Lewisham

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character appraisal

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This Edwardian conservation area was designated in June 2001 and owes its special character to interesting detailing and consistency of materials. The six roads of the Thorpe Estate were built between 1901 and 1914 by a firm of developers called Edmondson and Sons. Features and details used were inspired by the Queen Anne, neo-Georgian and vernacular revivals using red brick contrasted by white roughcast, multi-paned sash windows, grey slate roofs and decorative pargetting. The area's character is enhanced by its compact layout of tightly packed houses, small front gardens and tree-lined streets.

This character appraisal provides an assessment and definition of Sydenham Thorpe's special historic and architectural interest as recommended by Planning Policy Guidance Note 15: Planning and the Historic Environment and English Heritage best practice advice. Appraisals are not comprehensive studies and the omission of a particular building, feature or space should not be taken to imply that it does not contribute to the character of the area. This appraisal will be a material consideration when determining planning applications and planning appeals relating to the Sydenham Thorpes conservation area. Information on planning controls and appropriate alterations are given in the Sydenham Thorpes supplementary planning document available from the planning information desk.

This document was drafted in 2001 in response to a request from the Sydenham Society to designate a new conservation area. The Sydenham Society and residents were consulted on the appraisal and the making of an Article 4(2) direction. 100% of respondents were in favour of these proposals.

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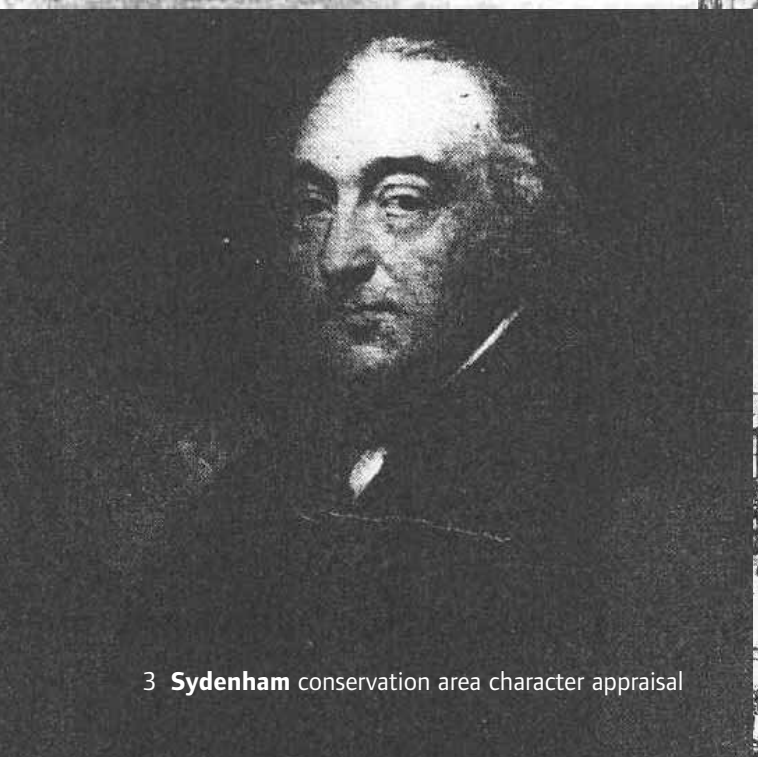

1 **History** of the area

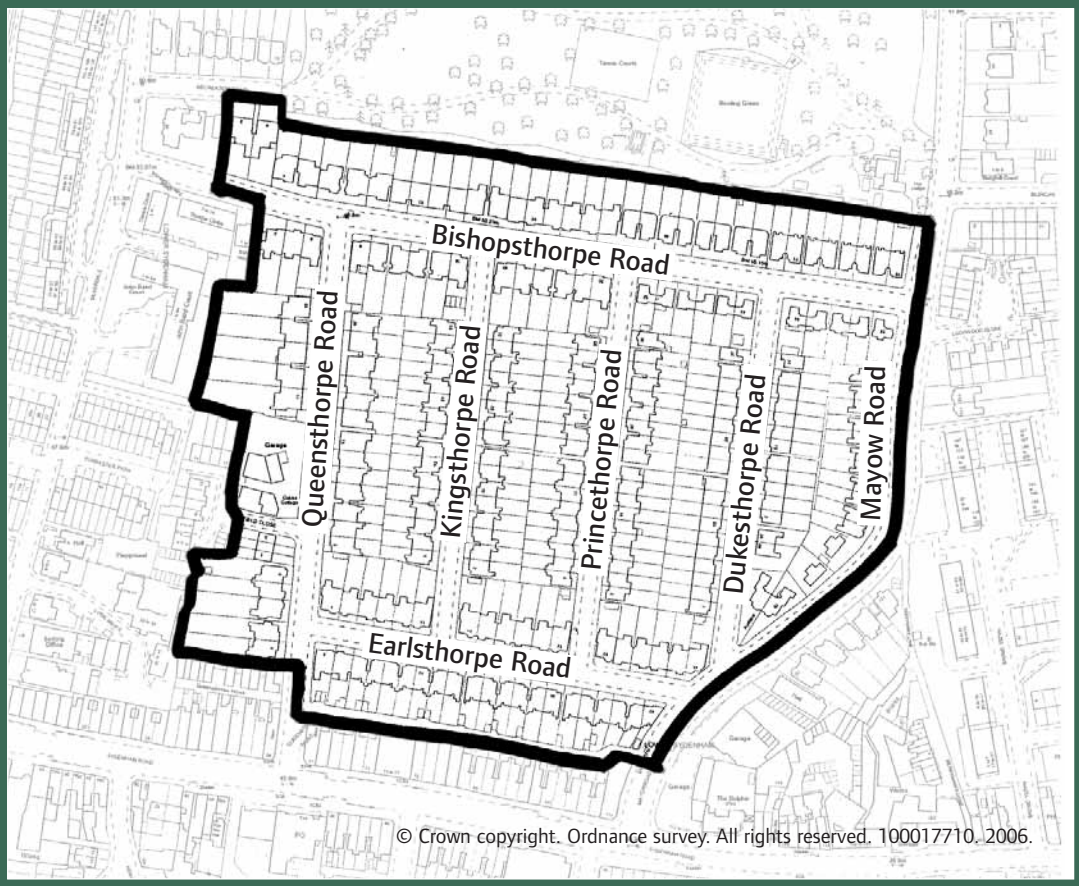

Figure 1: Sydenham Thorpes conservation area