

### **Description**

Baston Reserve is adjacent to the western platform of Rushall Station, and has a number of mature palm trees.

### **Remnant Fabric (Man Made):**

Typical of Victorian Railway Stations.

### **Remnant Fabric (Vegetation)**

The site is dominated by seven mature Canary Island Date Palms (*Phoenix canariensis*), which appear to date from the early part of the 20th century. An extensive but poorly shaped Privet (*Ligustrum lucidum*) hedge screens the railway line. It is likely that the park was laid out c.1927 following the construction of Rushall Station.

### **Potential Threats**

Failure to replace senescent specimens with the same species, eroding the heritage character of the site. Planting trees in close proximity to the palms, obscuring their fine forms.

### **Management Steps**

Preparation of a detailed conservation management plan for the site, which is generally run down. It would include a plan for the maintenance of the existing vegetation, as well as guidelines for the introduction of new plant material and hard landscaping that is sympathetic to the heritage character of the site.

### **Statement of Significance**

Rushall Station Reserve is of local interest for the mature vegetation that dates from the early history of the site. The palms contribute to the amenity of the streetscape, and form a strong entry to the Railway Station.

<b>Site:</b>	Baston Reserve	<b>Significance:</b>	C
<b>Address:</b>	Rushall Crescent, Fitzroy North, adjacent Rushall Station	<b>Map Ref:</b>	30 D11
<b>Access:</b>	Unrestricted	<b>Survey Date:</b>	14/4/98



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