

SETTLEMENT ASSESSMENT PROFORMA

Surveyors(s): Rachel Russell

Character Area: ...Stonehouse Town and retail centre

Date: ...30 January 2016..... Weather: ...Clear,cold, sunny.....

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1. PATTERN

Character Element	Photo(s)
<p>A. Topography: Flat Hilly Steep Shallow Plateau Valley Linear valley Several valleys</p>	<p>High St Town Green and bus stop</p> <p>High St Tudor House to North</p>
<p>B: Layout: Linear Grid-like Winding Regular Irregular Buildings close to the road Buildings well set back Front gardens Back gardens Long plots Thin plots Short plots Wide plots Clear centre No obvious centre</p> <p>The general layout of the town centre is linear. In the more residential section on the Bath Road, the houses, both 19th and 20th century are fairly close to the road. Some buildings are well set back; the Bethel Church has a large forecourt and landscaped area. The High Street section, after the junction with Regent Street is particularly broad; many of the shops have large forecourts and are in wide long plots; there are various alleyways and openings visible between the buildings.</p> <p>The nearest to a town centre is the area of the Memorial and Town Greens.</p> <p>A mixture of uses, building styles and layout continues up the Gloucester Road section after the railway bridge; the layout is not so dense as in the preceding sections. The 19th century brick terraces (31-49, Gloucester Rd, 55-133 Gloucester Rd) at the top of this section on the East side is particularly striking. 59-133 is very well set back from the road.</p> <p>Although the whole area is well developed, the layout is generally open with many buildings well set back and large gaps between buildings. The Town Greens provide a green, open focal point for the town. The Gloucester Road</p>	<p>High St Barclays High St Coop High St War Mem High St Surgery and Town Green High St Memorial Green looking North High St Broomhall North High St by Town Hall Junction Queens Rd/High St Gloucester</p>

<p>section is more rural in character than the previous s</p>	<p>Rd Kings Rd gate post</p>
<p>C: Spaces: <i>Gaps between buildings Green spaces Hard space Places where local events take place Well used Not well used</i></p> <p>Large forecourts in front of many High Street shops; some used by cafes or to display merchandise. Large garden at Apsley House. Larger buildings such as Old Police Station, Apsley House and Surgery on Town Green have space around them. The “secret garden” plot, between the Town Green surgery and public car park is a large undeveloped, overgrown site.</p> <p>Various gaps and alleyways between buildings; glimpses of Laburnum Field and Berryfield to West, Doverow Hill and Randwick and Standish woods, rolling countryside.</p> <p>Space in front of pubs: hardstanding in front of The Woolpack and the Globe. The latter is sometimes used for fairs.</p> <p>Town Greens are both well used. Memorial Green; used for annual Remembrance Day ceremony; location of town sign. Town Green: flagpole, used for some civic events, community events, Women’s Institute stall.</p>	<p>High St cafes; Bay Tree, 2is, Feel Good, Veg Shop (use CCpic), Wynns The Globe Inn (History group photo) Woolpack (CC pic) Apsley House, North side, Apsley House garden.</p>
<p>D: Green and Natural Features: <i>Trees Bushes Hedges Green backcloth to buildings Areas of intense greenery Arase without greenery</i></p> <p>Cedar trees (?) near Wycliffe Chapel. A number of attractive trees on and around Town Greens including very large willow. Hedges in front of some residential buildings. Large hedges in front of Blackwell Close section of Gloucester Road giving a sense of enclosure in contrast to the open, lengthy frontages of the 19th century terraces North of here. Dramatic views of large wooded hills; views of gentler rolling countryside.</p>	
<p>E: Wildlife and Ecology: <i>Area used/inhabited by wildlife Not used at all Area used for wildlife to pass through What wildlife? Important plants?</i></p>	

<p>F: Roads, Streets and other Movement Routes: Pavements Kerbs Grass verges Drainage ditches Wide roads wide Narrow roads Straight roads Curving roads Cul-de-sacs Through roads On-plot parking On-street parking Parking courts</p> <p>Wide roads, largely wide pavements, good for walking.</p>	
<p>G. Landmarks: <i>Are there key landmarks visible from a distance (church tower), community landmarks (pub) or special but smaller features (old milestone)?</i></p> <p>Wycliffe Chapel Post Office/Town Hall Old Police Station Tudor Tandoori The Woolpack, The Globe Inn Town Greens The Memorial Cross and WW II monument on the Memorial Green Town Sign, Memorial Green Flagpoles, Town and Memorial Greens Groups of historic buildings around Town Greens: Town Green: Surgery, Pharmacy, Assembly Rooms, Cottages, Globe Inn Memorial Green: Orchard House, other cottages Milestone, Town Green Millennium Stone, Town Green</p>	<p>Memorial Green Cross and town sign Orchard House behind/ Image6 04 -History group photo Mem Green, Mem Green WWII memorial Town Green Medical Centre sign and Millenium Stone Mill stone Milestone (various Stonehouse folder) Police station and court 2011 Surgery History Group photo High St PO with shops</p>
<p>H: Views Out: <i>Are there places (often, occasional) where one can see out to other areas or to the landscape?</i></p> <p>Views South: From most points looking South from the top of Gloucester Road down to the junction with Burdett Road there are dramatic views of the Cotswold Escarpment. View from mid terrace Gloucester Road. View from Gloucester Road at junction with Greenstreet (Uley Bury visible) View from Memorial Green View from near junction with Laburnam Walk</p>	

<p>Views East: Between buildings and at roads leading East views of the Doverow Hill area and rolling hills beneath Randwick and Standish Woods. View from junction with Queen's Rd View from junction with Meadow Road. View from junction with Greenstreet. View from junction with Meadow Lane. View from junction with King's Street.</p> <p>Views West: Glimpsed from alleyways and junctions: View at Laburnam Walk View through alleyway</p>	
<p>I: Views In: <i>Are there places around* where it is possible to get views into this area? (* You will need to go round and about to spot these.)</i></p>	

2. BUILDINGS AND DETAILS

<p>A: Predominant Building Shape and Heights: <i>Wide frontages</i> <i>Narrow frontages Terraced Semi-detached Detached 1 storey</i> <i>2 storeys 3 storeys Common shapes Varied shapes</i></p> <p>Bath Road residential: terraced, 2-3 storeys, fairly narrow frontage.</p> <p>Regent Street commercial section: distinctive 19th century, 2 storey shops at North side on corner with High Street.</p> <p>High St commercial section; wide frontages. Detached and semi detached.</p> <p>Queen's Road section: Red brick detached villas on North side; section of single storey wooden shops on South side.</p> <p>Gloucester Road section; continues with varied building eras and types. Stretches of distinctive 19th century 3 storey brick terraces on East side. Narrow frontage for each dwelling massed together to give impressive sweep of buildings. Design features picked out for 20th century housing at Blackwell Close.</p>	<p>Regent St/Queen's Rd CC pics.</p> <p>Gate of India, Apsley House front, Computer shop, Wholehearted High St 3 fine 19th century buildings Gloucester Rd 31-49 Gloucester Rd Blackwell</p>
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<p>B: Roofs: <i>Flat roofs Pitched roofs Steep pitch Shallow pitch Varied pitch Lean-tos Parapet fronts (hidden roofs)</i></p> <p>Varied, as with building types.</p>	
<p>C. Predominant Materials: <i>Some common Nothing common Walls (brick, stone, render, hung tile)? Roofs (tile, slate, other)? Boundaries (walls, hedges, fences)? Ground (tarmac, concrete, setts, paving stones)?</i></p> <p>16-17th century; timber framing, limestone, rendered stone. 18th /early 19th century: limestone 19th century: largely red brick, limestone facings and decoration. Gloucester Rd terrace yellow brick? Early 20th century: brick</p>	
<p>D: Details: <i>What details contribute to character: porches, window shapes, roof decorations, chimneys, benches, letter boxes, signs, flags?</i></p> <p>Some 16-17th century buildings with individual character and details add interest e.g. Tudor Tandoori, cottages around Memorial Green, Apsley House (?)</p> <p>18th century windows and proportions. Some good doorways and entrances e.g. Barclays Bank (Regency, 1830).</p> <p>Solid 19th century buildings e.g. Old Police Station, Surgery, Town Green. Brick with limestone details. 19th century villas:</p> <p>Terraced 19th century buildings: Decorative brickwork and facings. Dormer windows.</p> <p>Some distinctive 1930s buildings e.g. Post Office/Town Hall. Row of shops adjacent, Veg shop.</p>	<p>Gloucester Rd 31 details Stone house on corner of Memorial Green. Queen's Rd brick side.</p>

3. SUMMARY

A: In a few words or a sentence or two, what are for your group the key positive features about this area? What makes it special?

- Variety of interesting, good quality buildings from 16th to 20th century.
- Wide, open appearance, dramatic views to South, pastoral views to East.
- Mix of uses. Lack of empty shops. Variety of shops.
- Town Greens; focal point for town, historic interest.
- Busy Town centre atmosphere from junction with Burdett Road to railway bridge. More pastoral, rural town character in northern Gloucester Road section of this area.

B: In a few words or a sentence or two, what are for your group the key negative features about this area? What detracts from it?

- Traffic.
- Parking bays unattractive.
- Some inappropriate alterations to buildings e.g. UPVc windows in historic buildings.

LANDSCAPE ASSESSMENT PROFORMA

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1. DESCRIPTION

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A. Landform: Flat Gently undulating Strongly undulating Steep valley Valley side/floor Plateau	
B. Landcover: Open farmland Farmland with trees/woods Woodland Parkland Wetland	
C. Landuse: Arable farmland Grassland Grazing Mixed Forestry Industrial Brownfield Orchards Residential, commercial, greens.	

<p>D. Field Boundaries: <i>Tall Clipped Intermittent Hedgerow</i> <i>With/without trees Fences Walls</i></p>	
<p>E. Field Sizes and Patterns: <i>Small Medium Large Regular Angular</i> <i>Linear Irregular</i></p>	
<p>F. Routeways: <i>Few roads Dense road network Tracks</i> <i>Straight/Winding /Narrow</i></p>	
<p>G. Buildings and Structures: <i>What manmade elements are in the landscape?</i> <i>Village(s)/Town Isolated Farms Barns Groups of dwellings Pylons</i> <i>Masts Wires. How do they 'sit' and what natural features influence that?</i></p>	
<p>H. Water and Drainage: <i>Stream River Reservoir Wet ditches</i> <i>Ponds Lake</i></p>	
<p>I. Enclosure and Scale: <i>Tight Enclosed Open Exposed/Intimate</i> <i>Small Large Vast</i></p>	

2. VIEWS AND LANDMARKS (mark on the map)

<p>A. Views: Sweeping Channeled Long Short Glimpsed <i>Across/to a place or landmark.</i> (See Settlement Assessment Section H for details). Long view South to escarpment. Glimpsed West to playing fields and escarpment. Glimpsed East to Doverow Hill, countryside beneath Randwick and Standish woods.</p>	
<p>B. Landmarks: Buildings Structures Natural features History Archaeology</p> <p>Wycliffe Chapel Post Office/Town Hall Old Police Station Tudor Tandoori The Woolpack, The Globe Inn Town Greens The Memorial Cross and WW II monument on the Memorial Green Town Sign, Memorial Green Flagpoles, Town and Memorial Greens Groups of historic buildings around Town Greens: Town Green: Surgery, Pharmacy, Assembly Rooms, Cottages, Globe Inn Memorial Green: Orchard House, other cottages Milestone, Town Green Millennium Stone, Town Green Trees: Nr Wycliffe Chapel, on Town Greens</p>	
<p>3. SUMMARY</p>	
<p>A. Scenic Quality: <i>Think about sounds, smells and colours, how it makes you feel, does it feel tranquil? Think about balance (harmonious - chaotic) and diversity (uniform – complex) Seasonal features can also be important.</i></p> <p>Broad, busy town centre and residential area with green spaces and views to countryside.</p>	
<p>B. Activities and Associations: <i>What do people do in this landscape? Work and/or leisure? Do people paint or photograph it? Are there local poems or stories? What makes you identify with it or value it?</i></p> <p>Live, work, shop, use facilities. Celebrate national and local events. Join together as a community.</p>	
<p>C: In a few words or a sentence or two, what are for you the key <u>positive</u> features about this area? What makes it special? As 3 (a) Settlement Assessment</p>	
<p>D: In a few words or a sentence or two, what are for you the key <u>negative</u> features about this area? What detracts from it? As 3 (b) Settlement Assessment</p>	