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OVRA Heritage Display Boards

Examples taken from the OVRA Heritage Display Boards



The Society's Estate

The Estate is situated on high ground above the Town of Guildford, on the slopes of the Hog's Back, and commands wide views over rolling country as far as the Crystal Palace and the Berkshire Hills. The view southward from the Hog's Back is one of the most famous in England, taking in Hindhead, Leith Hill and Chantonsbury Ring. It has an altitude of from 200 feet to 450 feet above sea level, and is approached and intersected by the main Farnham Road. It is freehold and comprises 646 acres of picturesque meadow and arable land, with a subsoil principally of chalk and gravel, whilst the picturesque timber is well grown and of park-like appearance. The amount paid for the land, including two Farm Houses, Farm Buildings and 11 Cottages, is £38,000, or £58 16s per acre. The southern portion of the property abuts on the celebrated Hog's Back, and affords a number of exceptionally attractive sites with main road frontages and extensive views of the surrounding country.

Care and consideration have been given to the planning and proposed development, with a view to preserving the existing natural boundaries and as far as possible maintaining all attractive features, as shown in illustrations.

With about 24,000 feet of frontages already existing to the Farnham Road and good subsidiary roads, besides a frontage of 5,000 feet to the Hog's Back itself, the estate is admirably suited for development as a Garden Village. The estate is under a mile of Guildford Railway Station (Central). Guildford is within 30 miles of London, and is served by the London & South-Western Railway, the South-Eastern & Chatham and the London, Brighton & South Coast Railway. An admirable service is maintained, and there are several non-stop trains to and from London, schedule time for the journey being; 43 minutes. In addition, there are good prospects of a further improved service, as the following extract indicates :-

ELECTRIFICATION. "The speech of the Chairman of the London and South-Western Railway Company at the meeting of shareholders last Friday gives ground for hope that the electrification of the new line as far as Guildford will shortly be taken in hand. Towards the close of his speech Brig.-Gen. Drummond said :- We are also considering the question of extending our electrification to cover the Cobham and Leatherhead lines as far as Guildford. The estimated cost of this, including the necessary coaches, is about £750,000, or about three times what it would have cost at pre-war prices. Notwithstanding these items, the advantages of an electrified service are so pronounced that we shall have no hesitation in giving an order for the work to proceed "- Surrey Advertiser, 25th February, 1920.

Along the northern side of the estate runs a branch line of the London & South-Western and South-Eastern Railways to Farnham Aldershot and Reading. This line is hidden from view by a belt of trees. It is intended to provide a siding and eventually a railway station.

