

Shafesbury Place, London Road Station, Brighton**Historic Building****Preston Park CA****Transport - Railway Station****LLHA0186****Description:**

Built 1877 by W. Sawyer for the London Brighton and South Coast Railway. One of a number built in a similar Tuscan Villa 'house' style between the 1850s and 1870s, including West Worthing, Shoreham-by-Sea, Hove, Portslade and the now demolished Kemp Town Station. Two storey building set on a raised plinth with central steps leading to terrace. It has 2:5:2 bays with the end bays breaking forwards. Hipped slate roof with corniced and bracketed eaves. The main block is flanked by single storey wings with gabled roofs. Windows have a mix of round-arched and cambered heads, moulded surrounds and 1 over 1 sliding sash windows. It is very similar in form and design to the earlier grade II listed Hove Station on Station Approach (built 1865-7), although larger and with less grand detailing. Its main block is almost identical to the grade II listed Portslade Station main south building (built 1857), although the canopy has been removed. The window mouldings are identical to those of Hove and Portslade Stations. Source: A Guide to the Buildings of Brighton ND

A Architectural, Design and Artistic Interest

i A good example of a regional approach to the design and decoration of a railway station. Displays the mid to late 19th century 'house style' of the London Brighton and South Coast Railway.

C Townscape Interest

i Within the Preston Park Conservation Area, but atypical of it in terms of its building type, scale and detailing. It nevertheless contributes positively to the area and complements the surrounding housing in particular through matching materials. It retains its original setting in terms of the road layout and relationship to two station public houses, which by their arrangement create the appearance of a small square to the front of the station.

iv The building has considerable group value through its close association with the listed stations at Hove and Portslade. The building is almost identical to Portslade Station. The station also has group value with the neighbouring London Road viaduct and with the locally listed The Signalman public house.

D Communal Value

i The station environ provides a focal point for the community: residents come

	together for events held at the station and on the forecourt; there is a community garden and a number of community groups based there
F	Intactness
i	The building appears to survive largely intact
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