

Highgate

Camden's Local List



The ward map opposite shows the location of the assets identified on Camden's Local List within Highgate.

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| Building or group of buildings | Open space | Rail/Tube line |
| Natural features or landscape | Water | Ward boundary |
| Street feature or other structures | Conservation area | Borough boundary |

| Photograph | Asset Details | Description |
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| <p>Ref252:</p>  <p>(Click here to return to the ward map)</p> | <p>Address: Athlone House Grounds, Hampstead Lane</p> <p>Significance: Historic and Townscape Significance</p> <p>Asset Type: Natural feature or landscape</p> <p>Ward: Highgate</p> | <p>Athlone House, formerly Caen Wood Towers, was one of a number of fine villas built on the Southampton Estate in Highgate. It was built by ESalomons and J Philpot Jones in 1870-2 for Edward Brooke, a wealthy entrepreneur from Manchester, and covered the estates of two earlier mansions, Dufferin Lodge and Fitzroy House, both built c.1838/9. In 1860 Highgate Horticultural Society held its first garden show here, which took place annually in succeeding years, including after Dufferin Lodge was sold and demolished for Caen Wood Towers, whose grounds were subsequently used for at least 12 garden shows. The substantial mock-Elizabethan mansion was on the site of Fitzroy House, built by Charles Crawley's brother George Abraham Crawley, to whom the Crawley Chapel at Highgate School was dedicated. Fitzroy House was demolished in 1869, its 8-acre estate becoming part of the grounds of Caen Wood Towers.</p> <p>An advertisement for a Colonial Garden Party in 1886 in aid of the Finsbury Park Young Men's Christian Association described the garden, then owned by Reckitt, as follows: 'It is simply impossible to describe the beauty of CAEN-WOOD TOWERS. Within the Grounds will be found a MINIATURE LAKE, LOVELY WALKS, AND BOWERS, GROVES, GROTTOS, COOL RETREATS. ...'. The last private owner of Caen Wood Towers was Sir Robert Waley-Cohen (1877-1952), an industrialist with Shell Oil and a leading figure in the Anglo-Jewish community and President of the United Synagogue. He was also active in the campaign to save the Kenwood Estate from development, and part of Hampstead Heath is now called Cohen's Fields after him.</p> <p>In 1951 the site was leased to the Ministry of Health for Middlesex Hospital residential nursing home, and remained in NHS ownership until 2003. During this time it provided publicly accessible private open space abutting Hampstead Heath and Kenwood, and in its grounds were ponds and the derelict Caen Wood Towers Farmhouse, a model farm built in the late C19th. In the late 1990s, the NHS Trust decided to relocate and to sell Athlone House, and the house and grounds were subsequently sold in 2003 to Dwyer Investments Ltd, who submitted an application to build three blocks of flats on the eastern half of the site, while to restore the main house. Through the initiative of local amenity groups, Dwyer agreed to donate 1 hectare of the grounds to the Corporation of London to add to Hampstead Heath, the first new land to be added to the Heath in more than 60 years, which took place at a ceremony on 6 June 2007 and provides an important buffer between Kenwood and the new flats development. The western part of the additional land is managed as a conservation area, landscaped with indigenous planting. The southern, publicly accessible part has a new hedgerow planted and volunteers from Heath Hands have undertaken a number of projects such as cutting back bramble and opening up new glades. The large open spaces in the northern part of the borough are of significant importance to the character and amenity of the area, and actions taken to preserve the area from development are important historic events.</p> |
| <p>Ref270:</p>  <p>(Click here to return to the ward map)</p> | <p>Address: Highgate Reservoir, The Grove/Highgate West Hill</p> <p>Significance: Historic and Townscape Significance</p> <p>Asset Type: Natural feature or landscape</p> <p>Ward: Highgate</p> | <p>The land here was formerly part of Highgate Green, the old village green. In 1844 the New River Company purchased land then being used for nursery gardens, also the site of one of the three village ponds and built Highgate Service Reservoir here in 1846. This provided water to houses in Highgate for the first time. Today the reservoir is covered and the site is largely grassland, but still has the small circular conduit house built to service the reservoir. Two stretches of the original cast iron railings remain around the reservoir along Highgate West Hill and The Grove. Species of birch have been planted on the reservoir roof by Thames Water, who continue to be responsible for the site.</p> |
| <p>Ref291:</p>  <p>(Click here to return to the ward map)</p> | <p>Address: Landscaping of Whittington Estate, Dartmouth Park Hill (Lulot Gardens, Retcar Close, Sandstone Place, Stoneleigh Terrace, Raydon Street)</p> <p>Significance: Architectural and Townscape Significance</p> <p>Asset Type: Natural feature or landscape</p> <p>Ward: Highgate</p> | <p>This area was developed from the 1860s as Highgate New Town, largely providing working class terraced housing. The Whittington Estate was built in the 1970s as part of post WWII social housing by Camden Council. Built north of Raydon Street, and overlooking Highgate Cemetery, the estate comprises six terraces with strong horizontal lines of balconies and cornices and vertical cross walls. Between each terrace is a pedestrian walkway of a different character, with planting of trees and shrubs to soften the architecture. This landscaping together with other green spaces provided for residents is an integral part of the design.</p> |