

Quality And Character Of The Grange Conservation Area

LOCALITY: GLENISLA GARDENS

1 Status

1.1 1 to 15 Glenisla Gardens, as a terrace, is Category B listed and the street lies within the Grange Conservation Area.

1.2 Because there does not appear to be any space for new development, some of these guidelines will appear to be academic.

2 Particular Characteristics To Be Safeguarded

2.1 Simplicity and elegance of unified terrace curving down and round into cul-de-sac invisible from street entrance.

2.2 Scale and rhythm of houses with paired projecting porches to the street and paired gables to the gardens; continuous facades with stepped cornice and ridge lines.

2.3 Painted harling with sandstone dressings (note existing stone is poor in quality and renewal may be difficult.)

2.4 Any work within the external envelope of the terrace should retain or restore the original design and detail.

2.5 Forest scale trees on a grass bank opposite houses. These are in the care of the Council (Recreation Department) with whom there has been extensive correspondence about replanting programmes.

3 General Character

3.1 Rus in urbe character with terraced cottages facing grass bank with forest trees (the best conkers on the South Side)

3.2 McWilliam: "a cosy terrace with twin porches and piended dormers in the Sydney Mitchell style, c 1890, curving down into the valley."

3.3 Detailed description of facades available on Information Supplementary to Statutory Lists produced by City of Edinburgh District, Marchmont Ward 50, pages 15-17.

4 History

4.1 The land was part of the Mortonhall estate fields adjoining the old Blackford Farm (converted to 3 flats 1979) on the north bank of the Jordan / Pow Burn. It was feued to a builder William Watson and solicitor Peter MacKenzie for the construction of "artisans' cottages, each to cost not less than £300"

4.2 The Dean of Guild Warrant for nos 6-15 is dated 5.11.1897, for designs by J B Nisbet. Nos 6-11 were built first (Lists state 1896), and nos 12-15 in 1899. The Warrant for nos 1-5 is dated 7.7.1898, for similar designs by George Lennox Beattie, and the houses were built the same year.

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