 4 houses are comparatively modest.

14.8 Perceptual Factors

The noise related to the increasing level of traffic along Old Woking Road affects to some extent the houses that are close to that road.

14.9 Opportunities and Issues

There have been issues in the past regarding possible planning applications of adjoining properties outside Dorin Court.