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# Berwyn Flats



Review of C\* Grade Buildings  
in the Former City of  
Hawthorn

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## Location

7 Glenroy Road HAWTHORN, Boroondara City

## Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO450

## Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

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## Statement of Significance

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*Berwyn Flats*, 7 Glenroy Road, Hawthorn, is of local historical and aesthetic significance. It is a good and relatively intact example of a finely articulated interwar complex of flats in the Old English Tudor style, which although containing four flats was designed to appear as a single large house. The building successfully combines projecting bays, brickwork patterning and gabled roofscape, to help break up the large composition. It also displays competent detailing and application of the Tudor mode, with many of the principal characteristics

evident such as clinker, tapestry and herringbone brickwork, and applique half-timbering in a picturesque composition.

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Boroondara - Review of C* Grade Buildings in the Former City of Hawthorn, Lovell Chen Architects & Heritage Consultants, 2006; Boroondara - Hawthorn Heritage Study, Meredith Gould Conservation Architects, 1993; |
| Construction dates        | 1936,  |
| Other Names               | Berwyn Flats,  |
| Hermes Number             | 14553  |
| Property Number           |  |

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## Physical Description 1

*Berwyn Flats* at 7 Glenroy Road, Hawthorn, comprises a double-storey interwar clinker brick building in the Old English Tudor style which contains four flats but which is designed to appear as a single large house. Constructed on an essentially symmetrical plan, the building uses a complex arrangement of projecting bays, brickwork patterning and gabled roofscape to break up the large composition. The gabled roof is finished with terracotta tile, applique half-timbered gable ends and prominent corbelled brick chimneys. The stepped facade is divided by projecting bays, which relate to the individual flats and the access stairs for the first floor flats. It features panels of tapestry and herringbone brickwork to both levels and a jettied bay. The entrance to each ground floor flat is set within a recessed porch with concrete floor, and doors are generally concealed behind wrought iron screens, the exception being a non-original aluminium screen to Flat 3. Fenestration is irregularly arranged but consistent between sides; window openings contain single and grouped timber-framed double-hung sashes with diaper leadlight glazing to top sashes.

The building appears externally intact other than for the introduction of glazing to the previously open first floor balcony window openings, tiling of the entrance porch to Flat 2 and small street numbers on the fence piers. The fence appears contemporary with the building and comprises a low clinker brick wall with glazed brick capping, and there are four original garages along the rear boundary.

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