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CHURCHILL GARDENS Conservation Area

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Designation: The Churchill Gardens Conservation Area was designated in 1990.

Historical Background: The area was originally developed during the early 19th century as a mixed industrial and residential area on the banks of the Thames. It was completely redeveloped after world war II, with the exception of a terrace of early 19th century houses to Grosvenor Road and two late Victorian public houses. The redevelopment, to provide Council housing and associated facilities, took place between 1946-62 to a design by Powell and Moya. In all 1600 homes in 36 blocks, local shops and a school to Lupus Street, plus primary health care facilities, were built in 4 phases stretching over 16 years.

Listed Buildings: Nos 105-109 Grosvenor Road are listed Grade II.

Key Features: The Churchill Gardens Estate comprises 36 blocks, the tallest of which at ten to eleven storeys is set at right angles to Lupus Street, with lower blocks positioned between and two terraces of three storeys facing onto Grosvenor Road. The most prominent feature is the glass faced polygonal tower, built to store hot water for the whole Estate. The skilful arrangement of the blocks allows for a feeling of openness and light design, despite a residential density of 200 persons per acre. Although the detailed design of the blocks varied from phase to phase, the Estate achieves an overall integrity of design which is uncompromisingly modern for its time. The first blocks of the scheme were awarded the R.I.B.A. London Architectural Bronze Medal in 1950. The Estate also won a Civic Trust Award. The predominant use in the area is residential with supporting health, educational, social and shopping facilities. The Conservation Area also includes the stretch of the river frontage opposite the Estate.

Adjacent Conservation Areas: Dolphin Square to the east and Pimlico Conservation Area to the north and east and Peabody Avenue Conservation Area to the north west.

Strategic Views: Not affected

Areas of Special Archaeological Priority: Not affected.

Article 4 Directions: None.

Regulation 7 Directions: None.

Planning Briefs and Design Guides: No specific guidelines.

Spaces protected by the London Squares Act 1931: None

Registered Historic Parks and Gardens: None

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