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Westfield Road is often listed as one of the most expensive streets to buy a home in Birmingham (<https://www.birminghammail.co.uk/homes-and-property/westfield-road-birminghams-most-expensive-10583444>) and is typical of Edgbaston's character as seen through the Calthorpe Estate but also has its own distinct character. The road is wide and often used as a connector route, to or from the Hagley Road to the Harborne Road.

The road is typical of Edgbaston in that it has no street trees (trees in the pavement maintained by the council) but has large often mature trees in the grounds of the front gardens providing a green and pleasant environment and giving Edgbaston its high canopy cover. The green environment is a legacy of the 3rd Lord Calthorpe's original ambition to create a semi-rural environment for the wealthy entrepreneurs which were making the city (<https://billdargue.jimdofree.com/placenames-gazetteer-a-to-y/places-e/edgbaston/>).

The connector route nature of the road is typical of many roads south of the Hagley Road where cul-de-sac private drives are hidden behind the larger houses or walls or hedges that typically line the streets and which have themselves a distinct alternative feel to the larger 'wedding cake' houses that many recognise Edgbaston for. Indeed some of these private drives have an alternative style created by John Madin who was appointed by the Calthorpe Estate in 1957 to help increase Edgbaston's density with a masterplan for the estate.

Westfield Road has a number of larger homes, some visibly extended or rebuilt, and has a number of homes in various stages of refurbishment or planned refurbishment. Houses sit back from the street and are often gated.

Westfield Road is both typical of Edgbaston but also distinct with a semi-gated feel as you pass by smart looking houses.

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