

INTRODUCTION TO VILLAGE PLANNING GUIDANCE FOR RICHMOND AND RICHMOND HILL

What is Village Planning Guidance?

London Borough of Richmond upon Thames (LBRuT) wants residents and businesses to help prepare 'Village Planning Guidance' for the Richmond & Richmond Hill Village area. This will be a document that the Council considers when deciding on planning applications. Village Planning Guidance can:

- Help to identify what the 'local character' of your area is and what features need to be retained.
- Help protect and enhance the local character of your area, particularly if it is not a designated 'Conservation Area'.
- Establish key design principles that new development should respond to.
- The boundary has been based on the Village Plan area to reflect the views of where people live, as well as practical considerations to support the local interpretation of planning policy.

How can I get involved?

There will be two different stages of engagement and consultation before the guidance is adopted.

During May and June residents and businesses are being asked about their vision for the future of their areas, thinking about:

- the local character
- heritage assets
- improvement opportunities for specific sites or areas
- other planning policy or general village plan issues

Draft guidance will be developed over the summer based on your views and a formal (statutory) consultation carried out in September / October 2015 before adoption later in the year.

How does Village Planning Guidance work?

The Village Planning Guidance will become a formal planning policy 'Supplementary Planning Document' (SPD) which the Council will take account of when deciding on planning applications, so it will influence developers and householders in preparing plans and designs. This includes any aspect of changing the physical environment that requires a planning application for built development and other matters such as new street signs, shop fronts, road layouts or cycleways.

How does the 'Village Planning Guidance' relate to Village Plans?

The Planning Guidance builds on the 'Village Plans' which were developed from the 2010 'All in One' survey results, and from ongoing consultation, including through the engagement events currently underway and later in the year. The Village Planning Guidance will be a dedicated section as part of the Village Plans.



Indicative Richmond and Richmond Hill Village Planning Guidance Study Boundary



WHAT YOU SAID SO FAR - AND WHAT HAS BEEN DONE

What were the most mentioned issues set out in the Village Plans and what has been done?

Traffic and Congestion

What was said:

You said there is too much congestion in and around the Town Centre.

You said that there are issues for Kew Road with the levels of congestion, pollution, speeding and phasing of traffic lights, particularly at the junction with Church Road.

You told us you have a number of concerns about Queens Road including safety for pedestrians and cyclists and congestion.

You highlighted problems with the A316 including general congestion, traffic light phasing and difficulties joining the road from other streets.



What we have done:

- We have imposed more stringent planning conditions so that building contractors and suppliers have to use specified routes to ensure that overweight lorries avoid smaller streets.
- The Council sought and gained new powers so that Penalty Charge Notices can be issued to drivers stopping in the yellow box junctions. These powers came into force May 2013.
- All school zig-zag marking adjacent school entrances have been reviewed. Enforcement has reduced congestion outside schools at key times.
- There are new Double Yellow Lines at key points along Queens Road.
- Improved accessibility to Richmond Riverside through improved surfacing and parking controls.
- Richmond Park Gate – improved accessibility for pedestrians through creation of a footway, improved surfacing and a road safety scheme.
- All bus stops on the bus service routes 33 and 371 through Richmond have been surveyed for full accessibility compliance and work is due to start in bringing any failing bus stops up to standard.
- A continuing programme of providing new cycle racks at Richmond station and around the town centre.
- Richmond Town Centre Improvement Scheme comprising of footway improvements, the provision of a signalised pedestrian crossing at the station, pedestrianisation of the station forecourt, reconstruction of the existing steps and upgrading of traffic signals at Church Road. In addition, the Council's Tourism and Events Manager have worked with Network Rail to install a new Visitor Information kiosk in Richmond Station that will be staffed by volunteers.
- Installation of new taxi ranks in the town centre.

What we are going to do:

- We are working in conjunction with TfL to improve the signal timings, with better linking, throughout the town centre to improve traffic flow. In addition, TfL are planning to improve safety at Manor Circus and upgrade the cycle facilities.
- The Council has led on the introduction of more new cycle parking at Richmond Station. To date much has already been installed but providing new parking is increasingly difficult. In addition, the Council is currently in discussions with the owners of Oriel House to provide a new cycle parking scheme at the site.
- Traffic lights are being reviewed across London by Transport for London and the Council to optimise timings, or consider removal in some circumstances.
- Following comments raised at the Leader's Question Time, the Council will be upgrading the pedestrian crossings lights across The Quadrant to introduce count down timers and enhance their visibility.

WHAT YOU SAID SO FAR - AND WHAT HAS BEEN DONE

Pavements and Roads

What was said:

You told us that you are concerned about the hazards caused by poor condition of some pavements and roads.

What we have done:

- The Council has made available a specific annual funding pot of £35,000 per village area through the Community Road and Pavement Fund. This is in addition to the routine maintenance work being carried out.
- The Community Road and Pavement Fund has led to improvements in the area, including:
 - Duncan Road – Road and footway repairs
 - St Pauls Road – Footway repairs
 - Trinity Cottage – Improved road surface
 - Pagoda Avenue – Footway
 - Friars Stile Road – Footway
 - Clarence Street – Footway repairs
 - Rosemont Road - Road resurfaced
 - Lancaster Park - Road resurfaced
- The wall and railings on Richmond Hill have been repaired.

What we are going to do:

Routine maintenance will be undertaken to the Church Road footways. The Vineyard, Mount Ararat Road, The Terrace and Richmond Hill are due to be resurfaced this year.

You told us that tree roots are often the cause of damage to pavements and create trip hazards.

- A new tree policy has been adopted by the Council.

Careful consideration will be given to the locations for tree planting and the type of species used.

Provision of parking

What was said:

You told us that it is difficult to find parking, especially near your homes and by local shops.

What we have done:

- We have enabled anyone who would like to suggest the unnecessary yellow lines near their home or business could safely be removed to email the location to the Council.
- Twenty four new resident spaces and six pay-and-display/ shared-use spaces have been provided following a review of yellow lines and changes to bay markings.

What we are going to do:

The Council is keen to hear of other suggestions of where there are opportunities to increase parking provision.

Clearer warnings for suspended bays so they can be more easily identified by drivers.

You identified the lack of car parking spaces, parking restrictions and the parking issues associated with local schools as contributing factors.

- All School Keep Clear markings have been reviewed and the times that the restrictions are in force have been amended to only cover school term times.

There will be new parking signs outside schools to allow parking during school holidays.

You suggested that it should be made easier to park near shops with more 30 minute parking places.

- There is now 30 minutes free parking for residents in any Council run car parks or on street pay and display using the Richmond Card.

We will consider requests for 30min parking spaces near to local shops on a case by case basis.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED IN YOUR LOCAL AREA

Cambrian Community Centre

The Cambrian Community Centre is a community centre based between Queen's Road and Cambrian Road in Richmond. It aims to provide facilities for the benefit of local people, including acting as a focus for community activity and a venue for local groups and services. It aims to offer opportunities for education, recreation, leisure and constructive activity to children and adults of all ages

The Richmond Society

The Richmond Society was founded in 1957 by a group of local residents originally to fight against the proposal to install modern lamp posts around the ancient Green. As the Civic Society for Richmond the Society addresses the pressure from new developments, aircraft noise, and the night economy. The Society believes that planning, new buildings, works to existing buildings, landscaping and street furniture should all make a positive and sympathetic contribution to the existing character of Richmond's built environment.

The Richmond Society plays a crucial role in making sure that proposed changes benefit those who live and work in the borough and also preserve its natural and built environments.

Friends of Richmond Park

Friends of Richmond Park is a charity dedicated to the conservation and protection of Richmond Park. They help protect the Park's peace and natural beauty for the benefit of the public and future generations.

Their aim is to encourage people to value the Park, and to maintain it for future generations. Volunteers work on practical conservation projects in conjunction with the Royal Parks, and on our History Project, which allows the Hearsam Collection of Park-related historical media to be viewed by the public. Friends raise funds to support projects in the Park by staffing the Visitor Centre, and through the sales of publications - The Guide to Richmond Park, and Family Trails in Richmond Park, and also a calendar.

The Friends is also involved in public issues which may adversely affect the Park, such as the proposed transfer of the Royal Parks to the Mayor of London, the Olympics road cycling which passed through the Park, and local planning issues and changes to policing.

Richmond Good Neighbours

Richmond Good Neighbours has been providing help and support to the people of Richmond for over thirty years. It is a registered charity which was established to "provide services to the elderly, the disabled, the housebound and others living in the old civil parish of Richmond".

Nearly sixty volunteers provide services entirely free of charge, including shopping on behalf of a client or taking the client shopping, driving to and from medical or dental appointments, transportation to and from social clubs or to meet with friends and occasional gardening. They also offer a visiting and befriending service. In short they offer most of the tasks of a non-specific nature such as might be offered by a 'good neighbour'.

Richmond Business & Retail Association

Richmond Business & Retail Association (RBRA) meets bi-monthly at Duke Street Church Leaf & Bean cafe starting at 8.15am. It provides an opportunity for businesses/local charities to network, discuss Council initiatives for supporting business, local events and promoting the town. The RBRA receives annual funding from the Town Centre Opportunities Fund to support the Town Centre Manager post. More information can be found at www.richmondtown.org/uk

The Vineyard Community Centre

Provides drop in support for people in crisis, professional advice from CAB and SPEAR and runs the Food Bank. There is an excellent Charity Shop and Cafe with garden which is open Monday to Thursday afternoons that also runs a range of activities.



Village Planning Guidance Events

To get more involved in the Village Planning Guidance come along to the following events where you can meet the team and have your say about what is important in your local area:

Saturday 6 June 2015

Drop-In – 10:00am – 4:00pm

Richmond Adult Community College

Saturday 13 June 2015

Drop-In – 10:00am – 4:00pm

St Matthias Church

Sunday 7 June 2015

Walkabout | 11:00am - 1:00pm and 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Sunday 14 June 2015

Walkabout | 11:00am - 1:00pm and 2:00pm - 4:00pm

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Helping Richmond businesses to grow and prosper

A feasibility study has been carried out and the Council will be appointing consultants to work with businesses to progress development of a Business Improvement District for Richmond Town Centre. If the businesses vote in favour they will pay a small levy on their business rates that will be used by them to pay for initiatives they have identified for strengthening the quality of the area to attract more footfall and investment

The redevelopment scheme 'One Eton Street' has provided high quality new retail space for Wholefoods Market. Recognising the difficulties that the development work caused for some traders, the Council supported local businesses in an application for business rate relief.

We will continue to support the "pop up" shops in Richmond town centre, and we encourage people to come forward with opportunities for this.

More affordable homes for Richmond

From April 2010 to March 2014, the Council working with its partners has delivered four hundred and thirty three affordable homes for borough residents; this included the borough's first specialist Extra Care Housing Scheme and supported housing schemes for the learning disability and mental health services. Ninety five affordable homes have been provided in Richmond and Richmond Hill Village including 38 affordable rented units and 42 shared ownership units on the sites at Garden Road and 293 Lower Richmond Road.

Schools

Holy Trinity School was expanded from one to two forms of entry in September 2011, and Christ's School was expanded from four to five forms of entry in September 2013 and had a sixth form in 2014. Permanent expansion of The Vineyard Primary School from two to three forms of entry took place in September 2014. The Council is continuing to work with free school proposers, including regarding local residents concerns around issues such as traffic and parking, so that any successful free schools will be part of the local family of schools.

Parks and Open spaces

Since 2010 there have been a number of improvements to parks:

Worple Way – play upgrade in 2011/12 including new play equipment, new seating and fencing.

Tangier Green saw a full play area upgrade in 2012 including additional play equipment, soft landscaping and new boundary fence to screen the main road.

Old Deer Park – 2012 saw project to upgrade events area and entrances, upgrade of both play areas and installation of Olympic Legacy Adizone outdoor gym.

Richmond Green has seen footpath upgrades, new park furniture, an electricity supply for the ice cream van to reduce noise and painting of boundary railings.

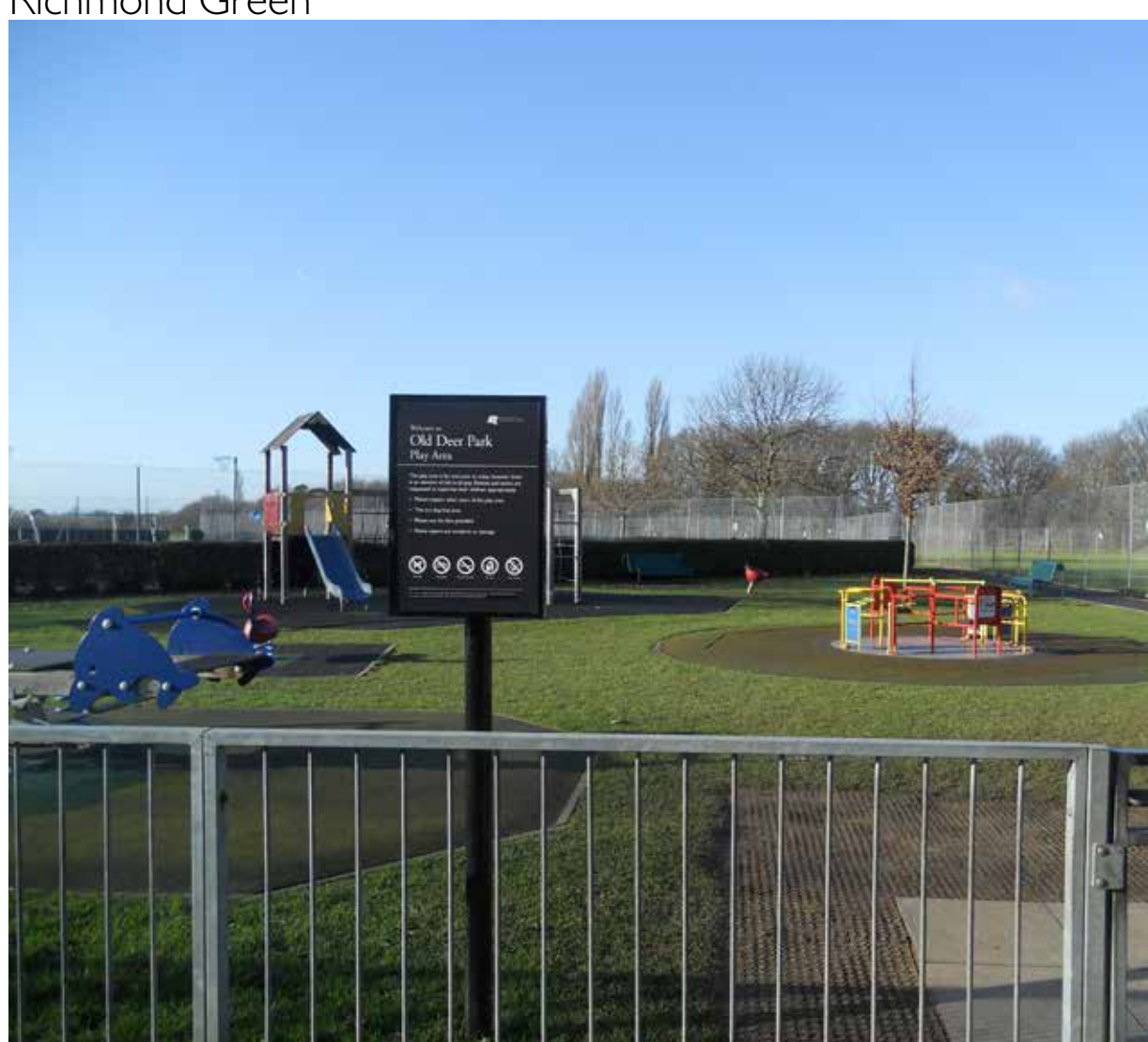
Petersham Meadows, now under National Trust management had new interpretation signage installed at each entrance.



Richmond Green



Petersham Meadows



Old Deer Park



Old Deer Park

DEFINING THE CHARACTER OF RICHMOND AND RICHMOND HILL VILLAGE

The Council has undertaken some initial work on trying to identify the different areas of Richmond and Richmond Hill which have a similar character, together with some of their key features. Some of these are based on established Conservation Areas. These are displayed on the boards so that we can seek your views.

We want to find out what you think the most important features are of your local area - use the boards to find out where this is.

This will help ensure that the character is maintained and enhanced for the future and that new developments or changes to existing buildings respect the aspects of local character that you think are important.

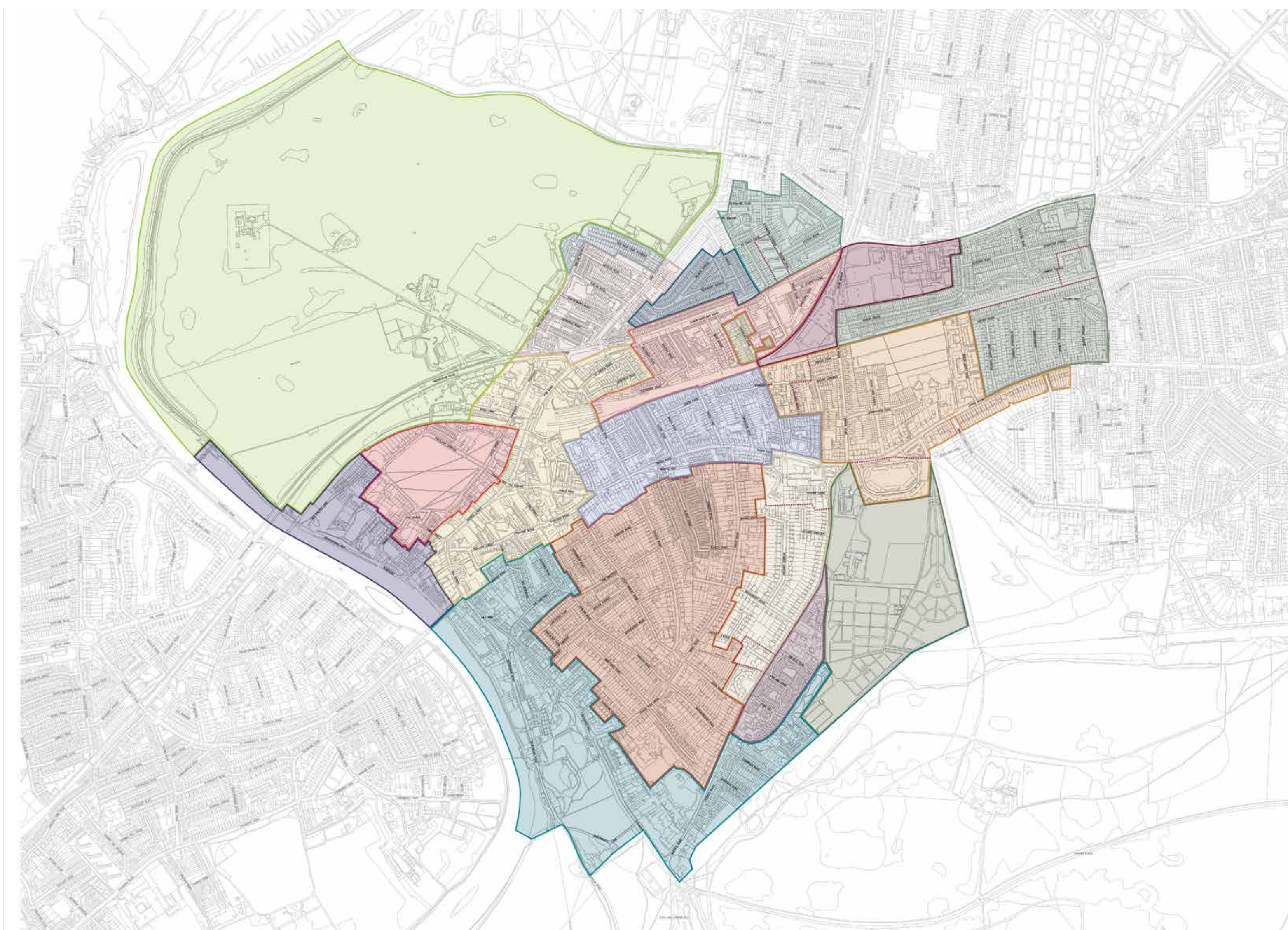
What are the opportunities to enhance your local area?

What do you think the best and most important features are?

What are the pressures or problems facing your area?

The features that you might want to think about could include:

- windows, roofs and chimneys
- building materials and colours
- gardens and green spaces
- street trees and paving
- border walls or railings



Richmond and Richmond Hill Character Areas

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Conservation Area 1: Kew Foot Road (36)

- Kew Foot Road Conservation Area lies just north of Richmond centre, contained by Old Deer Park to the west, Twickenham Road to the south and Kew Road to the east.
- The area is defined by a mixture of grand Georgian terraces, large detached and semi-detached townhouses and small Victorian artisans' cottages.
- The area has a good mix of shops and cafés and includes the Art Deco frontage of the former Cafe Matthiae.
- Rosedale Road consists of two-storey dwellings, mixed stock brick and timber sash windows.
- Jocelyn Road includes semi-detached Edwardian properties over two, three and four storeys.
- Michel's Row's terraced cottages are an important landmark, clearly visible from the main road.



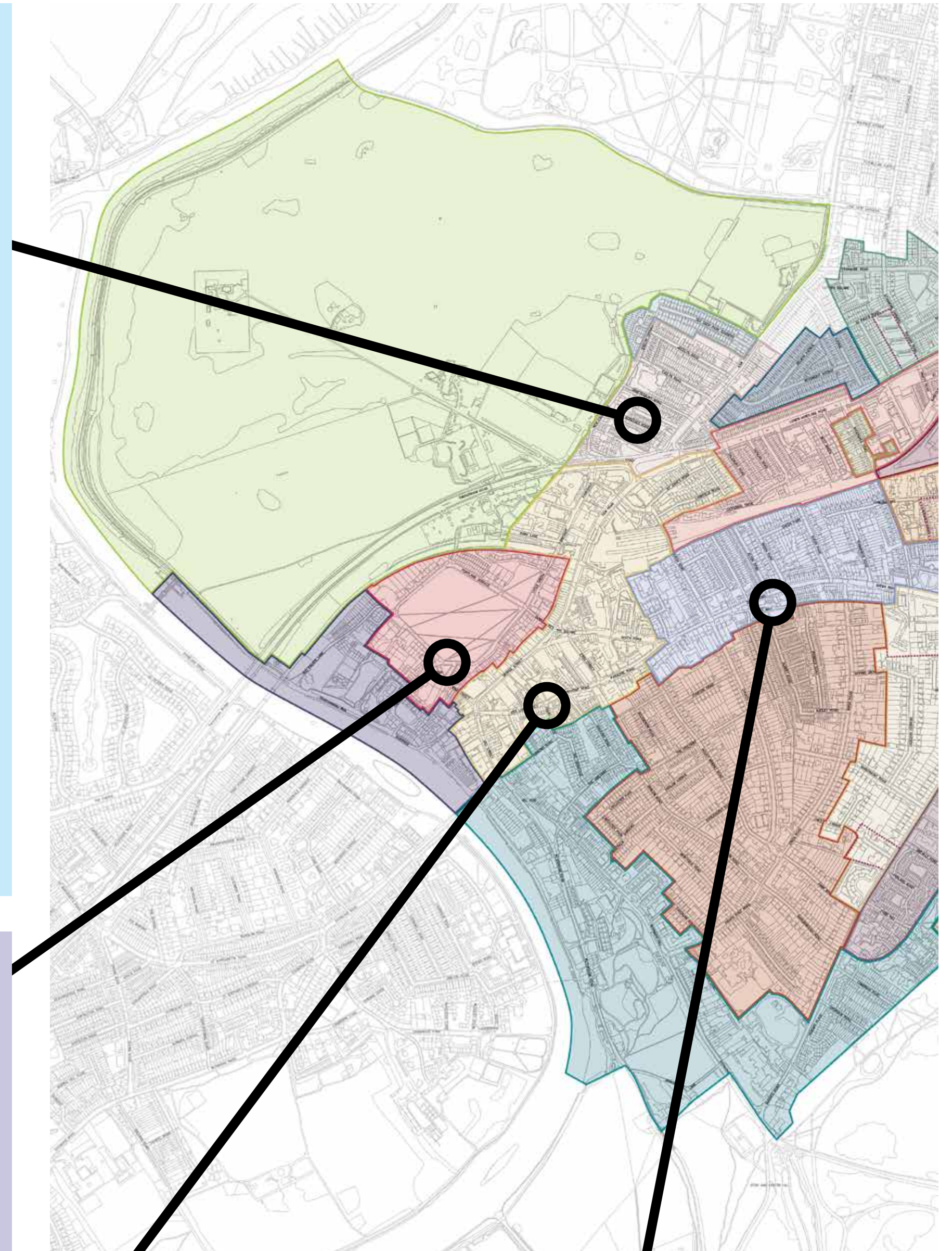
Conservation Area 14: Richmond Green (3)

- Situated adjacent to Central Richmond and to the south of the A316 and Old Deer Park.
- There are a variety of housing typologies ranging from historic Tudor buildings, late-seventeenth and early-eighteenth century terraces, mid-nineteenth century villas and post-war development.
- There are distinct elements that form Richmond Green; the main part of The Green, the smaller and secluded Little Green to the north east, and the small urban square in front of Old Palace Terrace to the south west.
- **Materials and features:** Bay windows; gables; parapets; eaves cornices; brown and red bricks; railings; dormer windows; and tiled roofs.



Conservation Area 15: Central Richmond (17)

- Central Richmond Conservation Area is situated to the south-east of Richmond Green.
- There are three distinct character areas within the Conservation Area: the main shopping core; Parkshot; and the edge of centre streets.
- This is a predominantly commercial shopping area and the townscape is noteworthy for its variety of buildings and architectural features.
- **Materials and features:** gables; stock bricks; red and yellow bricks; stone render; white stucco bands; gable vies; iron railings; mature lime trees; stucco bays; stepped parapets; stepped eaves; and chimneys.

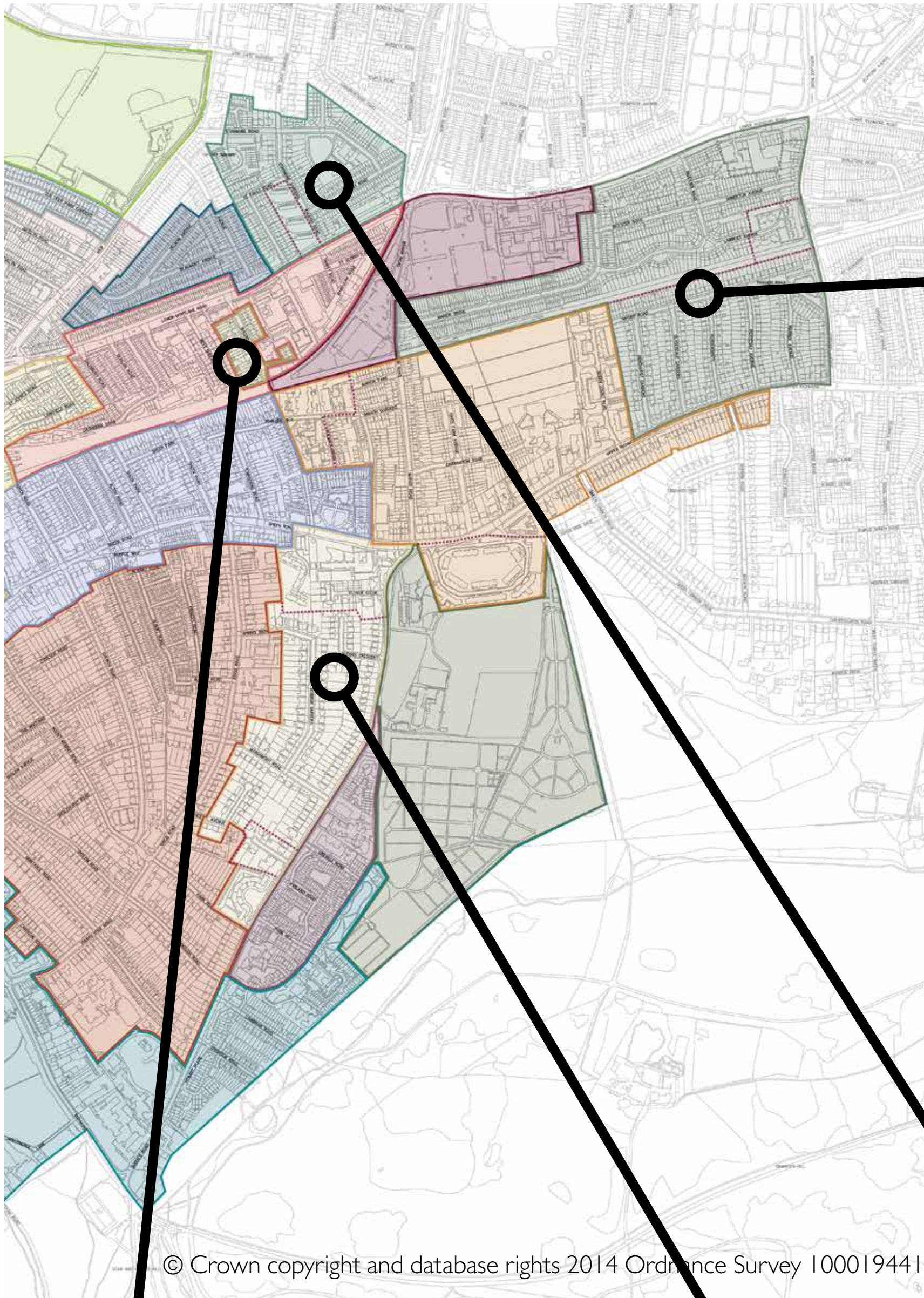


Conservation Area 16: Sheen Road (31)

- The Conservation Area includes Sheen Road and the area to the north bounded by the railway line. It adjoins Richmond Hill (5), Central Richmond (17) and St Matthias (30) Conservation Areas to the south and west.
- The area is made up of eighteenth and nineteenth century semi-detached and terraced properties with a range of key listed buildings.
- North of Sheen Road is characterised by a mix of Victorian housing with attractive brickwork and distinct elevations.
- Sheen Road includes traditional shopfronts and dwellings including frontages with mature trees.
- Hickeys Almshouses and Houblons Almshouses frontages provide public open space and an important break in the urban landscape.



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Character Area 7:

- This character area is bounded by Lower Richmond Road on the north and Upper Richmond Road on the south, defined by long, orderly Edwardian and interwar housing.
- Lambert Avenue has a picturesque winding layout of short terraces built in 1921, leading to Manor Grove with its long, uniform terraces with arched doorways.
- Uniform two-storey terraces are found on the western part of Manor Grove.
- At the eastern end of Lambert Avenue is a mid-twentieth century housing estate of three-storey buildings with pitched roofs, in red brick with some white-painted weatherboarding.
- Interwar semi-detached houses are found on Denehurst Gardens, Clydesdale Gardens and the west half of Tangier Road.



Character Area 3: North of Lower Mortlake Road

- This area is bounded by Lower Mortlake Road to the south and by Kew Road and Kew Gardens Conservation Areas.
- Twentieth century terrace housing is found on Castlegate and St Paul's Road with Tudor Revival and Arts and Crafts details.
- Windham Nursery School is set within Neo-Georgian Buildings which has modern additions.
- Interwar and later detached and semi-detached houses along Stanmore Gardens.
- Gainsborough Road has stuccoed terraces with well-proportioned arched doorways.
- Finucane Court housing estate is set in lush parkland and mature trees.



Conservation Area 5: Sheendale Road (50)

- Sheendale Road Conservation Area lies east of Richmond Centre, between Lower Mortlake Road to the north and the railway line to the south.
- The Conservation Area is a small and distinctive area of attractive and largely unspoilt Victorian cottages.
- The majority of dwellings on Sheendale Road and Crown Terrace are mid-nineteenth century semi-detached cottages linked by single storey porches with simple yellow stock brick or rendered facades.
- The road includes clear views south enclosed by a building line set behind well planted front gardens and low front boundary walls.



Character Area 10: Queen's Road (west side)

- Wide and leafy streets, typically with large Edwardian and interwar semi-detached houses but also including some later twentieth century housing estates.
- Large semi-detached houses occupying the west and north side of Spring Grove Road as well as on Marchmont Road and Queen's Road.
- Chester Avenue has a striking 1930s apartment block with Art Deco windows.
- Peldon Court, a late 1950s housing estate set in a cul-de-sac with lawns and mature trees.
- Queen's Court is a large 1930s apartment block, located on a horseshoe plan facing Queen's Road, with generous lawns screened by trees.



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Conservation Area 18: Old Deer Park (57)

- Situated along the River Thames which borders the east and west and is bounded to the south by Richmond, to the north by the Royal Botanic Gardens.
- The park is Grade I listed on the register of historic Parks and Gardens. The area is well defined and an extensive area of open space.
- The King's Observatory which is located on the site is a Grade I listed building by Sir William Chambers.
- The swimming pool was built in 1967 and is set within a landscaped area with many fine trees located around the boundary.
- The Golf course covers a substantial area and fronts the River Thames.
- Richmond Athletics, Kew Road Sports Grounds and the Recreational Grounds offer a variety of facilities and sporting activities.
- This area is the subject of a separate consultation.



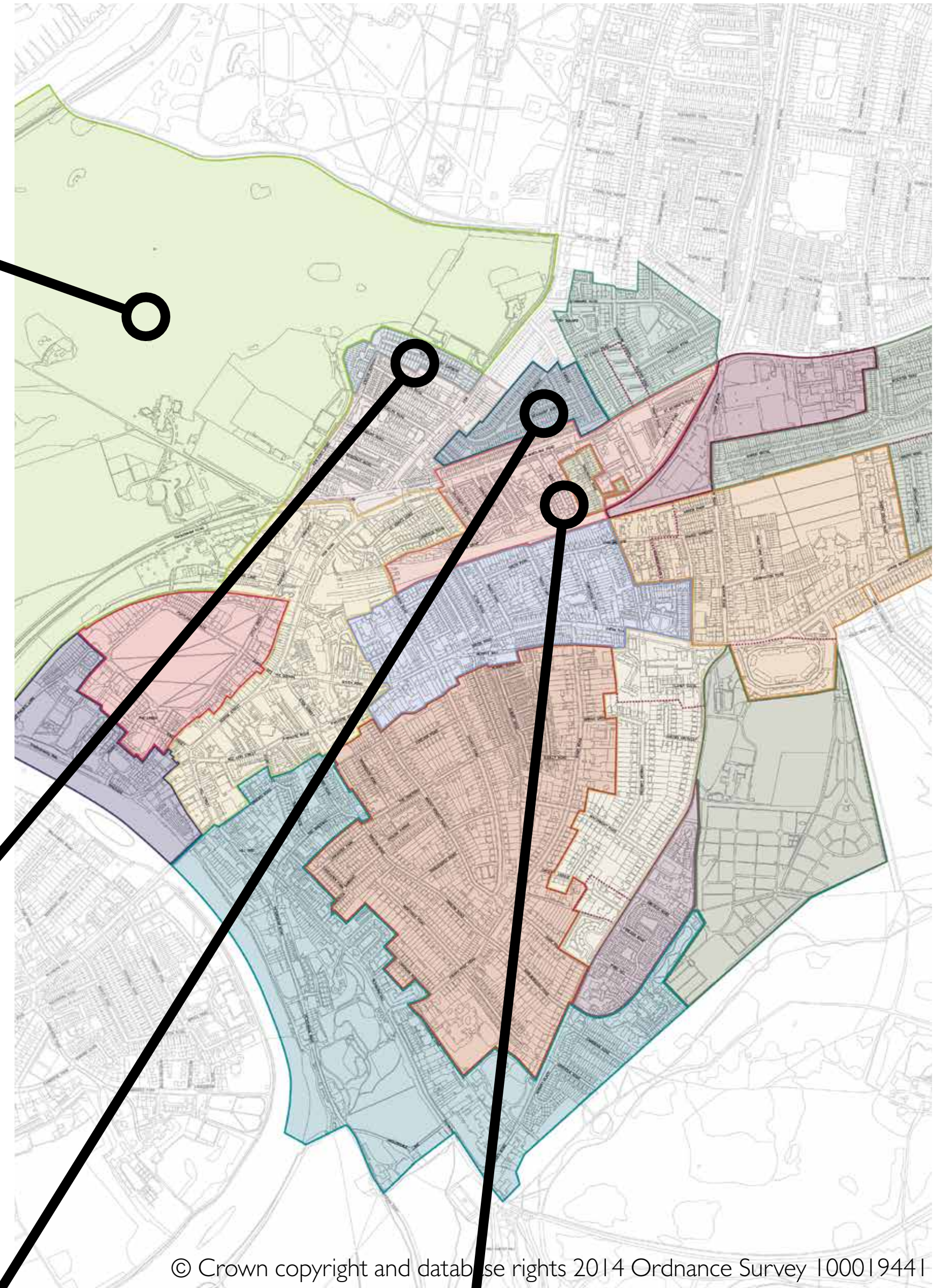
Character Area 17: Old Deer Park Gardens

- The area is adjacent to the Old Deer Park and surrounded by Conservation Areas. It comprises Old Deer Park Gardens, with regular terraces, and Tower Rise.
- Old Deer Park Gardens has two interwar semi-detached pairs at the entry to the street. The remainder are Edwardian semi-detached housing, closely spaced to resemble terraces.
- Tower Rise is a secluded enclave of two short cul-de-sacs, with informally arranged short terraces giving a uniform appearance.



Character Area 2: The Pagoda Triangle

- This character area is a triangle of Beaumont Avenue, Selwyn Avenue and Pagoda Avenue.
- Leafy streets of late-Victorian terraces predominantly in red brick with stucco dressings.
- Projecting bays incorporating decorative terracotta panels under the windows and in the gables.
- All streets benefit from irregularly spaced street trees, with a high proportion of silver birch.
- **Materials and features:** Open timberwork balconies and porches, dwarf front gardens walls, timber sashes and doors, clay tiles, slates, chimneys, bay windows and planted front gardens.



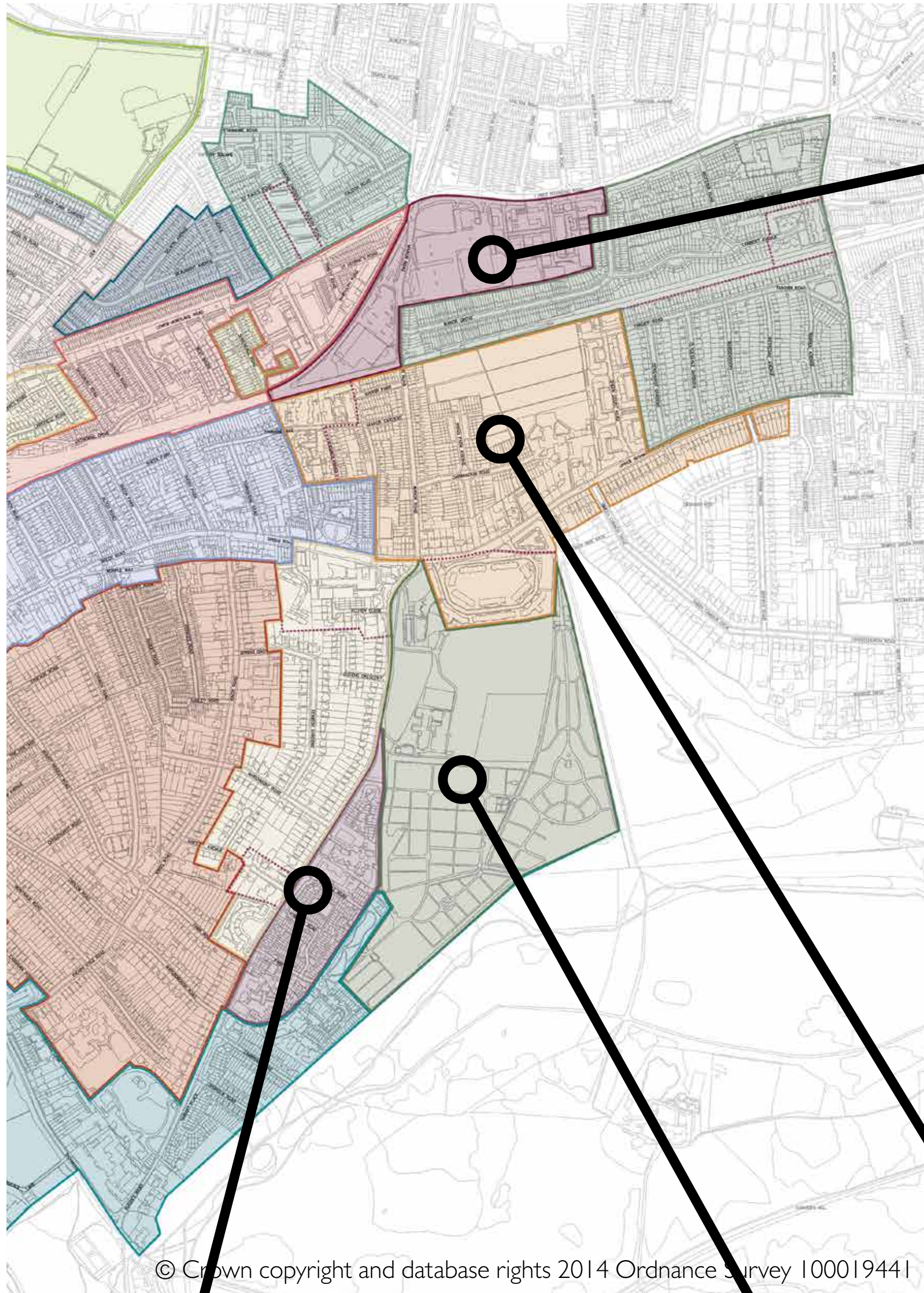
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Character Area 4: South of Mortlake Road

- This character area is bounded on the north by the busy A316 (Lower Mortlake Road) and on the south by the railway line.
- Mixed area of Victorian and Edwardian terraces set amongst later twentieth-century housing, offices and industrial units.
- Front gardens are defined by low walls, sometimes with timber fences.
- **Materials and features:** Stock brick with red brick dressings, or entirely red brick, Timber sashes and doors, clay tiles, slates, chimneys, bay windows, planted front gardens and stucco decoration.



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Character Area 6: Old Gas Works

- This character area occupies the angle of two busy through routes: Lower Richmond Road and Manor Road.
- Isolated network of cul-de-sacs with a mix of modern housing, retail and light industrial buildings.
- The central area has a network of short roads: Orchard, Garden and Market. One two-storey Victorian house survives on the corner of Orchard and Lower Richmond Roads.
- **Materials and features:** red and stock bricks, metal cladding and windows, planted beds.



Character Area 8: King's Farm Road and surrounds

- This character area occupies the angle of two busy through routes: Manor Road and Sheen Road. It is predominantly residential and also includes Manor Road Allotments and Holy Trinity School.
- Manor Road retains its late Victorian and Edwardian housing along with some semi-detached houses built in the late nineteenth century.
- King's Farm Avenue and Carrington Road comprise a planned housing estate of short terraces with a formal symmetrical layout.
- Sheen Court is comprised of six large four-storey apartment blocks, red brick, simply detailed but well built and retaining some of the original steel casement windows.
- At the east end of Townsend Terrace, the original houses have been replaced by mid twentieth-century housing blocks.



Character Area 9: Queen's Road Estate

- The low-rise Queen's Road Estate (1980s-1990s) is bordered by the Queen's Road to the west and Richmond Park to the east and retains many mature trees.
- On north of Greville Road larger buildings between one and three storeys.
- Housing around Broadhurst Close is modern and consists of short terraces in brown brick, with arched doorways and pitched roofs.
- South of Greville Road comprises the later phases of the Queen's Road Estate with loosely planned terraces and clusters of housing around spacious culs-de-sac.
- **Materials and features:** Brown brick, brick staircases, glazed porches, arched or square-headed doorways, pitched slate roofs, brick pathways, metal windows and mature trees.



Richmond and East Sheen Cemeteries

- Just outside Richmond Park's north west corner and bordered by a thickly wooded area that is within the Park. It comprises the grounds of Christ's School and the Richmond and East Sheen Cemeteries toward the south.
- Christ's School is set back from Queen's Road behind Pesthouse Common, an ancient open space with mature lime and horse chestnut trees.
- Richmond and East Sheen Cemeteries are bounded by simple fencing that is pleasantly overgrown with shrubs and trees.
- **Materials and features:** Stock brick with white weatherboarding, Stone, Steeply pitched roofs of slate or clay tiles, Simple fencing in timber or black-painted iron and Mature trees.



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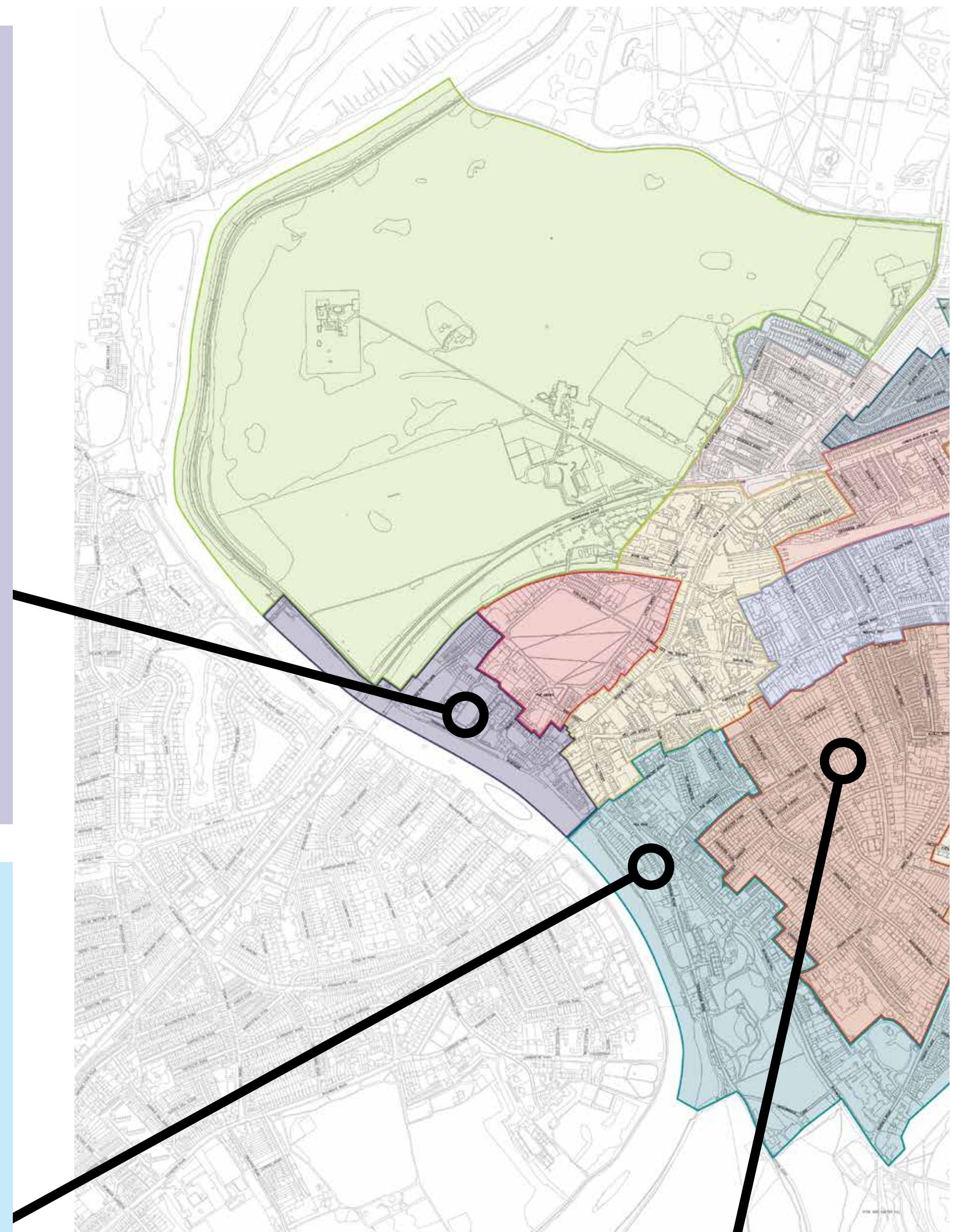
Conservation Area 13: Richmond Riverside (4)

- Richmond Riverside Conservation Area extends between Richmond Bridge and Richmond Lock.
- The River Thames is a key feature running between Twickenham and Richmond.
- The river has created a recreational water frontage known as Richmond Bank which is subject to a lot of interest and forms a setting to the important buildings.
- The Conservation Area is characterised by a range of architectural styles including: Georgian; Victorian; Edwardian; Arts and Crafts; and mixed renaissance.



Conservation Area 12: Richmond Hill (5)

- The Conservation Area spans the open landscape on both banks of the Thames south of Richmond town centre including the townscape along Richmond Hill, as far as Richmond Gate.
- The townscape of the area accounts for the local landscape and topography of the hill.
- A variety of uses in the area including residential, commercial, educational, institutional and public open space.
- Richmond Hill has a distinct group of Regency and Victoria housing with a unified townscape behind a limited colour palette and general brickwork.
- There are key strategic views from the terrace and riverfront to surrounding landmarks.
- Queen's Road contains low rise nineteenth century detached and semi-detached dwellings on Cambrian and Chisholm Roads.



Conservation Area 11: St Matthias (30)

- St Matthias Conservation Area is situated on the north slope of Richmond Hill to the south of Sheen Road, and bounded to the east by Queen's Road. It adjoins Richmond Hill (5) to the west and Sheen Road (31) Conservation Areas to the north.
- A mix of mid and late Victorian building styles and forms, ranging from three storey grandeur to interesting brick detailing and symmetry of terrace cottages.
- Friars Stile Road is a mix of residential and business uses which has retained its village atmosphere and its intimacy in contrasts with the grand vista from Richmond Hill at its south west end.
- The Alberts and Houblon Road were developed in the 1870s and are characterised by tight groups of two storey brick terraces with slate roofs.
- Park Road, Marlborough Road and Queen's Road slope south east towards Richmond Park and support a variety of building types and scales.
- **Materials and features:** Red brick, terraced mews and large detached villas, dwellings set back from the road with retained front gardens/green space.

MOVING AROUND RICHMOND AND RICHMOND HILL

WHAT IS ON OFFER IN RICHMOND AND RICHMOND HILL?

- Two mainline railway services at Richmond Station and North Sheen Station.
- Major road infrastructure runs through the area, the A316 running down towards Twickenham Bridge and the A307 running down from Kew Gardens.
- Bus stops along the A305, A307 and A316 provide high levels of access to a range of locations both within and outside of the borough.
- A number of walking and cycling routes including main road cycle route along the A316 and quieter routes around the area and along the Thames tow path.

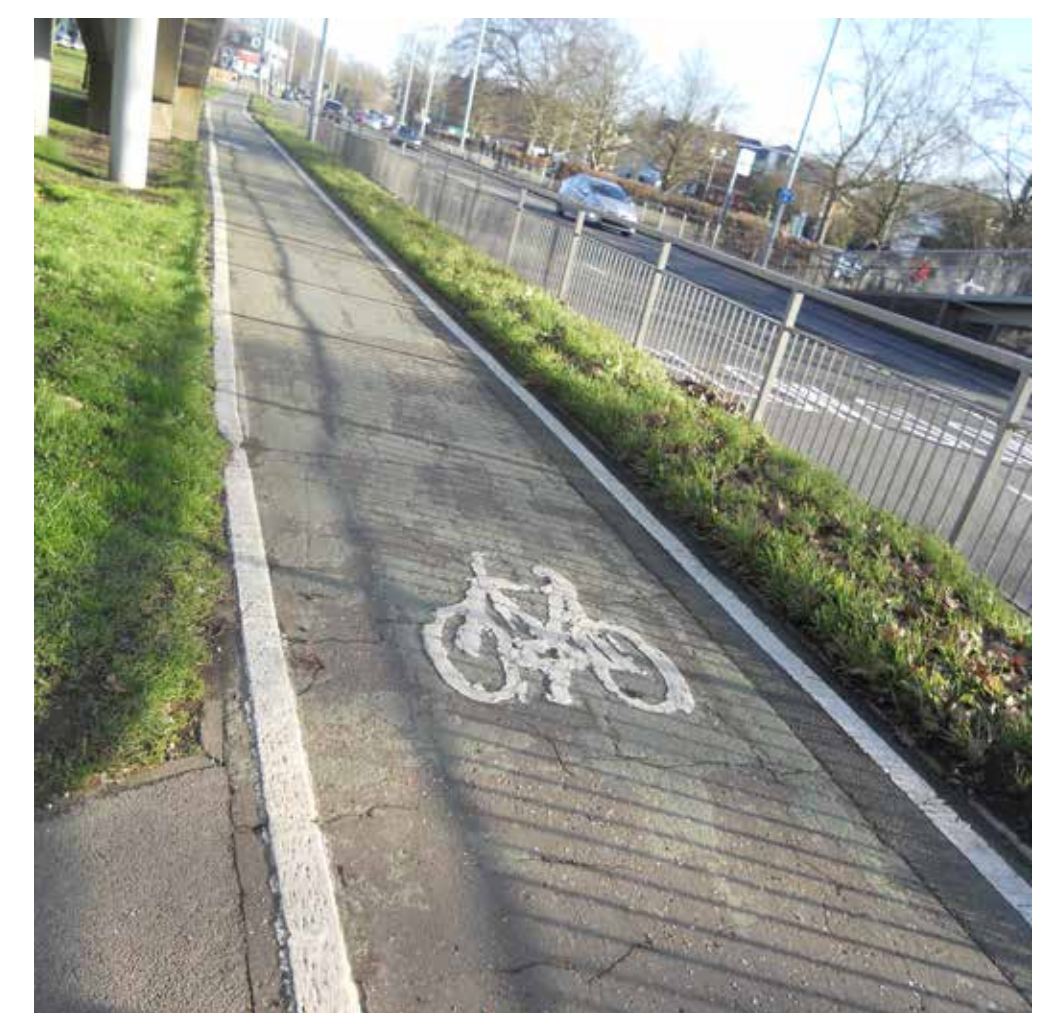
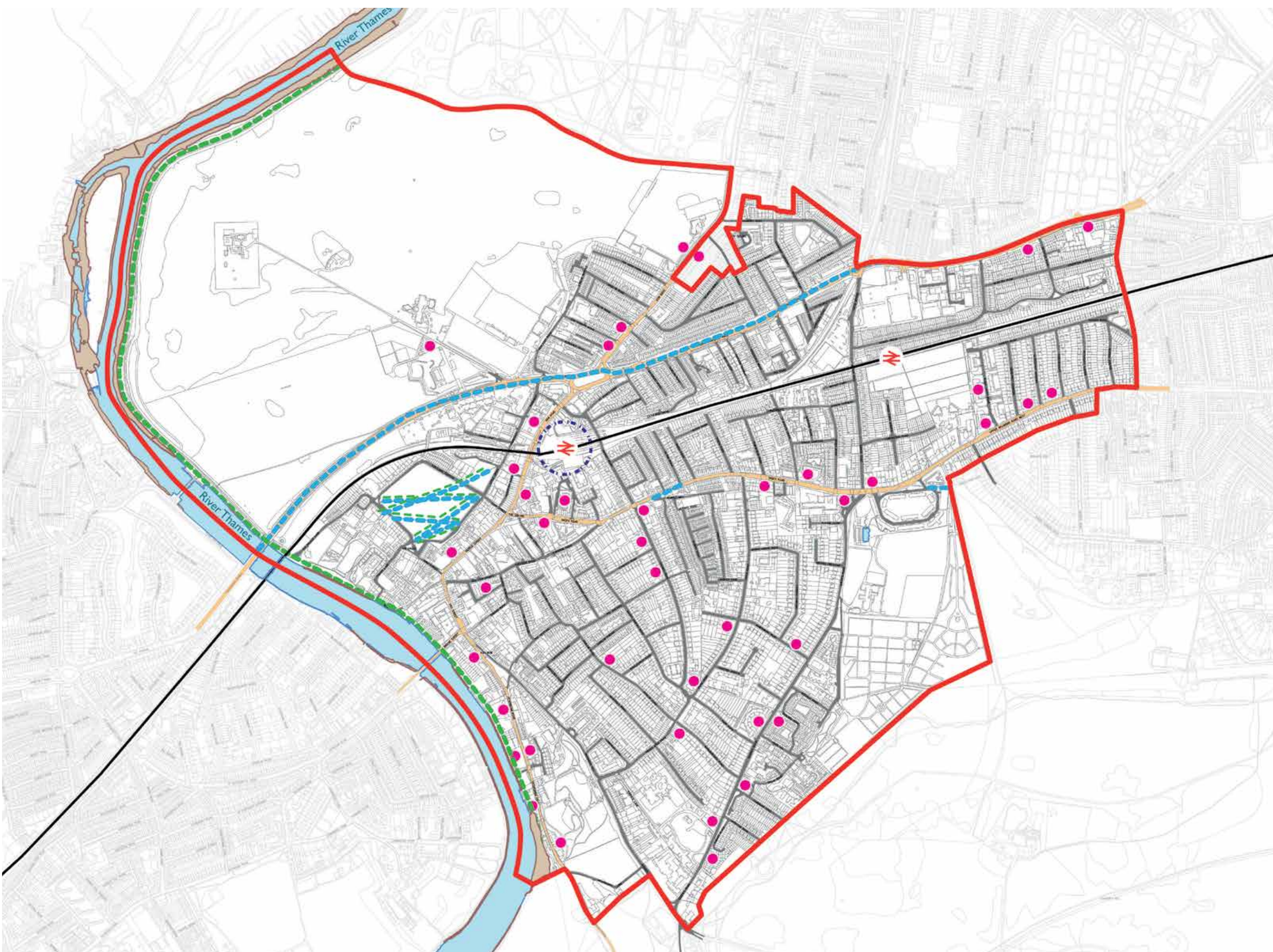
What are the opportunities to improve the way in which residents move around Richmond and Richmond Hill?

Which cycle routes need to be improved or are there opportunities for new routes?

Are there particular areas of pavement, streets or walking routes that need to be enhanced through maintenance, better design or lighting?

Are there any roads where heavy goods vehicles over dominate?

What else could be done to encourage walking and cycling?



KEY	
	SPD boundary
	Main road
	Minor road
	Footpaths
	Bus stop
	Dedicated Cycle Routes
	Primary node
	Secondary node
	Railway line
	Railway station

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SHOPS, SCHOOLS, HEALTH AND OTHER FACILITIES IN RICHMOND AND RICHMOND HILL

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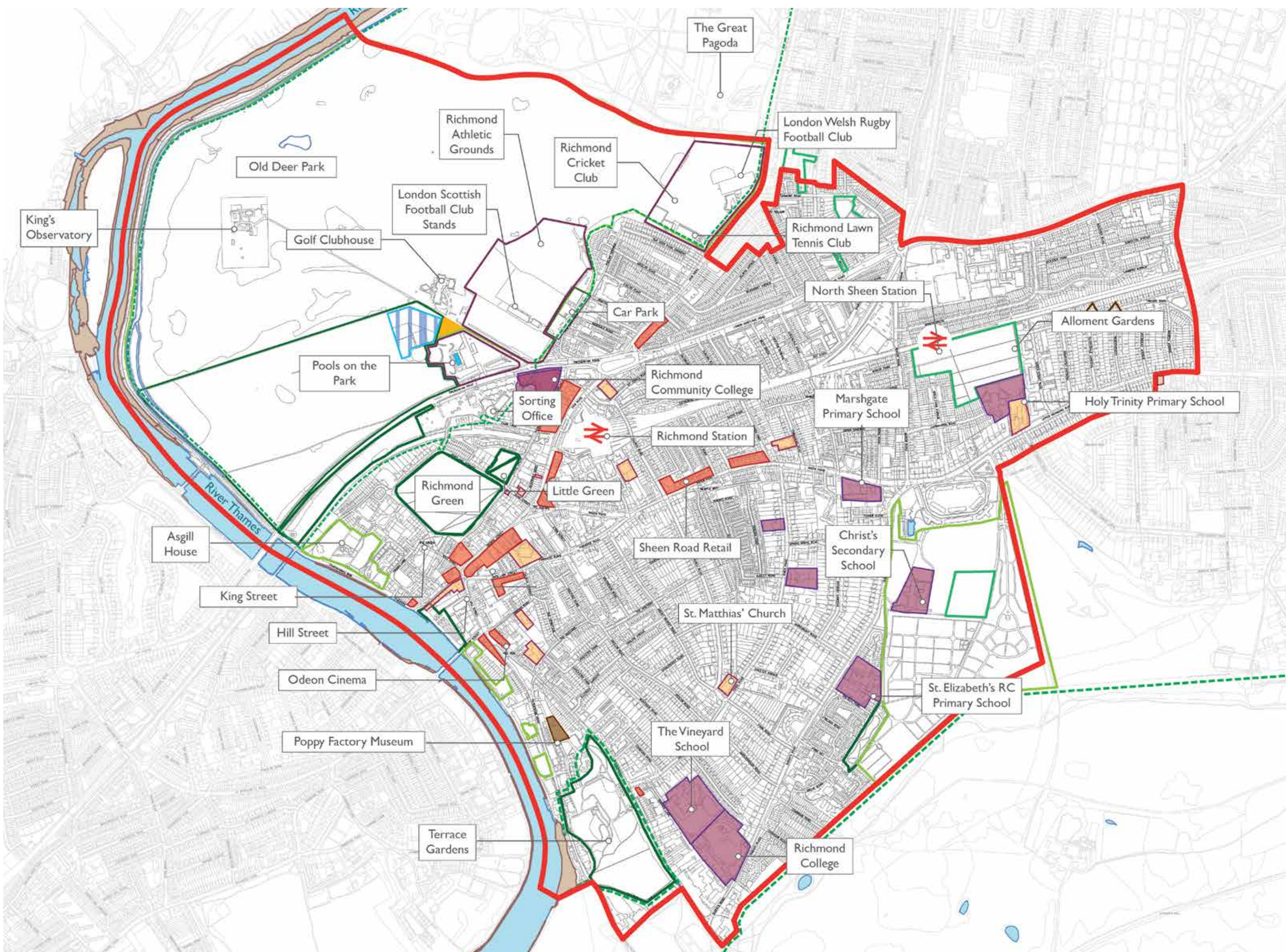
- Shopping and retail options on King and Hill Street, and along Sheen Road, Friars Stile Road, Lower Mortlake Road and Kew Road.
- A Saturday farmers market and Sunday craft market are held in Heron Square.
- There are a large number of schools including, The Vineyard School and Christ's Secondary School well as Richmond College and a number of nurseries.
- A wide variety of leisure options are available including the Richmond and Orange Tree Theatres, a cinema and the Richmond Riverside walk.
- A range of sports teams and facilities are available including, Richmond, London Scottish and London Welsh Rugby Football Clubs, the Pools on the Park, Royal Mid-Surrey Golf Club and many more.
- A number of churches are located within the Richmond area, including St Matthias', Holy Trinity, St Mary Magdalene and St Thomas Aquinas churches.

What are your views on facilities and shopping in Richmond and Richmond Hill?

Are there shopping areas that need to be improved, either shop frontages or improved public areas outside shops?

Are there areas of empty shops that are no longer needed, or areas where more shops are required?

Is there a need to improve community facilities including health, or provide more leisure, arts and cultural facilities?



KEY	
	Indicative SPD boundary
	Local Shops, Facilities, Restaurants, Bars and Cafes
	Community, Leisure, Tourism
	Education
	Nursery
	Employment
	Sports Grounds
	Play Facilities
	Public open space
	Metropolitan open land

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GREEN SPACES IN RICHMOND AND RICHMOND HILL

WHAT IS ON OFFER IN RICHMOND AND RICHMOND HILL?

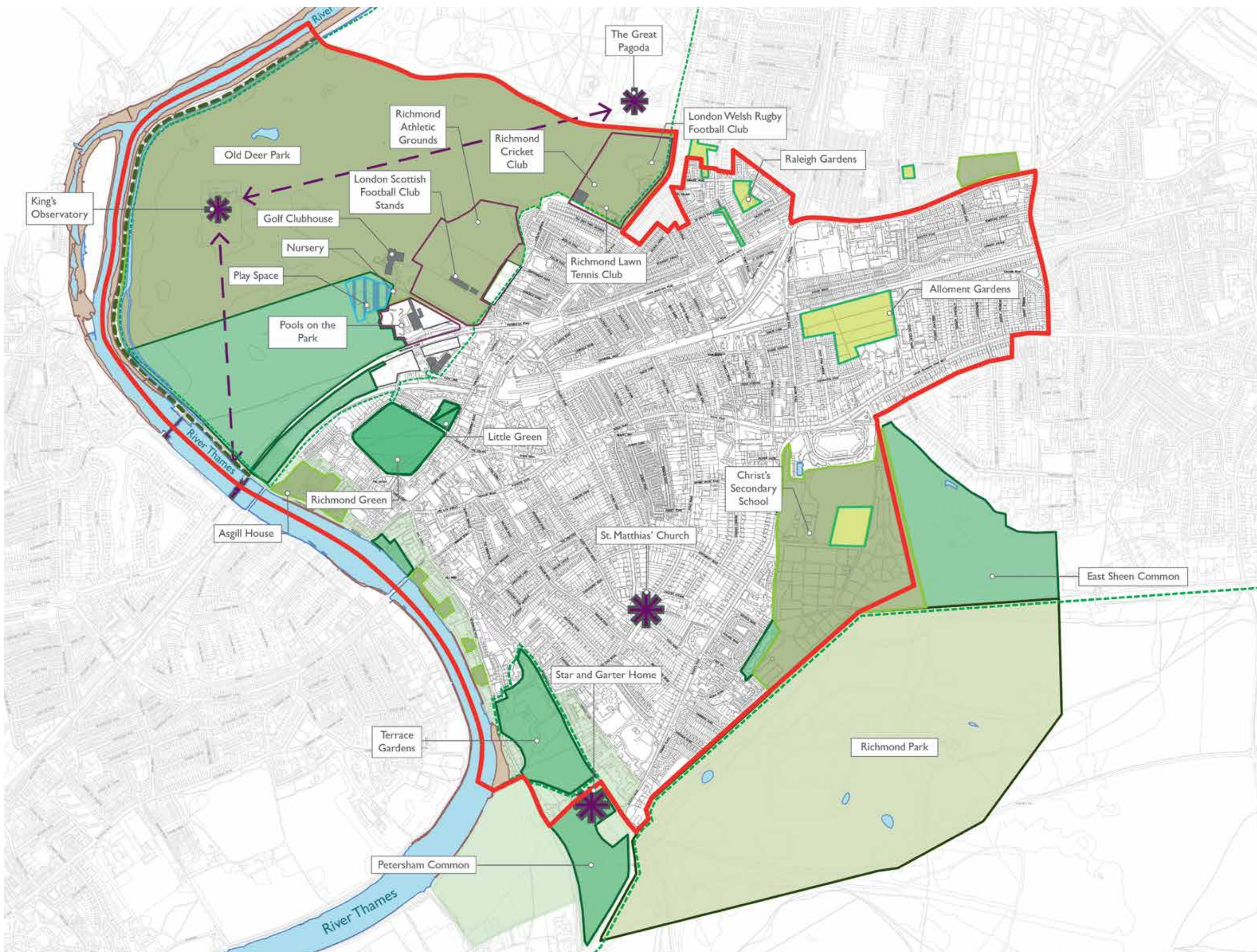
There are a number of green spaces in the area:

- Old Deer Park, Terrace Gardens and Richmond Green, which hosts the annual Richmond May Fair, are key spaces.
- Richmond Park, East Sheen Common and Petersham Common are located adjacent to the Village Plan area.
- The annual On The Edge World Music Festival is held at Richmond Riverside, which also provides views of the closing stages of the annual Great River Race.
- A number of attractive green spaces can be found along the banks of the Thames.

How can the Council continue to improve green spaces in Richmond and Richmond Hill?

Are additional facilities such as play areas, pitches or benches needed to encourage greater use of green spaces?

Is there a need to review the management and maintenance of any green spaces?



KEY	
	Indicative SPD boundary
	Site of Special Scientific Interest
	Public open space
	Other open land of townscape importance
	Metropolitan open land
	Thames Policy Area
	Historic Park & Gardens
	Landmark
	Public right of way

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PLANNING POLICY AND LARGER SITES IN RICHMOND AND RICHMOND HILL

Planning Policy

The Council already has two adopted planning policy documents for use when assessing proposals for new development and changes of use. These are called the 'Core Strategy' and the 'Development Management Plan'. There is also a series of more detailed guidance, on a variety of topics, that the Council has produced. The Village Planning Guidance will complement and provide more local detail for applying these policies.

A new plan, which will allocate larger sites for development, change or protection, is being prepared. This is called the Site Allocations Plan. The Council is currently considering the range of responses received before moving forward with the Plan.

A list of the proposed sites in Richmond and Richmond Hill is set out opposite for information. If these sites come forward for planning permission we would be interested to hear your views on the design and appearance of the sites and any features that you think are important.

RI 2 Richmond Station and above track, Richmond

Proposal: Redevelopment of station and concourse to further improve transport interchange, uses to include retail, business, community, leisure, entertainment and residential including affordable units

RI 3 Richmond Police Station, Red Lion Street, Richmond

Proposal: Commercial on ground floor, residential above, including affordable units

RI 6 Friars Lane Car Park, Richmond

Proposal: Residential

For the sites within the Old Deer Park, please see the Old Deer Park consultation boards.

