

# Many Different Voices Sketchbook

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## Event 03

1. Context: Shakespeare Road / Railton Road / Ferndale Road
2. Culture, Character, History & The Future

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# Section 01

Context: Shakespeare Road / Railton Road / Ferndale Road

This section will be discussed in detail at  
**Event 03**, live workshop.

## Context Map

### **Railton Road / Shakespeare Road / Ferndale Road**

The area of research is located within Brixton focussing on the neighbourhood around Railton Road, Ferndale Road and Shakespeare Road.

Roads are marked up in red and neighbourhood areas are indicated with darker grey.

This map is used as a base to show analyses we have done presented on following pages.





# Context Map

## Ferndale Road

Ferndale Road neighbourhood is located between Brixton tube station to the East and Clapham North station to the West. Rail track divides the area in half.





# Context Map

## Railton Road / Shakespeare Road

Zooming in, the Railton Road neighbourhood is located between Brixton tube station to the North and Herne Hill Station to the South. The site extends up through Shakespeare Road, located by Evelyn Grace Academy.





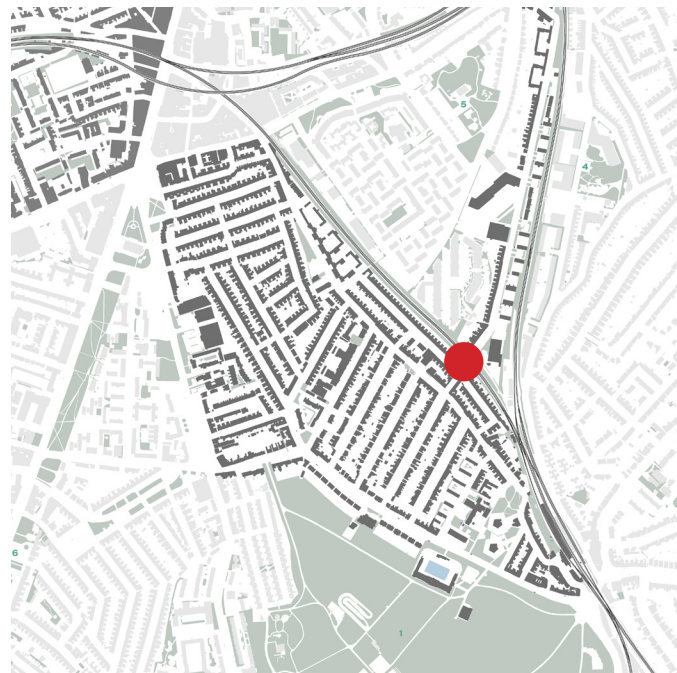
## Context Photos

### Shakespeare Road / Mayall Road

This photograph looking north on Shakespeare Road shows the railway bridge located near the junction of Shakespeare Road with Mayall Road. This junction and railway line effectively divide the northern and southern parts of Shakespeare Road.

The planters and signs currently stop cars and motorbikes from passing through, underneath the railway bridge and heading north, as part of the Railton Road Low Traffic Neighbourhood.

These measure have been introduced to reduce traffic and improved road safety for pedestrians and cyclists, during the Covid 19 crisis.



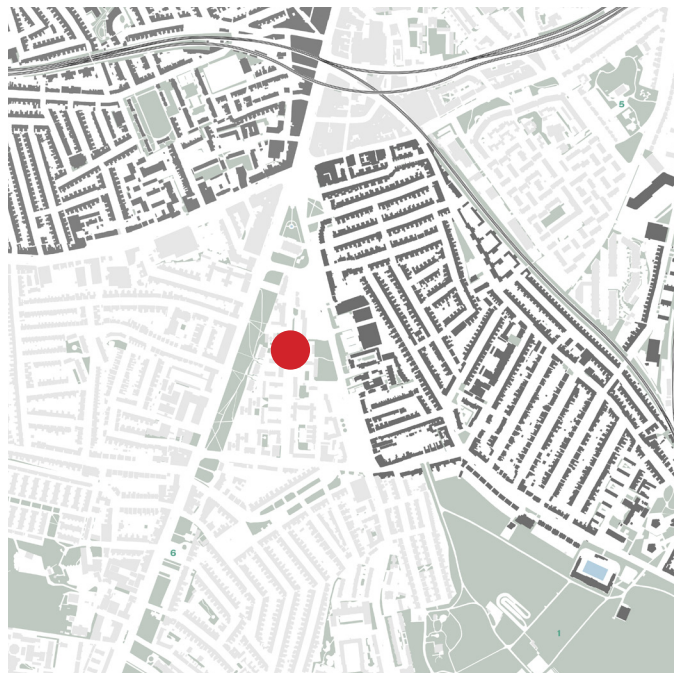


## Context Photos

### St. Matthew's Road

Another example of a temporary road closure to address road safety issues related to the COVID19 Pandemic. It includes the installation of traffic signs and posts.

Emergency access maintained.





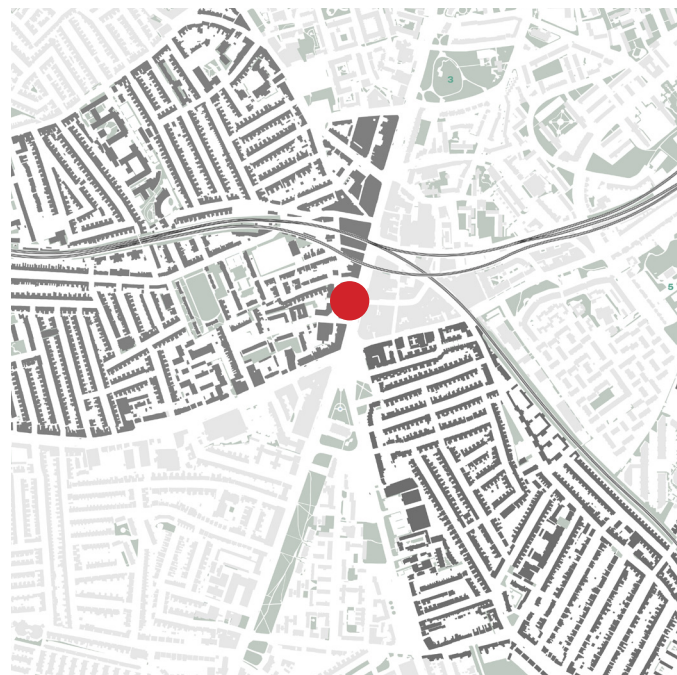
## Context Photos

### Brixton / Brixton Hill Road

Alongside traffic calming measures in more quiet residential areas, Lambeth have also implemented pavement extensions in areas where pedestrian footfall is particularly high. This photograph shows a pavement extension in Brixton Town Centre, which is both a transport and retail hub.

The extra pavement gives pedestrians more space to remain socially distant and away from moving traffic while they are waiting for the bus, or using the shops along the high street.

We have analysed this junction relating to recent social distancing measures. More details can be found in the document 'DSDHA Spatial Intelligence Group'.

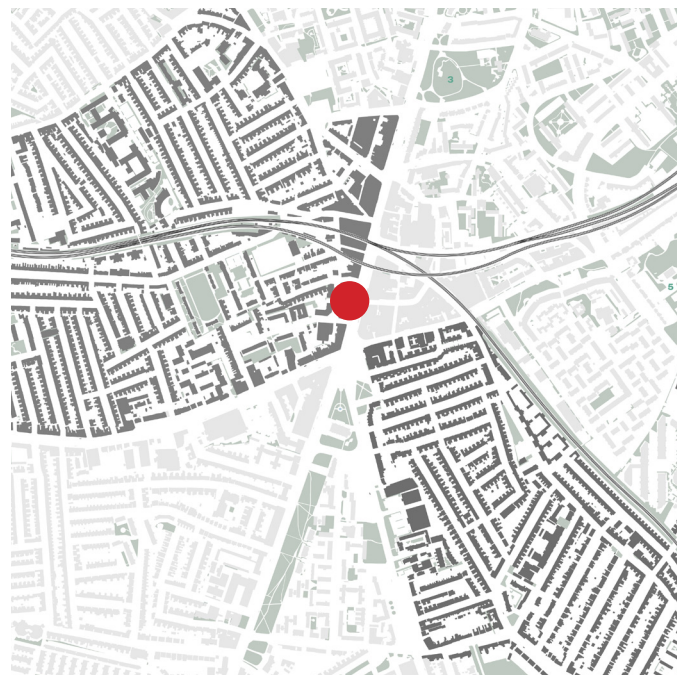




## Context Photos

### Brixton / Brixton Hill Road

The pavement has also served as a new canvas for street art, a space to spread positive messages.



# Section 02

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## Culture, Character, History & The Future

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# Culture, Character, History & Future

## Historic Map - 1870

This map shows the area around Railton Shakespeare and Ferndale Road when much of it was still farmland, and before many of the houses had been built.

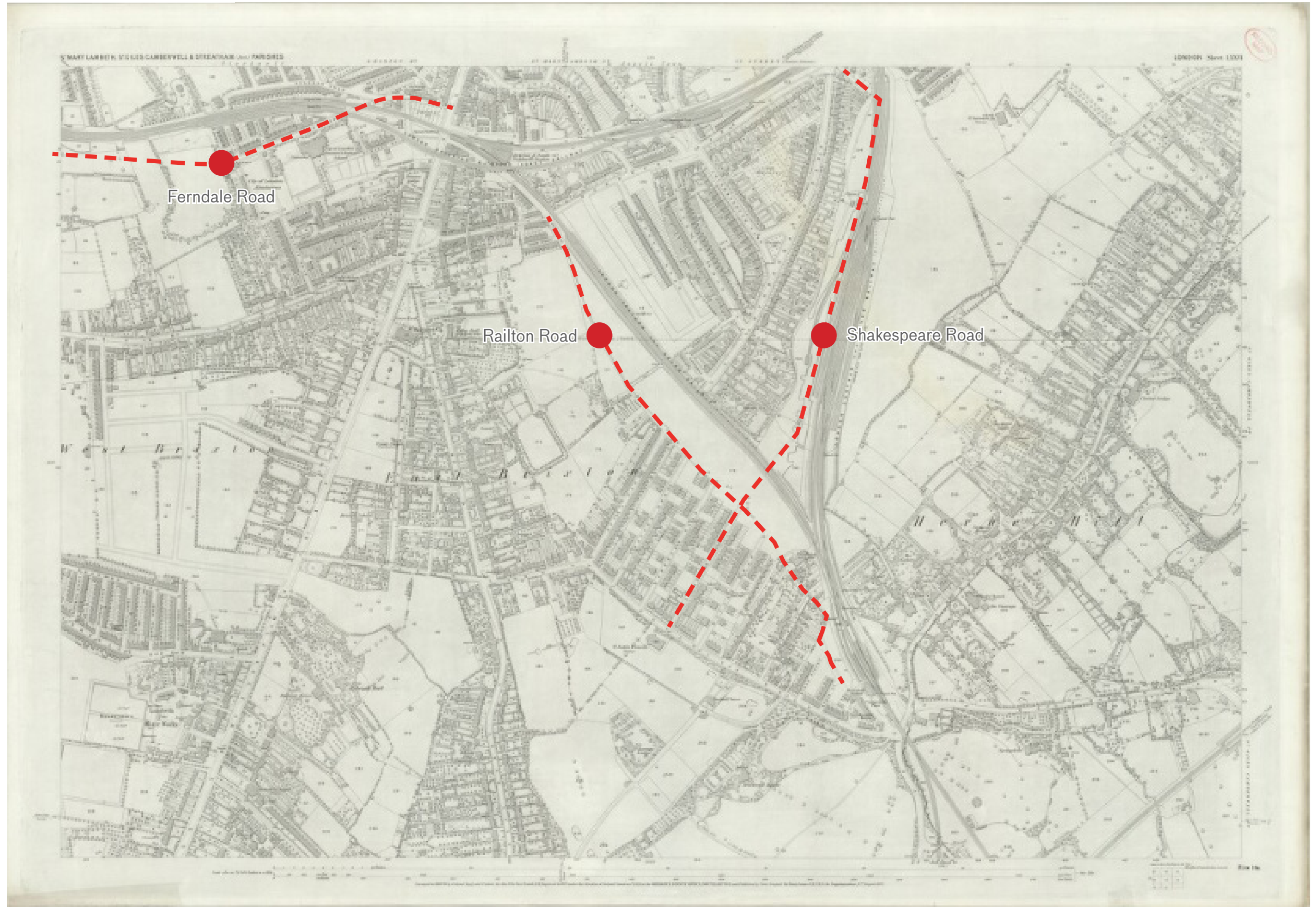
In fact, most of Railton Shakespeare and Ferndale Road did not even exist yet! We have drawn a dotted line to show where the roads now sit.

Shakespeare Road is located next to the railway line between Loughborough Junction and Herne Hill, Ferndale Road near Brixton and Railton along the railway leading to Brixton.

*How has the city changed since this map was made?*

*Which elements do you recognise?*

*Can you spot any bits which no longer exist?*





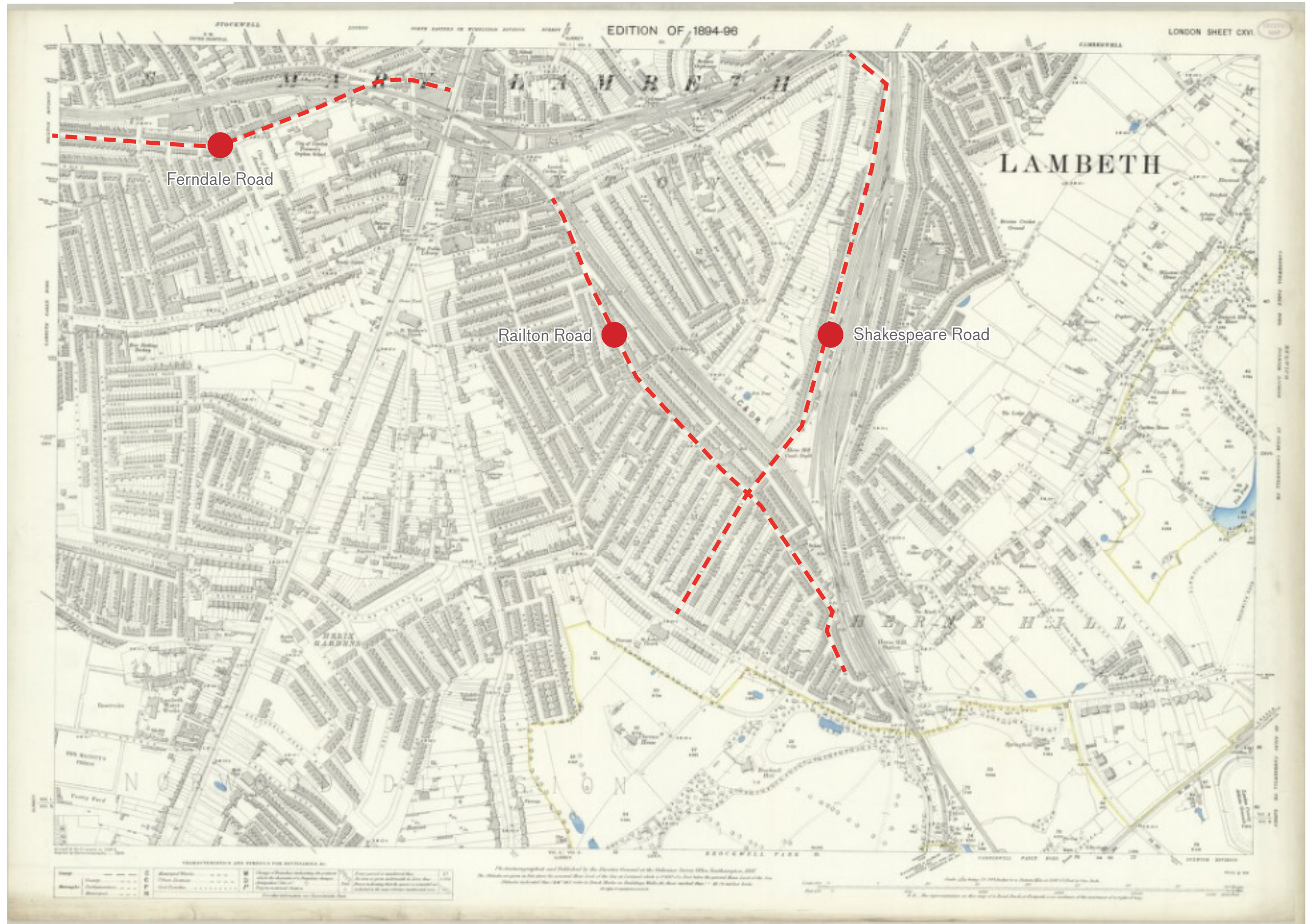
# Culture, Character, History & Future

## Historic Map - 1890

This map, which was made 20 years after the one on the previous page, shows buildings along the full length of Railton Road, Shakespeare Road and Ferndale Road.

*What does this tell us about the different sections of Shakespeare or Railton road?*

*In 1890 it still didn't look quite the same as it does today - can you see what has changed since then?*





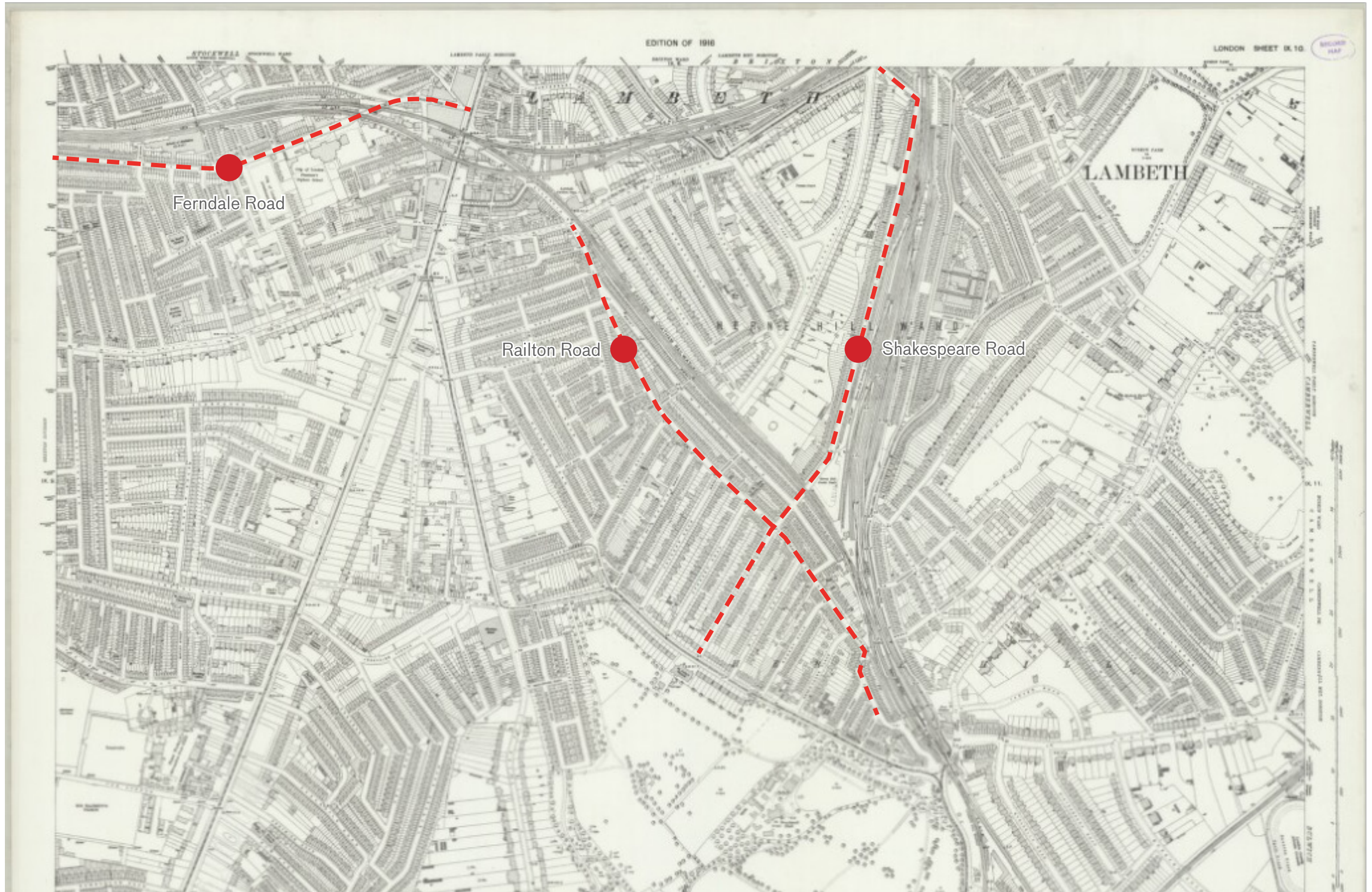
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## Historic Map - 1916

This map was made 26 years after the one on the previous page, in 1916.

*What world events were happening around the same time as this map was made?*

*Could they have had an effect on how the city was changing around that time?*





# Culture, Character, History & Future

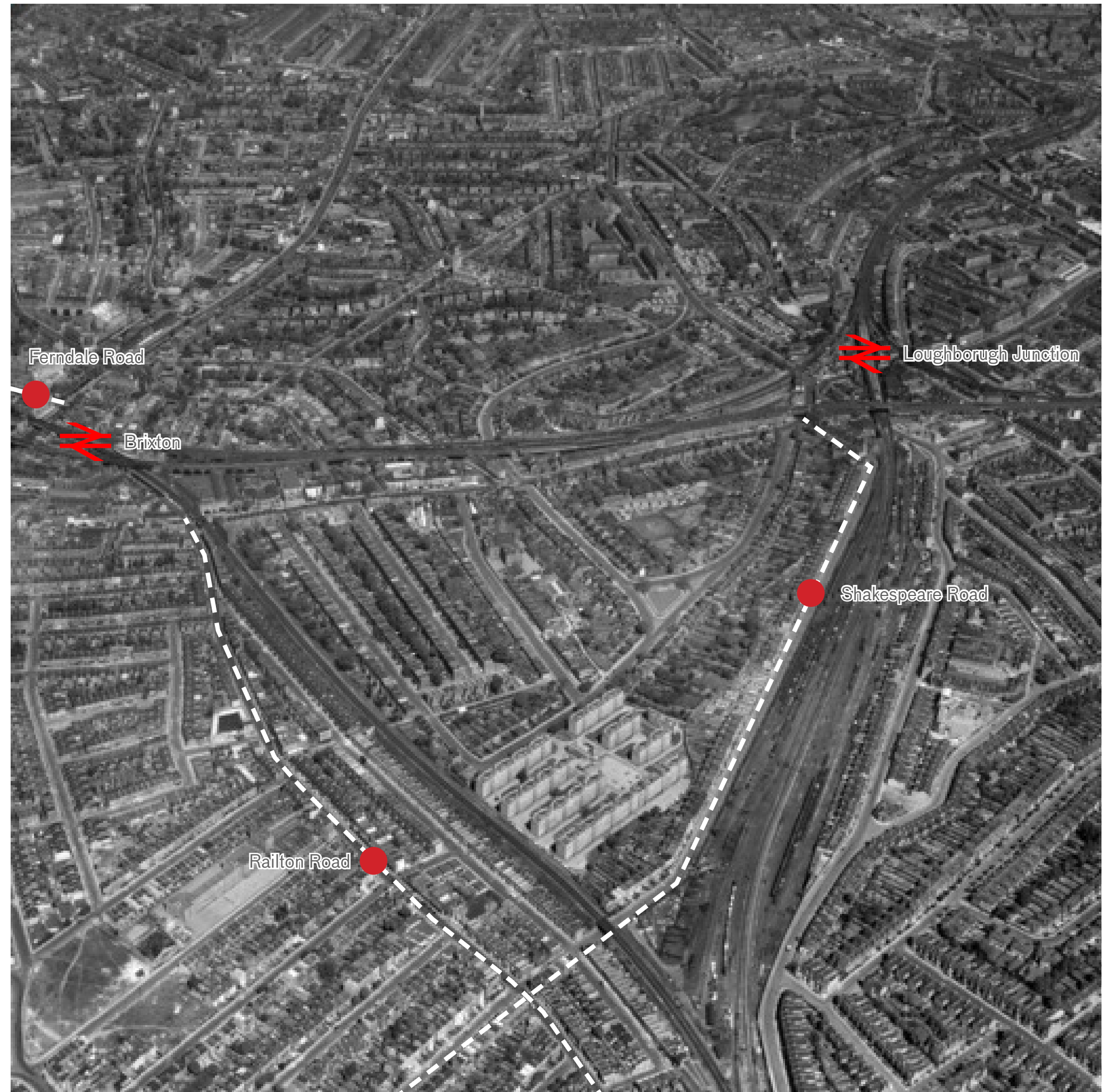
## Aerial Photograph - 1950

This aerial photograph from 1950 shows the same area as the maps on the previous pages.

You can see the triangle of railway lines that run between Brixton, Herne Hill & Loughborough junction.

*Is there anything that has changed since the previous map from 1916?*

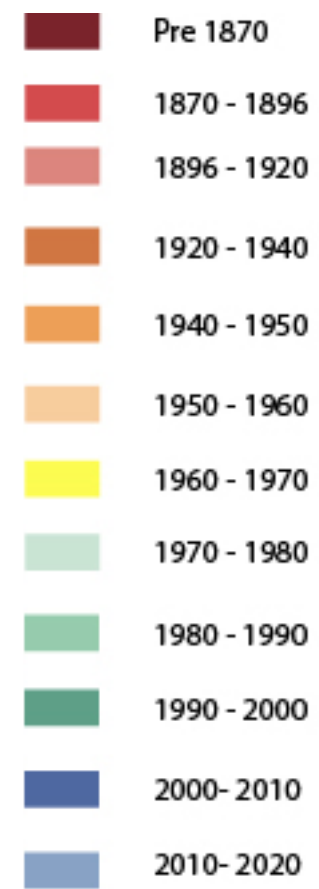
*Are there any buildings you can see which you don't recognise from today?*





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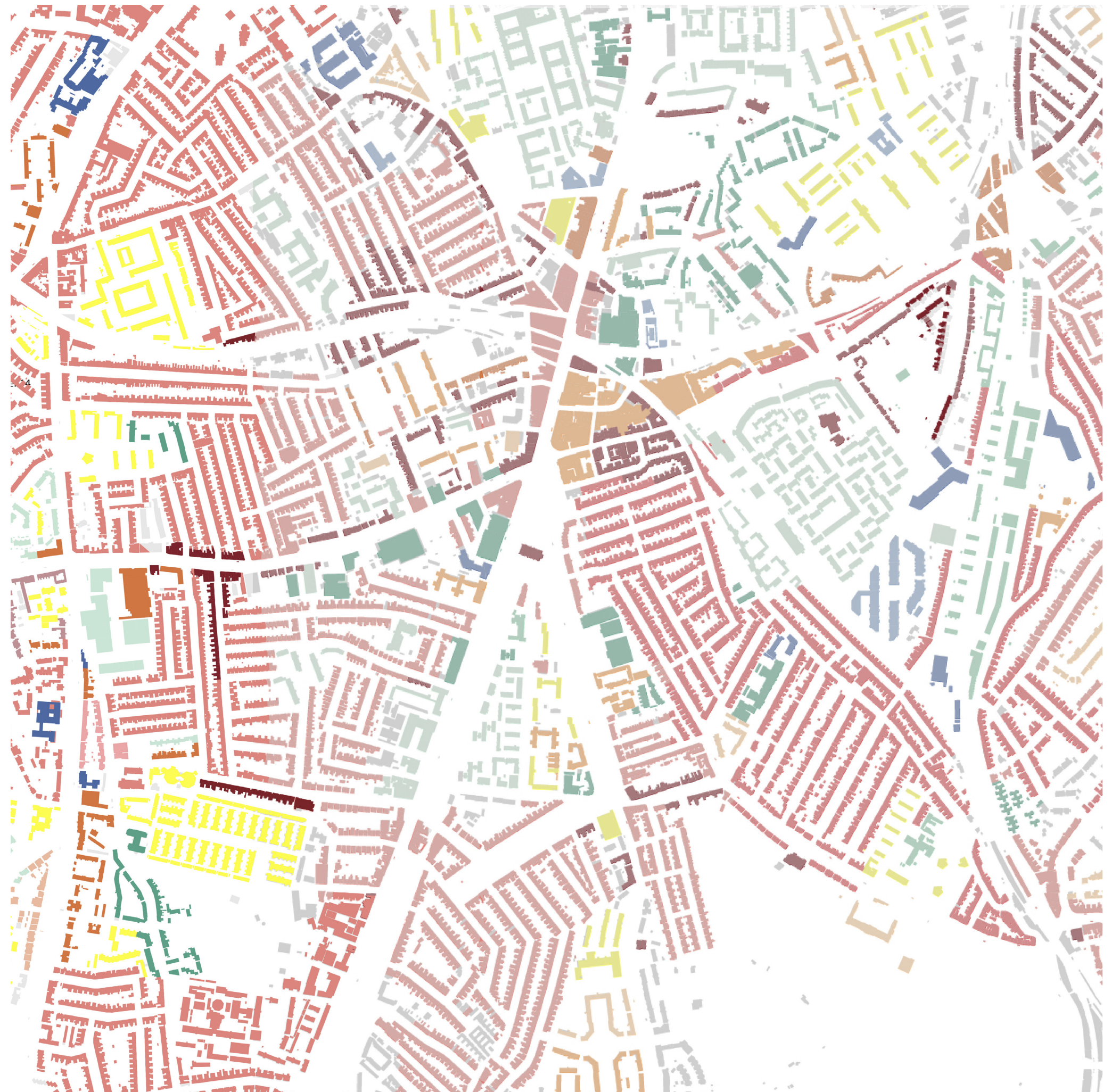
## Historic Development



We have made this map by looking at all of the previous maps to work out when the buildings in the area around Railton Road, Shakespeare Road and Ferndale Road were built.

*What do you think it tells us about the way the area has developed over time?*

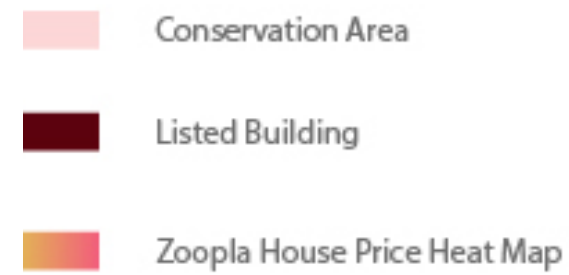
*Do you think it reveals anything about the impact of railway lines on the development of a city?*





# Culture, Character, History & Future

## Historic Building Fabric & House Values



The council implements certain areas where new development is more difficult, in order to protect historic buildings and the character of certain historic areas - these are called conservation areas.

This map shows in pink the conservation areas around Railton Road, Shakespeare Road and Ferndale Road.

We have overlaid a map which shows data from the website 'Zoopla.co.uk' and indicates areas where the houses cost more to buy.

You can see that the areas where the historic character is protected often overlap with the areas where house prices are higher.

*Why do you think this is?*

*What impact do you think it has on people's interpretation of the "character" of certain areas?*

*How do you think this affects development in the city?*





# Culture, Character, History & Future

## Milkwood Road

These two photographs show the same view of Milkwood Road in 1951 and 2003.

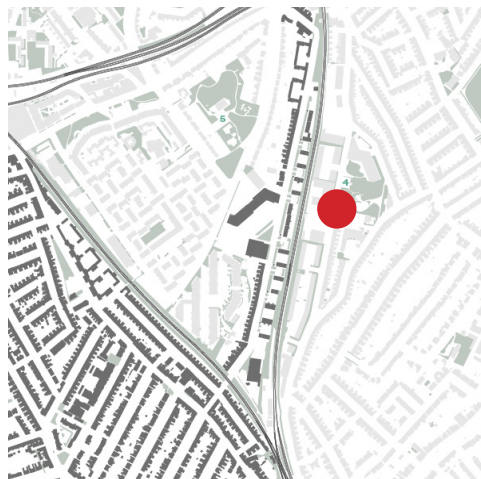
*What are the differences you can see?  
Has anything else changed since 2003?*



1951



2003





# Culture, Character, History & Future

## Brixton Market

These two photographs show the same view of Brixton Market in 1981 and 2016.

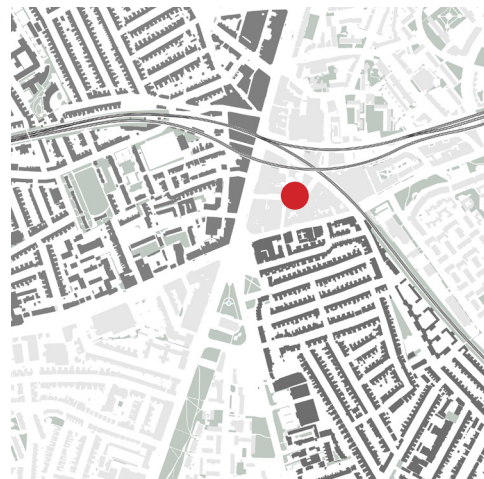
*What are the differences you can see?  
Have you experienced anything that has changed in your area recently?*



1981



2016





# Culture, Character, History & Future

## Railton Road

These two photographs show the same view of Railton Road in 1984 and 2016.

*What are the differences you can see?*

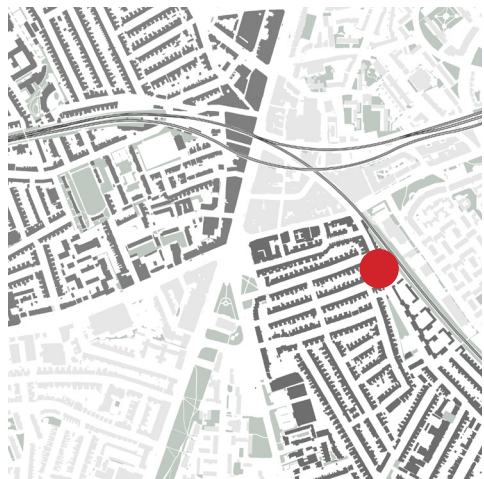
*Do you know any stories about the history of Railton Road? Have you seen it change?*



1984



2016





# Culture, Character, History & Future

## History of Activism

In the 1970s and early 1980s, Railton Road was home to a number of activist groups and community organisations:

### 167 Railton Road

The *Race Today* journal was a leading voice of Black politics in Britain throughout the 1970s. It was produced by a collective who were based at 167 Railton Road, which is now part of the Brixton Advice Centre.

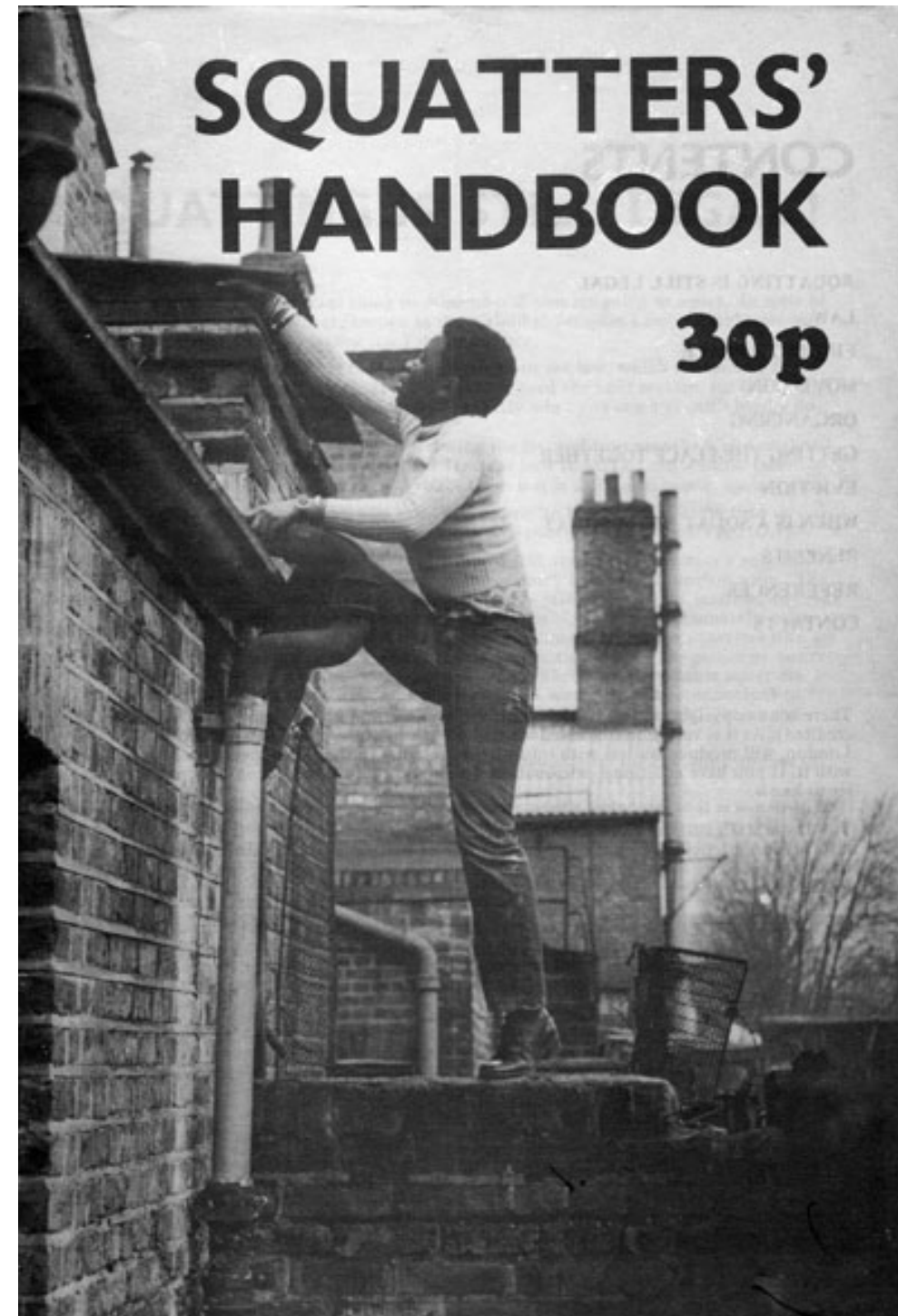
### 121 Railton Road

In 1972, Olive Morris and Liz Turnbull, both members of the Brixton Black Panthers, occupied a flat above a launderette in Railton Road and successfully fought off attempts at illegal eviction. In doing so, they set an example for hundreds of homeless young people in Brixton and the flat remained squatted for many years.

### 78 Railton Road

The South London Gay Community Centre was based in a squatted property on Railton Road from 1974 - 1976. It was the first of its kind and acted as a focal point bringing together gay people from many different backgrounds through social activities and political action.

Among these, Railton Road was also home to two women's centres, an anarchist news service, Icebreakers - a gay liberation counselling group and a food cooperative.





# Culture, Character, History & Future

## Community, Cultural, Religious & Educational Buildings

The use of Railton Road by community & activist groups is still seen today - with a number of organisations such as the Brixton Advice Centre and The Advocacy Campus for Young Activists being based there.





# Culture, Character, History & Future

## Future Development Context

-  Local Town Centre Boundary
-  Site Allocation
-  Regeneration Areas
-  Safeguarded Waste Sites

There is always a need for new buildings, whether it to provide new housing in the area or to improve local amenity.

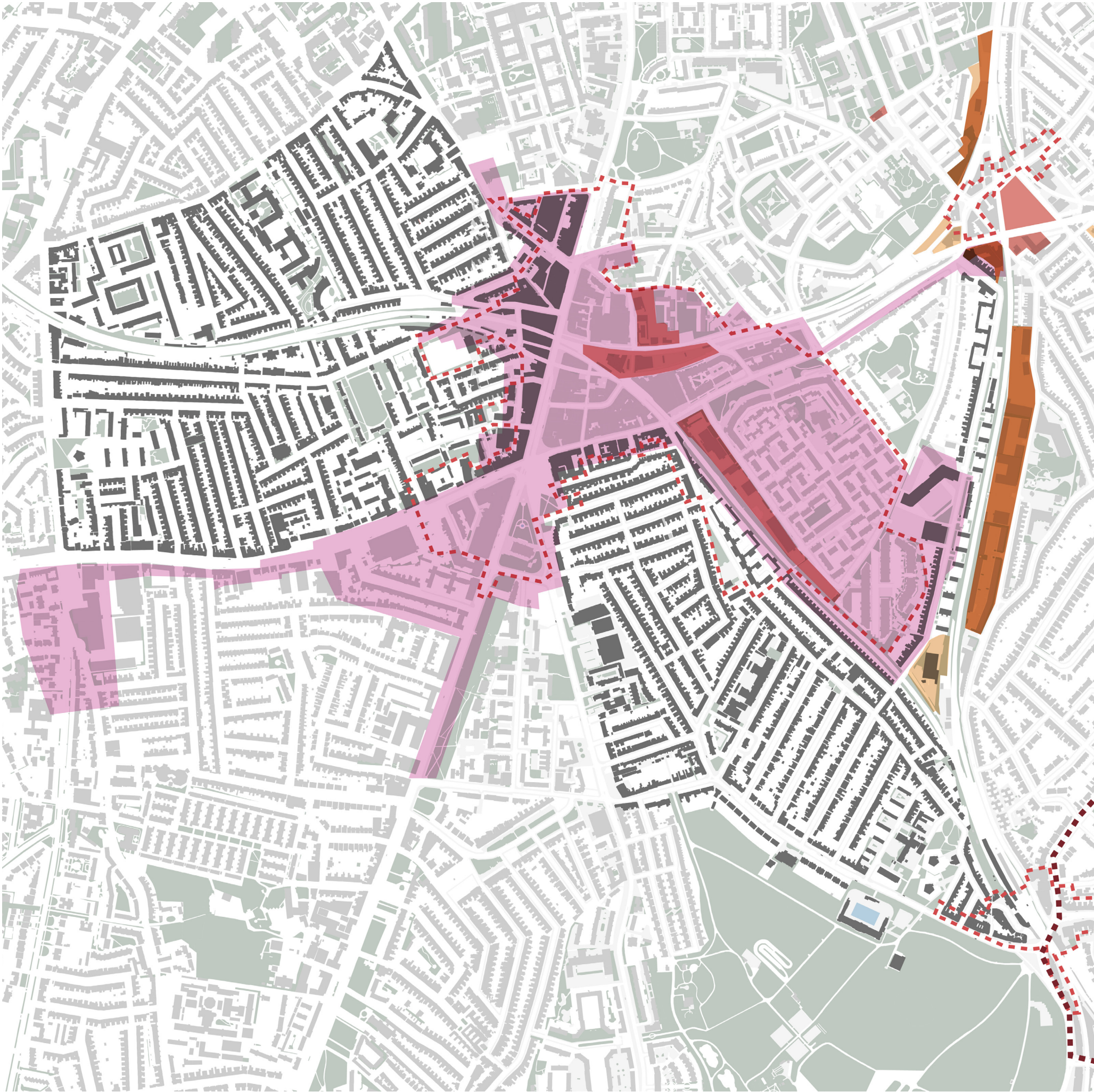
The council identifies areas which need to be protected - because of their important function, for example, or their historic character. At the same time it identifies potential sites which could be improved on, and built upon, and this is often where new developments are located.

Large scale development can radically change the character of an area, and so the proposed sites need to be carefully considered, and the proposals judged in terms of the local context and the benefits they will bring to the area.

*What do you think about the areas that the council have identified for development?*

*What kind of development would you like to see there?*

*How do you think it will change the surrounding area?*





# Culture, Character, History & Future

## Future Development Context

These images show before and after views of a new residential building in Loughborough Junction.

*What do you think about these proposals? How do they fit in with the buildings around them?*



Current view of Loughborough Junction



Proposed view of Loughborough Junction



The perception map of St. Helier, Jersey.