

Descriptions of Gordon Urban Conservation Areas

UCA 13 – Gordon (East) – map available on FOKE web site

This precinct was prepared as Draft LEP 25, but PlanningNSW prevented its exhibition on the grounds that it would conflict with LEP 194 (the medium density LEP). It remains in limbo.

- The Gordon (East) Precinct consists of an area of single-storey 1920s bungalows and some one and two storey Federation period houses. The uniform appearance of the area stems from its almost universal use of face brick.
- Housing in the area consists predominately of houses on medium to large lots. There are few unsympathetic alterations or intrusions into the area.
- The precinct epitomises the area and era in both the excellent, intact nature of its houses, their gardens and street plantings.

The precinct is a relatively intact residential area of Federation and Inter-War period houses that collectively provide evidence of the transformation of the area from agriculture to suburban housing, over a fifty year period, following the opening of the railway in 1890. The collection of Federation and Inter-War houses contributes to attractive streetscapes that are reinforced by a number of other significant characteristics, such as the early subdivisions and development pattern that established a relative consistency in the siting of buildings and provided for generous garden areas.

Streets of Federation and Inter-War period houses are often unified by similarities in their mainly single-storey form and materials such as face brickwork and tiled roofs. The houses are set back from the street behind low fences, and are complemented by their gardens, which often include large trees.

Remnant eucalypts and the consistent leafy appearance of its streets, including street trees, contribute to a high level of visual amenity. Views from Gordon Station steps to the east reveal the rich variety of indigenous and exotic trees, which dominate the buildings.

UCA 14 – Doesn't exist

UCA 15 – West Gordon – map available on FOKE web site

- The West Gordon Precinct consists of an area of single-storey 1920s and 1930s bungalows. The uniform appearance of the area stems from its development within a single period as well as the almost universal use of face brick.
- Housing in the area consists predominately of houses on medium to large sized lots. There are few unsympathetic alterations or intrusions into the area.
- The precinct epitomises the area and era in both the excellent, intact nature of its houses, their gardens and street plantings.