

Statement of Significance: 23 Linlithgow Road, Toorak (March 2022)

Heritage Place: 23 Linlithgow Road, Toorak	PS ref no: HO731
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What is significant?

The property at 23 Linlithgow Road, Toorak, is significant. The built form, scale, fenestration and materiality of the post-war modernist house is of local significance. The landscaping, front fence and later alterations and additions are not significant.

How is it significant?

23 Linlithgow Road, Toorak is of historical and aesthetic significance to the City of Stonnington. The also has associative significance as a structure designed by the significant modernist architectural partnership Holgar and Holgar.

Why is it significant?

23 Linlithgow Road, Toorak is historically significant as a house designed by European émigré architects for European émigré clients in the post-war period. The house is also historically significant in demonstrating the significant design contributions architects such as Holgar and Holgar and their progressively-minded clients made to residential development within the municipality. (Criterion A)

23 Linlithgow Road, Toorak is aesthetically significant as a highly intact post-war modernist design with a striking character. Illustrative of the unique style associated with the architectural firm of Holgar and Holgar, physical elements contributing to the overall aesthetic significance of the house include the rectilinear form and proportion, the large concrete arched buttresses, the recessed entrance treatment and undercroft with circular glass glazing, and the overhanging upper-storey form with floor-to-ceiling glazing. The buttresses in particular express the structure of the residence while creating a sense of movement with its arched form. (Criterion E)

23 Linlithgow Road, Toorak is of associative significance as a highly distinctive residential design by the architectural partnership Holgar and Holgar. (Criterion G)

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