

Building Name/No:	The Orchard	Serial No:	333
Address:	Ickenham Road, Ruislip, HA4 7DW		
Ward:	Ruislip	Use:	Pub and Hotel

Photographs:



Fig 1.



Fig 2.

Statement of significance/ Reasons for designation

Authenticity: The Orchard is a good surviving example of the facilities development that took place during the first half of the 20th century thus helping understand the development of Ruislip and in particular military links with RAF Northolt during WW2.

Architectural: The Orchard is a two-storey building with the principal elevation facing Fiveways roundabout. It has a symmetrical façade of three bays with a substantial central gable. The left and right bays have timber framing painted black with rendered studs between decorative central features and straight brace to each end of the bay. They are punctured by symmetrically set windows framed in brick with the gable projecting above the eaves, The central gable is substantial with a predominance of horizontal studs and a decorative diamond pattern of framing at eaves levels to the flanks. The windows to the upper floor are generally cruciform timber with to the flanks 12 small panes above. The roofs are hipped and of red/ orange clay tile. To the right hand bay the wing stretch back to the modern rear extension.

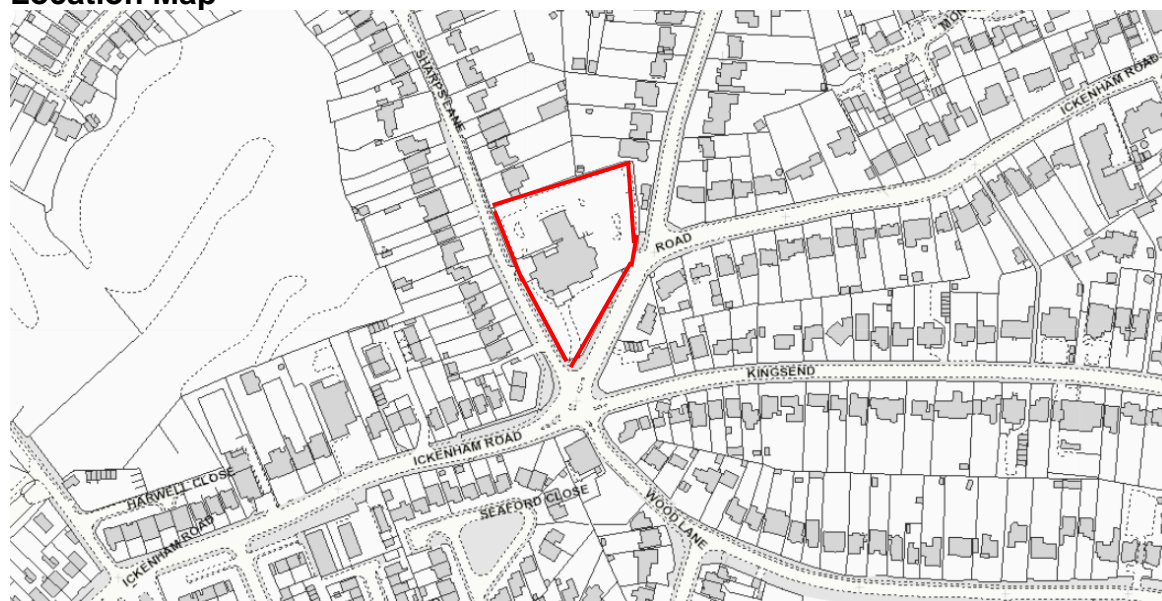
Townscape: The Orchard contributes positively to the conservation area in particular as part of a group of important buildings at Fiveways Roundabout.

Historic/Archaeological Interest: The Orchard Bungalow was constructed in 1905 to provide a refreshment stop/ tea garden for visitors enjoying the fresh air and countryside using the metropolitan line traveling from the crowded city centre. This became very popular, and a second storey was quickly added as was a pavilion which could accommodate 500 people. As it was teetotal it was particularly popular with Schools, Sunday Schools and Works outing.

During WW2 the Polish Air Force fighter squadrons airmen and support staff from Northolt treated the Orchard as a second home and is mentioned in many memoirs. Hence the adjacent Locally Listed war memorial.

Photographs: Fig 1. View of The Orchard from the Ickenham Road roundabout. Fig 2. Historic postcard image of The Orchard.

Location Map



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Authenticity:1; Architectural: 2; Townscape: 2; Historic/Archaeological: 2.

Total = 7

Recommendation: Inclusion in the Local List and recommend for Statutory Listing to English Heritage