Statement of Significance: Ellesmere Road Precinct, Windsor (June 2026)

Heritage Place:	Ellesmere Road Precinct Windsor	**PS ref no:**	HO781



Figures 1-6: *Examples of residences included in the precinct (L-R, starting at the top) 12, 22-24, 26, 28 Ellesmere Road; 5 Williams Road; and Conway Court at 245 Dandenong Road, Windsor* (Extent Heritage, June 2022).

What is significant?

The Ellesmere Road Precinct, comprising properties on Ellesmere Road and Williams Road, Windsor, is locally significant. Significant properties include:

- 245 Dandenong Road, Windsor (otherwise known as *Conway Court*; a highly intact and well-articulated example of an interwar Streamline Moderne style flat building).

The remainder of the precinct is characterised by contributory graded buildings.

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

- The consistent subdivision pattern established by the 1937 Langdale Estate subdivision and subsequent development created by the group of interwar flat buildings;
- The regularity and harmony of the interwar Moderne style flat buildings, primarily characterised by streamlined surfaces, rounded corners, contrasting horizontal and vertical forms, corner windows, hipped roof forms – some concealed with a parapet, and eclectic brickwork and parapet detailing derived from Jazz Moderne sources;
- The regularity and harmony of interwar Mediterranean style flat buildings, primarily characterised by arched doorways, hipped roof forms, light colour schemes, symmetrical compositions and simplified Classical motifs;
- The remnant freestanding Gothic style villa reflecting Victorian era development prior to interwar subdivision and flat development;
- A high degree of integrity arising from the same construction period and absence of modern infill within the curtilage;
- The uniformity of allotments, scale, siting, setbacks and built forms across the precinct;
- The general retention of original low front boundary masonry walls.

Later alterations and additions to the properties, including unsympathetic fences, are not significant.

How is it significant?

The Ellesmere Road Precinct is of local historical and representative significance to the City of Stonnington.

Why is it significant?

The Ellesmere Road Precinct is of historical significance as a group that demonstrates the former municipality of Prahran's transition from sparsely populated Victorian villas to high density flat development during the interwar period. The establishment of interwar flats towards Dandenong Road not only saw the shift away from freestanding Victorian residences set on large grounds, as exemplified by the extant Gothic style residence along Williams Road, but also diversified its demographic and encouraged alternative forms of residential living. Notably, the flat buildings are also modest in scale and setbacks overall (relative to luxury flat development in the affluent areas of Toorak and South Yarra). As such, the Ellesmere Road Precinct is not only associated with wider social and urban changes linked to the consolidation of single person apartment living, but also illustrates the varied nature of flat development across the municipality more broadly. (Criterion A)

The Ellesmere Road Precinct is of representative significance as an intact and visually cohesive group of Moderne and Mediterranean style flat buildings that clearly demonstrate the style and character of late interwar flat development in the suburb of Windsor. Stylistically, the group primarily exhibits the key features associated with the Moderne or Mediterranean styles, including streamlined surfaces, rounded corners, contrasting horizontal and vertical forms, corner windows, hipped roof forms, eclectic brickwork and parapet detailing, or Classical motifs, arched doorways and symmetrical compositions. As a group

of smaller scaled flat buildings, the precinct also demonstrates the comparatively modest character of flat developments in the suburb of Windsor. (Criterion D)

Primary source

Prahran and Windsor Heritage Review (Extent Heritage, April 2024).

Precinct map



Gradings schedule

Street address	Grading
245 Dandenong Road, WINDSOR	Significant
249 Dandenong Road, WINDSOR	Contributory
251 Dandenong Road, WINDSOR	Contributory
253 Dandenong Road, WINDSOR	Contributory
12 Ellesmere Road, WINDSOR	Contributory
14-16 Ellesmere Road, WINDSOR	Contributory
18-20 Ellesmere Road, WINDSOR	Contributory
22-24 Ellesmere Road, WINDSOR	Contributory
26-28 Ellesmere Road, WINDSOR	Contributory
1 Williams Road, WINDSOR	Contributory

1A Williams Road, WINDSOR	Contributory
3 Williams Road, WINDSOR	Contributory
5 Williams Road, WINDSOR	Contributory
7 Williams Road, WINDSOR	Contributory
9 Williams Road, WINDSOR	Contributory