

Statement of Significance: Glenferrie Road Precinct, Malvern (March 2022)

Heritage Place: Glenferrie Road Precinct, Malvern

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What is significant?

The Glenferrie Road Precinct, comprising four two-storey Interwar Old English residences on Glenferrie Road, Malvern, is significant.

The precinct is characterised by contributory graded buildings.

Character elements that contribute to the significance of the precinct include:

- The generous allotments and the subdivision pattern established by the 1932 subdivision of Doona Estate;
- The regularity and harmony of the four two-storey Interwar Old English residences characterised by projecting gables, complex hipped and gable roofs clad with terracotta Marseilles tiles, timber framed sash windows, expressed brick motifs and tall profiled chimneys;
- A high degree of integrity overall arising from the absence of modern infill;
- The uniformity of setbacks, siting, allotment sizes and building heights;
- A garden estate character established by well-maintained garden settings; and
- Original brick boundary fences with timber gates fronting Glenferrie Road.

Later alterations and additions to the properties are not significant.

How is it significant?

The Glenferrie Road Precinct is of local historical and aesthetic significance to the City of Stonnington.

Why is it significant?

The Glenferrie Road Precinct is of historical significance as a collection of residences that were developed at the same time following the 1932 subdivision of Victorian era mansion Doona Estate, which saw the creation of generous allotments with frontages to Glenferrie Road, Stonnington Place, Church Street and Cross Street. The dwellings at 371-375 Glenferrie Road, and possibly 369 Glenferrie Road, were designed and built by Percy Copy & Son, a partnership between Percy Neville Cope and Clifford Neville Cope who were responsible for the construction of numerous domestic residences across Malvern. The precinct represents part of the wider pattern of rapid subdivision and development that was unfolding across the municipality during the 1920s and 1930s and forms a tangible link to the interwar urban character changes taking place in Malvern more broadly. (Criterion A)

The Glenferrie Road Precinct is of aesthetic significance as a cohesive group of Interwar Old English residences. Although the individual buildings are not without alterations, they retain a high level of integrity as a group and demonstrate stylistic cohesion through uniformity in built form, materials, detailing, fenestration, heights, setbacks, sitting and allotment sizes. This is partially due to their construction during the same period and primarily by the same company, being Percy Copy & Son. Its unified character is also further enhanced by the original front boundary fences, which are predominantly composed of open face brick and timber. Combined, these elements create a harmonious and attractive group of buildings along a main thoroughfare that is free from modern development. (Criterion E)

Grades

Street address	Grading
369 Glenferrie Road	Contributory
371 Glenferrie Road	Contributory
373 Glenferrie Road	Contributory
375 Glenferrie Road	Contributory

* S: Individually significant

C: Contributory

NC: Non-contributory

Refer to Heritage Victoria's Model brief for consultants (p.6) for explanation of designations.

Primary source

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