

Why Littlemore is considered appropriate to be designated as a neighbourhood area

Littlemore Parish boundary and defined area of benefit.

- **Latitude:** 51.7294
- **Longitude:** -1.2184

Location

Littlemore is located approximately 3 miles to the south of Oxford, south of the Eastern Bypass and to the west of Blackbird Leys. Access to the village is via the A4074 Sandford Link Road into Henley Road/Sandford Road and the Eastern Bypass (A42142) onto Oxford Road and Cowley Road, Littlemore.

In 2011 Littlemore ward had 6,278 residents living in 2,694 households. Littlemore also had 163 residents who were living in communal establishments such as hospitals or care homes. The household population grew at 13% in the decade 2001-2011, slightly above the Oxford average, and the number of households increased by 237 (source 2011 census).



Fig. 1 Littlemore Parish Boundary (circa 2011)

Note that the Parish Boundaries are not the same as city electoral ward boundaries - this differs in the North West part of the Ward. The parish boundary excludes Fairlie Road (boundary is in the middle of the road), Mayfair Road, Hillsborough Road and a sections of Littlemore/Cowley Road as outlined in Fig.3

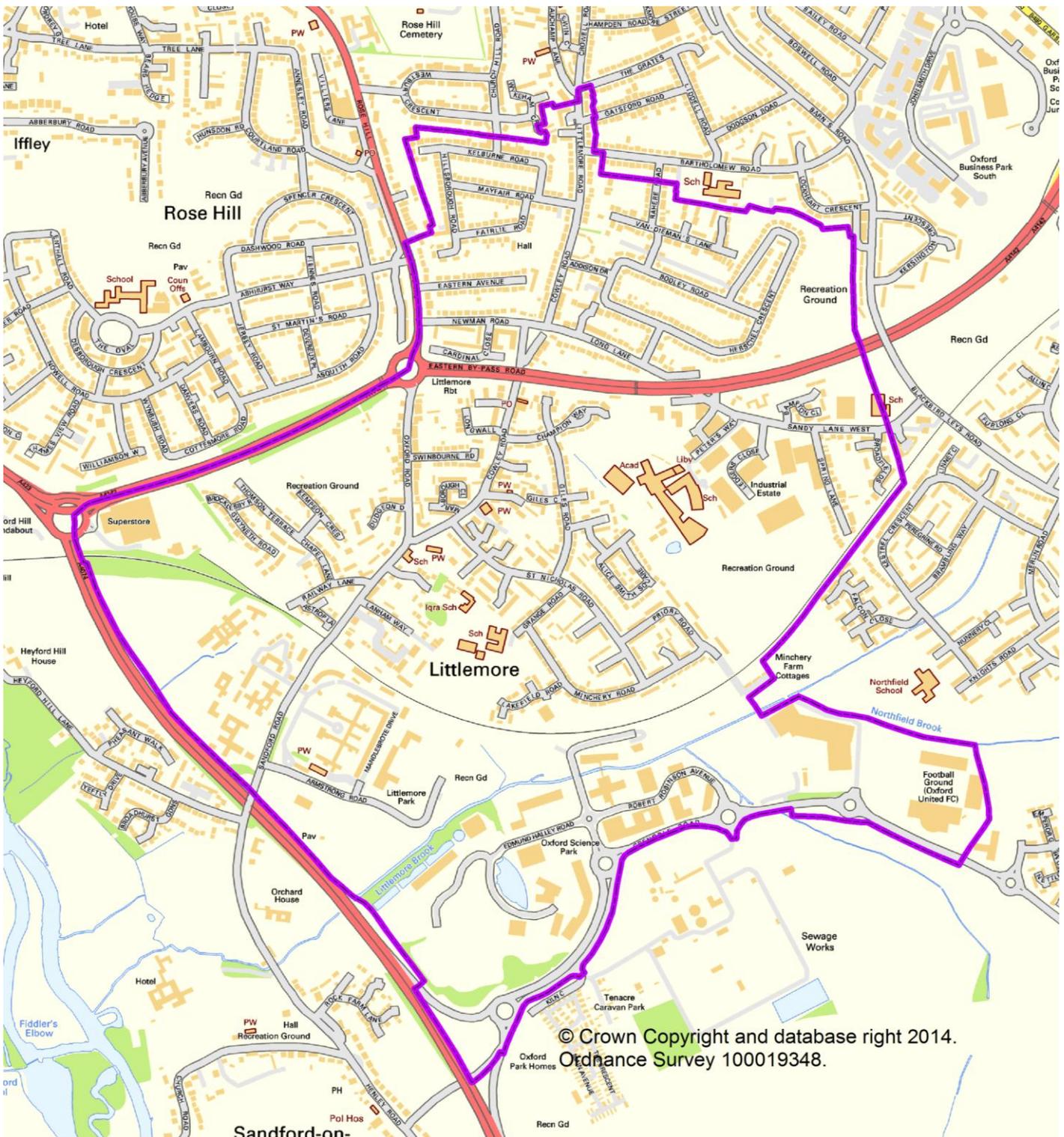


Fig 2. Littlemore electoral ward boundary

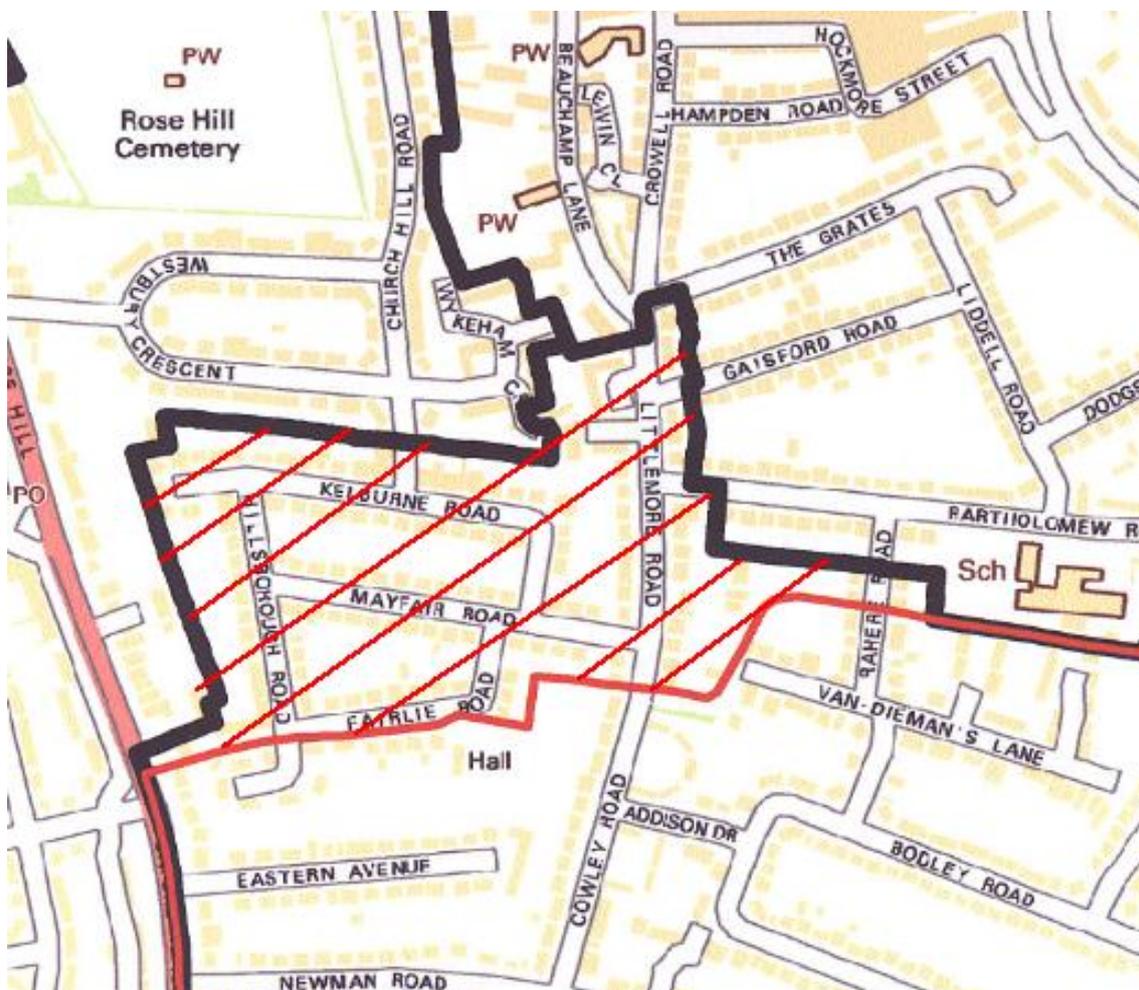


Fig.3 Comparison between the parish boundary (in red) and the electoral ward boundary (in black).

Littlemore was identified as an area which merits protection and consideration through conservation area status in the Draft Oxford Local Plan Review, April 1992, which noted it to have an historic centre comprised of essentially two elements.

The first is the predominantly rural settlement of manor house, farmhouse, barns and houses whose ages span the 15th to 18th centuries. The second is that resulting from Rev. John Henry Newman's involvement with Littlemore from the 1830s when he had built the first parish church in 1836 and converted a range of farm buildings to his "College" in the early 1840s.

There are 14 entries in the statutory list of buildings of special architectural or historic interest compiled by the Secretary of State within the Littlemore conservation area. The buildings represented on the List range from the 19th century church (St Mary and Nicholas Church) and Lychgate, the Manor House, Lawn Upton School and Lodge, The College, together with domestic dwellings and some of their high, rubble-stone boundary walls. All of these are historically and visually important building types within a village settlement. Several methods of construction and materials go to make up the variety of Littlemore's built environment. There is a mixture of rubble and ashlar stone, either natural or painted, coursed or random, sometimes with brick dressings under red tiled roofs. Brick, and painted render walls with slate roofs make an appearance, while timber framing exists in several of the older buildings. Many of the differing ages of buildings are linked as a visual entity by the presence of stone boundary walls. There

are several good examples of trees on street frontages within the conservation area which act as a foil to buildings and structures.

Listed buildings (Grade II) in Littlemore Parish

- 57, Elm Tree close, Littlemore
- Barn attached to Beenhams, Railway Lane, Littlemore
- Campion Cottage, Railway Lane, Littlemore
- Charity Farm Cottage, College Lane, Littlemore
- Church of St Mary and St Nicholas, Cowley Road, Littlemore
- Corpus Christi Farmhouse, Sandford Road, Littlemore
- Dormer Croft 26/28, Cowley Road, Littlemore
- Lawn Upton House, David Nicholls Close, Littlemore
- Littlemore Hospital, Mandelbrote Drive, Littlemore
- Lodge of Lawn Upton House, David Nicholls Close, Littlemore
- Old House 7, Sandford Road, Littlemore
- St George's 31, Littlemore
- The College, College Lane, Littlemore
- Wall at Number 23, Swinbourne Road, Littlemore

There are several listed buildings in the vicinity of the project.



Above: depicts the Littlemore Conservation area (Black bold line), the proposal is located in a central position on a wide verge where residents have held Christmas carols, and serves as the geographic and visual centre of Littlemore.

Littlemore Parish Council will not include Fairlie Road, Mayfair Road Hillsborough Road and a section of Littlemore/Cowley Road will include this area during the consultation process, and data collection, as the area lies outside of the parish boundary. Although this area lies within the electoral register of Littlemore, ward boundaries will change to accommodate size of population and dwelling densities. These changes would have an impact upon a local plan. So for the purposes of the neighbourhood plan Littlemore Parish Council has decided to use the parish boundary to better represent the area of benefit, both in the current context and future political changes that may influence future changes in and around Littlemore.

Littlemore will change considerably in the future, both in terms of socio-economic growth, but also via substantial planning applications, and Oxford City Councils aims in regenerating the area due to its classification as a area of high deprivation. The objectives of the proposed plan are to influence planning applications, and to encourage infrastructure that will enhance the future lives of those working, living and studying within the ward.

Littlemore Parish is considered 'appropriate' not only for its physical and historical attributes, but also to represent the views of an ever diverse and expanding population, that will require improved transportation links, educational facilities and plays of work and play. Working with its partners Littlemore Parish Council believes we can deliver these objectives via an inclusive neighbourhood plan.

Conclusion

The proposed Littlemore Neighbourhood Plan will focus on the needs and issues within the Littlemore Parish boundary.



Fig.4 Oxford City Wards, identifying the ward of Littlemore and it's locality within the city.

