

Heritage Statement for Household Planning Application  
8 Murdoch Road, Wokingham  
Murdoch Road Conservation Area

This statement supports a household planning application for a front porch extension, a first-floor side extension, and the replacement of a single-storey side extension at 8 Murdoch Road, a two-and-a-half storey detached dwelling, located within the Murdoch Road Conservation Area.

The Murdoch Road Conservation Area, designated in 2003, is valued for its early 20th-century suburban architecture, featuring Arts & Crafts and Edwardian influences. The area is defined by detailed brickwork, prominent chimneys, and red brick facades with plain roof tiles, creating a distinctive and cohesive suburban character.

The application site, 8 Murdoch Road, is a two-and-a-half storey detached dwelling, notable for its detailed brickwork and prominent chimneys, which will remain unaffected by the proposals. The existing structure, with its distinctive red brick and plain roof tiles, contributes to the area's character.

The proposed development includes a front porch extension, a first-floor side extension, and the replacement of a single-storey side extension. All works will use matching red brick and plain roof tiles, ensuring the extensions respect the original character. The first-floor side extension will be set back to align with the existing building line, and the porch extension will also sit in line with the main entrance, preserving the proportions of the façade.

The proposed extensions are modest and sensitively designed, ensuring no disruption to the chimneys or distinctive brick features. By using matching materials and detailing, the extensions will preserve the rhythm and character of the street, ensuring no harm to the conservation area.

In conclusion, the proposed porch and extensions are carefully designed to align with the existing dwelling, preserving the special architectural character and significance of the Murdoch Road Conservation Area.