**WALKWAY HISTORY, Lancaster West Estate**

The early history of Notting Dale is colourful. Eighteenth-century Notting Hill was entirely rural and laid to grass. As the suburbs reached here, there was an oversupply of middle-class housing, bordering on the suburbs which serviced them. This area covered the Potteries, Notting Dale, Jennings Buildings and Kensall New Town.

Plans were made in the 1960s to replace the housing in Notting Dale. This displaced 3,000 people, who were to be accommodated in the Lancaster West Estate scheme. This was to have included an office complex and a shopping centre, but they were never built.

***Geography:***

Large parts of North Kensington were remodelled to create the Westway. To the west of the overground tube line is the earlier Silchester Estate. Formerly, Silchester Road continued into Clarendon Road and Lancaster Road continued from this six-way junction south-east to Bramley Road, but the lower part has now been renamed Whitchurch Road. The phase 1 of the estate stands on land previously occupied by the following streets:

* Blechynden Street (part of)
* Blechynden Mews
* Barandon Street
* Hurstway
* Testerton Street
* Grenfell Road was extended to the north of Bomore Road

***Aside:***

Until 1899 there was no overall local authority for the area of Notting Dale. The responsibility for the area was vested in the Kensington Vestry under the Vicar of Kensington at that time the Rev Hon E. C. Glyn. In 1896 St Clements Road was renamed in two parts after the Vicar’s cousin General Lord Grenfell who had been the Commander in Chief of the Army of the army in Egypt.