

Longdon Hall, Knowle



Historic England

Heritage Category: Listed Building

Grade: II

List Entry Number: 1203335

Date first listed: 22-Jul-1976

Statutory Address: Longdon Hall, Lady Byron Lane, Knowle

District: Solihull (Metropolitan Authority)

Parish: Non Civil Parish

National Grid Reference: SP 17111 77496

Longdon Hall, former manor house, largely C18 and C19, with possible earlier elements.

Materials: Red brick with some exposed timber frame in the north gables. Plain tiled hipped roofs on the taller south range with three small gables on the north ranges. Two tall brick stacks to the rear of the main range, and additional side stack to the west.

Plan: Double depth plan, with central entrance and staircase lobby, with single storey gabled extensions to the east and west containing service ranges.

Exterior: The south (garden elevation) has a polite symmetrical Queen Anne facade. The central entrance doorway is flanked by two full-length French windows.

On the first floor are three timber casements, above are three dormer

windows. The outer dormers are hipped and the central dormer gabled. Symmetrical brick stacks to the rear.

There are projecting brick string courses between the ground and first-floor and the first floor and attics.

The north (courtyard entrance) elevation also has a symmetrical facade, although of an earlier date.

There are three two-storey gabled wings. The outer wings have exposed framing in the gables and are higher and wider than the central range, which has the appearance of a two-storey entrance porch, infilling an earlier small courtyard.

There is a large gabled dormer above the central range, and later symmetrical single storey gabled service extensions to the east and west.



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The windows are a mixture of later C20 timber casements, set largely in earlier flattened arch openings mirroring the central open entrance porch. There is large timber conservatory to the east.

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Now in the middle of Copt Heath golf club, this is the site of the ancient moated manor house of Longdon.

It belonged to the Noel family for some 300 years until it passed to the poet Lord Byron in 1815 after his marriage to Ann Noel. She remained the owner until her death although she never lived there.

The present building which probably dates from the 17th century lies outside the ancient moat and is said to contain timbers from an earlier house.

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