

Building Name: The Orchard

Address: Ickenham, Ruislip, HA4 7DW

Use: Pub and Hotel

Serial No: 333



Statement of significance:

Authenticity: Score 1

The Orchard is a good surviving example of the facilities development that took place during the first half of the 20th century thus helping understand the development of Ruislip and in particular military links with RAF Northolt during WW2.

It survives well at upper floor level which are particularly visible from the street. Internally it is unclear.

Architectural: Score 2

The Orchard is a two storey building with the principle elevation facing Fiveways roundabout. It has a symmetrical façade of three bays with a substantial central gable. The left and right bays have a planted timber framing painted black with rendered studs between generally comprising of vertical studs with decorative central features and straight brace to each end of the bay. They are punctured by symmetrically set windows framed in brick with the gable projecting above the eaves, The central gable is substantial with a predominance of horizontal studs and a decorative diamond pattern of framing at eaves levels to the flanks. The windows to the upper floor are generally cruciform timber with to the flanks 12 small panes above. The roofs are hipped and of red/ orange clay tile. To the right hand bay the wing stretch back to the modern rear extension. To the left original core there appear to be two pavilion type elements now subsumed in later kitchen extensions. At ground floor level there are a number of post war single storey extensions.

Townscape Score 2

The Orchard contributes to local character in particular the Five-ways Roundabout and Ruslip Village Conservation Area.

The building is prominent at the entrance to the conservation at this area due to its scale and design. At the key points of the roundabout there are other notable buildings listed white bear, locally listed Fiveways and of the period number 57 Kings end.

Historic/Archaeological Interest Score 2

The Orchard Bungalow was constructed in 1905 to provide a refreshment stop/ tea garden for visitors enjoying the fresh air and countryside using the metropolitan line traveling from the crowded city centre. This became very popular and a second storey was quickly added as was a pavilion which could accommodate 500 people. As it was teetotal it was particularly popular with Schools, Sunday Schools and Works outing. In the 1930s the business had to change as it was now in metro-land rather than the open countryside. The new residents wanted sophisticated facilities and the Ansell family transformed it into a restaurant and hotel with space for the Dinner dances and cabarets which were particularly popular during the period. It was particularly popular with the RAF in WW2 in particular the Polish airmen from Northolt. Hence the adjacent memorial. It was later extended to the rear with extensions of lesser merits but was in use up until recently.

Total Scoring against the criteria: 7
Recommendation: Inclusion in the Local List and recommend for Statutory Listing to English Heritage



Fig 1. View of The Orchard from the Ickenham Road roundabout

Fig 2. Historic Postcard image of The Orchard



Location Plan



Review of Local List of Buildings of Architectural or Historic Importance