

CHRISTINE WRIGHT

Heeley Road is a good example of an edge, with long rows of terraced houses on one side of the road, and the Cross City railway line and the Worcester and Birmingham Canal running together along the other side. The railway and the road are close together on the west side of the road, but they diverge on the east side, leaving room for industrial units between the road and the railway.

Photos 1 to 5 show the west section of Heeley Road. The bridge carrying the railway over the Bristol Road can be seen at the junction of Heeley and Bristol Roads, with the Bristol Pear pub on the corner. The first section of the road, opposite the small terraced and semi-detached houses, is taken up by Selly Oak railway station. The station is set back a little, leaving room for grass and trees to line the road, giving a pleasant outlook for the occupants of the houses.

Photos 6 to 10 show the East section of the road, where the houses are bigger but the outlook is over industrial units. The multitude of 'To let' signs indicate that many of these are student houses for multiple occupation. The industrial units include businesses such as Harborne Garage, Screw Fix, a Decorating Centre and the improbable Humpty Dumpty's Adventure Land.