
FARNBOROUGH

FARNBOROUGH is the answer to the question, "Where can I find a well-built house situated in pleasant country not very far from London?" This new residential district is the most recent outgrowth of the urban district of Orpington, and is rapidly becoming one of the most popular residential districts around London. It has everything to recommend it. Communications are good, the railway being not far away; there are several largish towns near, but not so near that they interfere with the rural atmosphere of Farnborough; and there are ample shopping and amusement facilities.

STARTS HILL ESTATE

If Farnborough is the ideal spot for those wishing to live not far from London, the Starts Hill Estate being developed by the Mowbray Investment Company is the ideal Estate on which to live. It is only one minute's walk from Farnborough's centre, and is connected with the surrounding countryside by a frequent service of buses. Green Line coaches pass the Estate.

TYPES AND PRICES

Price is an important consideration for persons of average means when purchasing a house. So many things have to be taken into account, especially fares to the place of employment. The Mowbray Investment Company has gone very carefully into this question, and has designed four types of house each calculated exactly to serve the purposes of individual purchasers. Every effort has been made to obtain a balance between price and construction, with, if anything, a bias on construction. If the reader will inspect the houses for himself, he will see that the soundness of construction and quality of material cannot be surpassed at the following prices:

TYPE A—£675, £50 DEPOSIT, WEEKLY REPAYMENT 16s. 10d.

Dimensions of Rooms:

Dining Room	. .	10ft. 6in. by 11ft. 0in.
Drawing Room	. .	14ft. 0in. by 11ft. 0in.
Kitchen	. .	10ft. 6in. by 6ft. 0in.
Bathroom	. .	6ft. 0in. by 6ft. 0in.
First Bedroom	. .	13ft. 6in. by 11ft. 0in.
Second Bedroom	. .	10ft. 9in. by 10ft. 6in.
Third Bedroom	. .	10ft. 6in. by 7ft. 6in.

TYPE B—£685, £50 DEPOSIT, WEEKLY REPAYMENT 17s. 1d.

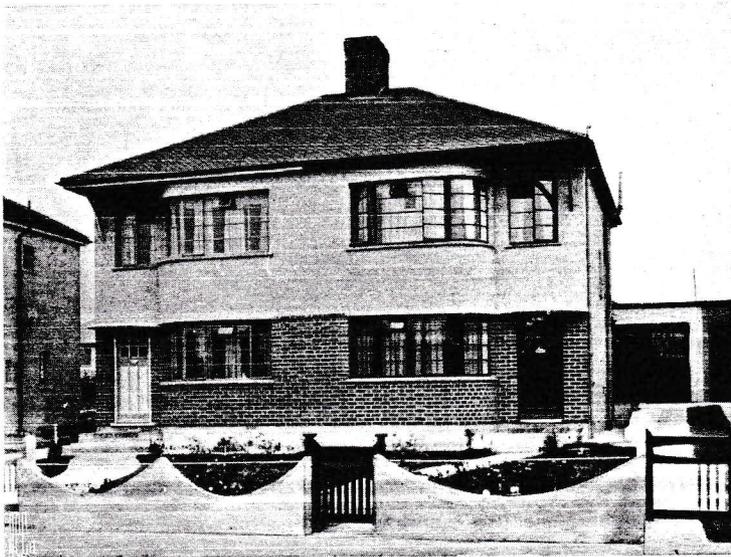
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Dining Room	14ft. 0in. by 11ft. 0in.
Drawing Room	14ft. 6in. by 11ft. 2in.
Kitchen	11ft. 0in. by 7ft. 0in.
Bathroom	6ft. 6in. by 6ft. 0in.
First Bedroom	15ft. 0in. by 11ft. 0in.
Second Bedroom	10ft. 6in. by 12ft. 6in.
	(hanging cupboard)
Third Bedroom	8ft. 0in. by 6ft. 0in.

TYPE C—£585, £45 DEPOSIT, WEEKLY REPAYMENT 15s. 9d.

Dimensions of Rooms :

Dining Room	10ft. 0in. by 12ft. 0in.
Drawing Room	10ft. 6in. by 13ft. 0in.
Kitchen	9ft. 0in. by 6ft. 6in.
Bathroom	6ft. 9in. by 6ft. 0in.
First Bedroom	11ft. 0in. by 13ft. 0in.
Second Bedroom	12ft. 0in. by 9ft. 3in.
Third Bedroom	8ft. 0in. by 5ft. 9in.



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Type B. £685

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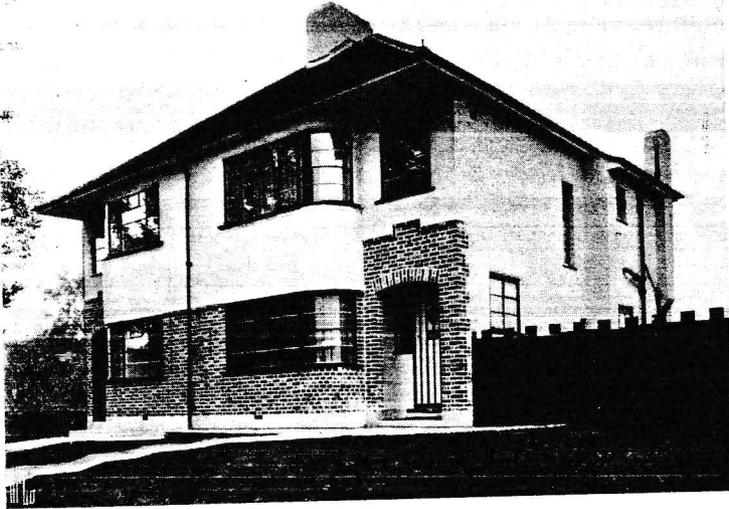
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TYPE D—£750, £55 DEPOSIT, WEEKLY REPAYMENT 20s. 2d.

Dimensions of Rooms :

Dining Room	13ft. 0in. by 11ft. 6in.
Drawing Room	15ft. 0in. by 11ft. 6in.
Kitchen	10ft. 0in. by 7ft. 9in.
Bathroom	8ft. 0in. by 7ft. 0in.
First Bedroom	15ft. 0in. by 11ft. 9in.
Second Bedroom	13ft. 6in. by 11ft. 9in.
Third Bedroom	8ft. 0in. by 6ft. 6in.



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Type D. £750.

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FEATURES COMMON TO ALL TYPES

SIZE OF PLOT. Plot sizes will vary slightly, but in all cases are approximately from 25ft.—27ft. frontage and 100ft.—120ft. depth. This is an exceptional size for such low-priced houses, and will be a great boon to all garden-lovers. The soil, being a mixture of sand and gravel, will keep well drained and greatly assist in plant-growing.

WALLS. All external walls will be constructed of solid brick. It has been found that solid walls give the maximum protection against the elements in these types of houses.

GARAGE. Garages are not included in the above prices. It has been felt that as such outbuildings are not a universal need, it would be better to leave them out of all specifications and maintain a higher standard of building than would otherwise be possible. Each house has been so designed, however, that a garage could easily be added at little extra cost if desired. There is ample room on all plots.

FOUNDATIONS. All foundations will be of solid concrete.

KITCHEN FITTINGS. Every modern housewife demands ease of work in her kitchen. The Starts Hill Estate houses give this in full measure and effectually squash the old idea that serviceable kitchen equipment is the prerogative of the rich. Each kitchen will be fitted with a gas copper, which will be found economical in use. It will take up very little room when not being used. Cabinets providing ample storage and easy access will also be fitted in all types. Type C have high-pressure boilers fitted behind the dining room fireplaces, which assure a constant supply of hot water at very little cost. Types A, B, and D are all fitted with "Ideal" boilers in the kitchenettes.

BATHROOM FITTINGS. All bathrooms have been designed in the modern style and offer modern conveniences. A cabinet is included, as are special shower fittings. Bathrooms will be tiled.

WINDOWS. It would be unfitting for these houses to be equipped with any other than the famous Crittalls' windows. The chief charm of Crittalls' windows is that one hardly realises that they are there. There are no wide frames to keep out the light or harbour dust. For this reason they give a room a far lighter effect—they do, in fact, admit more light than the ordinary wooden-frame type. Being all metal, they are far stronger than any other frame yet invented. They will not shrink, and are so constructed that they will never admit rain. More than this, the designers have achieved the seemingly impossible by making them *draughtproof*.

FENCING. Each house will be separated from its neighbour by close-boarded fencing.



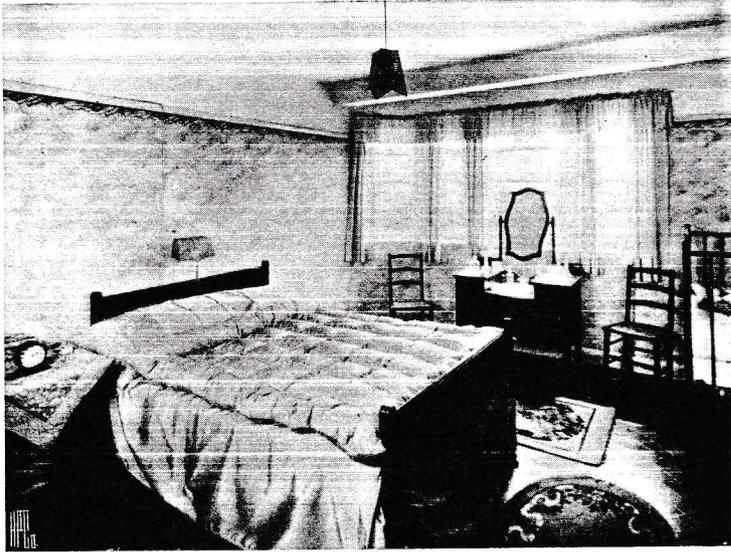
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Interior of Type B

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FARNBOROUGH'S SITUATION

Farnborough is situated approximately fourteen miles from London and four miles from Bromley. It is just off the main Bromley-Sevenoaks Road, and therefore offers easy access not only to London but the whole of Kent as well. Tunbridge Wells, East Grinstead, Hastings, Sevenoaks, and Maidstone are a few of the famous places which may easily be reached by road or rail.



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Best Bedroom in Type B

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Although Farnborough is itself rapidly becoming populated, there are large stretches of country at hand which will never be built on. Residents have the beauty of Kent at their back-doors. To live in Farnborough means to live in the country and yet to have the amenities of town-life near.

SHOPPING CENTRE

Farnborough's shopping centre, although small, is complete and capable of supplying all everyday needs. Much of the farm produce is produced locally and supplied to the shops direct, thus assuring the housewife a constant supply of fresh foodstuff.

Orpington, one and a half miles distant, has a larger shopping centre, capable of supplying the most exacting needs.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES

It will be more convenient if the recreational amenities of Orpington and district are considered as a whole. Farnborough is so near Orpington that it would not give a true picture if it were considered alone.

The countryside is ideal for all kinds of sport, and many clubs have been formed in ideal surroundings. Golfers in particular will find their requirements amply provided for. There are no less than nine clubs in the district, all within easy reach of Farnborough. All the clubs welcome new members and allow visitors to play.

Tennis is mainly played on the eleven courts of the Orpington Lawn Tennis Club, situated in High Street, Orpington. There are other courts in the neighbourhood.

Rugby Football is played on the Goddington Lane ground of the Orpington Rugby Football Club.

Other clubs in the district embrace bowls and chess. There is a lagoon swimming-pool at St. Mary Cray.

Numerous halls in the district provide indoor entertainment.

EDUCATION

The extremely healthy nature of Farnborough's atmosphere has been largely responsible for the number of high-class schools which have been erected in the district. The range of subjects taught and the quality of the tuition is constantly being praised by eminent men. Many schools board students entrusted to them by parents living in foreign lands.

The schools are of all types, from elementary to private. Preparatory schools take children from five years of age and upwards and give them a thorough general knowledge in preparation for public and other schools. A few preparatory schools are run on the modern co-educational system.

PLACES OF WORSHIP

Farnborough has one Church of England church, one Methodist chapel, and one Plymouth Brethren meeting-house. There are, however, several other churches and chapels in Orpington and district, among them being Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, Christian Science, and Salvation Army.

Farnborough Parish Church of St. Giles is very old. It was rebuilt in 1639 and is built of chalk and flint in the Early English and Perpendicular styles. A new chancel was added in 1885. In 1903 a new chancel, built as a memorial to Queen Victoria, was dedicated. At the present time there is much fine old oak work to be seen. It was covered by a ceiling until 1911.

GENERAL PARTICULARS

EARLY CLOSING DAY. Thursday.

WATER Rate. $6\frac{1}{2}$ per cent per annum of the net annual value of the premises supplied. Water supplied by Metropolitan Water Board.

GAS RATE. $9\frac{1}{2}d.$ per therm. Gas supplied by South Suburban Gas Co.

ELECTRICITY RATE. Two methods of payment for electricity are available to residents. They may either pay on a flat rating or on the now popular "all-in" tariff. For users of radio, refrigerators, vacuum cleaners, or other electrical apparatus the latter will probably be the more acceptable. The following are the terms :

Flat Rate :

Lighting, $6d.$ per unit ; heating and cooking, $1\frac{1}{2}d.$ per unit ; power, $2d.$ per unit or less, according to the amount of current consumed.

" All-in " Rate :

A standard charge based on the size of premises and payable quarterly in advance, plus a flat rate of $\frac{3}{4}d.$ per unit for all current consumed.

TRANSPORT FACILITIES

As Orpington is the centre of local transport, it will be best if this item is considered from that place.

Orpington is on an electrified branch of the Southern Railway, and is on the main line from London to Dover and Hastings. Trains to and from Victoria and Holborn run every twenty minutes and take approximately thirty-seven minutes on the journey. A half-hourly service of trains runs between Orpington and Cannon Street and Charing Cross. Fares are reasonable, the cheap day return being $1s. 9d.$ A three-monthly season varies between $\pounds 4$ and $\pounds 5$, according to the London terminus.

Bus service number 47 links Farnborough with Shoreditch (London) direct. The following services pass through the district : 51, 61, 402, 431, 431A, 471, 477.

Route C of the Green Line coaches serves Farnborough and connects it with Kingston, Victoria, and Tunbridge Wells.

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