Stroud Town Council Local Heritage Asset List

The Hill, Dirleton House Railings, Stroud, GL5 4ES	
Barrier	**Conservation Area: None** **Stroud Town Centre NDP area**
Iron Railings	**List entry number SLHA0036**

Description

Until recently these railings were completely obscured by unplanted hedging.

These finely worked wrought iron railings seem to be the original and mark the boundary of the gardens of Dirleton House (listed Grade 2), built by a Mr Stanton when his nearby property, The Hill, was cut through by the railway. Dirleton House is now the base for Philip Ford Funerals (Dignity Funerals).

The railings were revealed when a section of land was cleared to be used as an Ecotricity car park.

As part of the curtilage of Dirleton House the railings may come under its Grade 2 listed status. As well as the railings near the car park there are more to the west of the site (up The Hill) adjoining three more bungalow properties and completely obscured by hedging.

Dirleton House is early C19, ashlar stone with a slate roof. The garden has some impressive ornamental trees.

Selection Criteria	
Age	
Rarity	**Rare as so much railing material was removed during World War 2**
Architectural and aesthetic value	**Excellently made. Similar style, quality and design to the gate to the Walled Garden, Stratford Park, Stroud.**
Group value	**These railings form part of the curtilage of the listed Dirleton House but so many changes of land use have been made in the original grounds that they are included here to protect that listing.**
Evidential value	
Historic association	
Archaeological interest	
Designed landscapes	
Landmark status	
Social and communal value	
Degree of completeness	**Nearly complete, bar some breaches for access points for the 1960's bungalows, The Hill.**
Date of inclusion	**June 2017**

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