

AUBURN GROVE AREA

History and Significance This land was sold at the crown land sales of 15 May 1850 and by 1855, when Kearney mapped the area, Hampden Road had been formed and a substantial mansion erected facing High Street, between Hampden Road and the present Elgin Avenue. The land to the east was occupied by a sprinkling of small cottages and the Auburn Vale Estate, which included lots in Hampden Road, Auburn Road, Denbigh Road, Sutherland Road and High Street, was auctioned on 15 January 1887. The generous sized allotments resulted in a fairly uniform development of late Victorian free-standing residences combined with a number of later Edwardian houses.

Today, it is this uniformity of development and the general intactness of the area which are of particular significance. The view north to the elaborate two-storey Victorian shop at 817 High Street is especially notable and the vista south is terminated by an intact Edwardian residence at 2 Avondale Road.

