



West Green Conservation Area

(Designated by Elmbridge Borough Council 24 February 1977)

Statement of Designation

The settlement of Weston Green dates back to mediaeval times and was centred south of Manor Farm, now the grounds of Esher College. Much of the surrounding land was low lying and records show that even a hundred years ago the area was scattered with many ponds, two of which have survived. During the 18th and 19th Centuries the village expanded south-westwards to its present position adjoining Ditton Common.

The Hampton Court Way, constructed in 1932, divides the village into two parts. On the western side, Alma Road is the spine of a compact area the main feature of which is Marneys Pond, overlooked by the old Red House, an 18th century Manor House, the Alma Arms Public House and All Saints Church, built in 1939.

On the eastern side of the Hampton Court Way the dominant feature is the continuous line of buildings fronting the Common. Although most of these buildings have been extended and altered over the years, the group has a strong sense of village scale. Weston Green Pond lies to the north of these buildings and framed by a row of larger buildings including the Elms, a Grade II* listed building.

The special character of Weston Green is the setting of the village on to the Common and the scale of the various groups of buildings. It is felt that this character merits conservation measures with an emphasis on the future enhancement of building groups, the planting of trees to replace dead elms and the preservation of the ponds.

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