

INTRODUCTION TO VILLAGE PLANNING GUIDANCE FOR WHITTON & HEATHFIELD

What is Village Planning Guidance?

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

- Help to identify, with your help, 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.
- Establish key design principles that new development should respond to.

The boundary has predominantly been based on the Village Plan area to reflect the views of where people live.

How can I get involved?

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

During November and **December 2013** 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

Spring 2014 - draft guidance will be written after Christmas based on your views and a formal (statutory) consultation carried out in March/April 2014 before adoption.

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, proposals or local issues. The Village Planning Guidance will be a dedicated section as part of the Village Plans.



Whitton and Heathfield Planning Guidance Study Boundary



Kneller Hall



St Philip and St James'

WHAT YOU SAID SO FAR - AND WHAT HAS BEEN DONE

The most mentioned issues set out in the Village Plans and what has been done

A significant number of Whitton & Heathfield residents were broadly satisfied with their local area as a place to live. Parks and open spaces were considered to be the most important aspect in making your area a good place to live. Almost as important, was shopping in the local high street.

Your local high street - including support for local businesses and young people

What was said:

Around half of respondents identified shopping in the local high street as being in need of improvement. Almost a quarter prioritised support for local businesses. In particular the following points were raised:

- the need for more diversity and quality shops on the high street.
- addressing the number of empty shops and encouraging shoppers.
- making the high street more accessible, safe and attractive.

What we have done:

A brand new Youth Zone has just opened off the High Street providing a fitness suite, ICT room, Cinema/media room, social area, kitchen and classroom.

Major progress on a £1.5m 'Up-lift' of the High Street has been made after residents had their say in 2012, including:

- York Stone pavement is being laid.
- Almost £150,000 has been spent upgrading 10 shop fronts in Whitton High Street.
- Replacement of kerbs and creation of parking bays.
- Street lighting upgraded using 1930s style columns along the length of the High Street.
- Provision of information signage welcoming and guiding shoppers and visitors.
- Empty shop grants of up to £2,000 are available to help support costs associated with running a temporary shop. Whitton Business Association has led on getting a new 'pop up' shop to open in an empty shop from December.
- The Whitton Business Association has set up a Community Market in the High Street. This is usually held on the last Sunday of the month from 10am to 3pm.

Pavements and Roads

What was said:

- That the condition of pavements and condition of roads could be improved. In particular respondents referred mostly to maintenance issues and the need for resurfacing and repair.

What we have done:

- made available a specific annual funding pot of £35,000 per village area in addition to the routine maintenance work being carried out for works nominated by the public.
- In 2012 improvements made as part of the first round for the Whitton and Heathfield area were: Colonial Avenue and St Vincent Road. In 2013 improvements will be made to Constance Road footway. The next round of nominations for the Community Road and Pavement Fund closes on 13 December 2013.

Traffic and congestion

What was said:

- That traffic and congestion was in need of improvement, particularly at school drop off/pick up times, rugby days, parking issues and traffic lights.

What we have done:

- Traffic lights are being reviewed across London by TFL including timing changes being implemented around Richmond in 2013.
- Parking issues in Nelson Road and side roads are being monitored and addressed by increased community enforcement officer patrols.
- The Council contributed to a scheme to improve cycle facilities at Whitton Station and a station refurbishment is planned.
- The pedestrian crossing at Hanworth Road / Powdermill Lane will be relocated with realignment of approaches to the roundabout.

Community, crime and anti-social behaviour

What was said:

- That crime and anti-social behaviour is a key issue.
- There was a need for increased and more visible policing and giving young people more to do would help to address this issue (see top of board).

What we have done:

- Increased use of ancillary orders and Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) legislation such as Acceptable Behaviour Contracts, ASB Orders, Controlled Drinking Zones, Dispersal Zones and use of 'direction to leave powers'.
- Established more 'Watches', including 'Pub Watch', 'River Watch' and 'Dog Watch' groups which are networks of residents who work with police to address relevant incidents and issues in the community.

OTHER ISSUES

Schools and Libraries

The Council seeks first and foremost to provide sufficient places for each year's September intake. Where additional places are needed, they are provided in a strategic manner by expanding schools on a permanent basis.

Whitton library is located in Nelson Road. It provides a wide range of high-quality books, computers, internet services and a programme of reading and learning events.

The Whitton Restroom, which is a drop in cafe for older people, is located alongside the library.

Library facilities for Heathfield residents are provided two mornings a week at Whitton Community Centre.

- The Council has provided an additional 25 forms of reception entry across the borough since 2000. Nelson Primary School in Whitton will be permanently expanded from two to three-form entry and further announcements of additional places for September 2014 will be made in due course.
- The Council has assisted in the establishment of three and a half forms of entry within the borough provided by the two new free schools and the new Catholic school St Richard Reynolds.
- Twickenham Academy opened in September 2010. As a result of £21m of investment a new academy building was officially opened October 2013. The new building offers the very latest technology with open learning and social spaces combined with specialist areas for Design and Technology, Science, Art and Performing Arts. The new building is the second in the UK to be purpose-built to encapsulate the new personalised education approach operated by all Learning Schools Trust Academies. A sports hall and new sixth form space is still under construction and will be ready for occupation early next year.
- Opportunities to relocate the library and associated community facilities to a more prominent location, ideally on the High Street, are being explored. However, the library would only be moved if a suitable alternative site can be found which will provide a service which is as good or better than existing.
- A Community Libraries manager has been appointed.



Health

There are parts of the Borough where air pollution from transport is an issue.

There is a continuing pressure on health facilities.

There are opportunities to get more people walking and cycling.

- The Council has prepared an Air Quality Management Plan.
- The new Whitton Corner Health and Social Care centre opened in summer 2012.
- LiveWell Richmond is a free NHS health improvement service available to anyone over the age of 16 who lives in the borough of Richmond. LiveWell Richmond can help you to work towards living a healthier lifestyle.

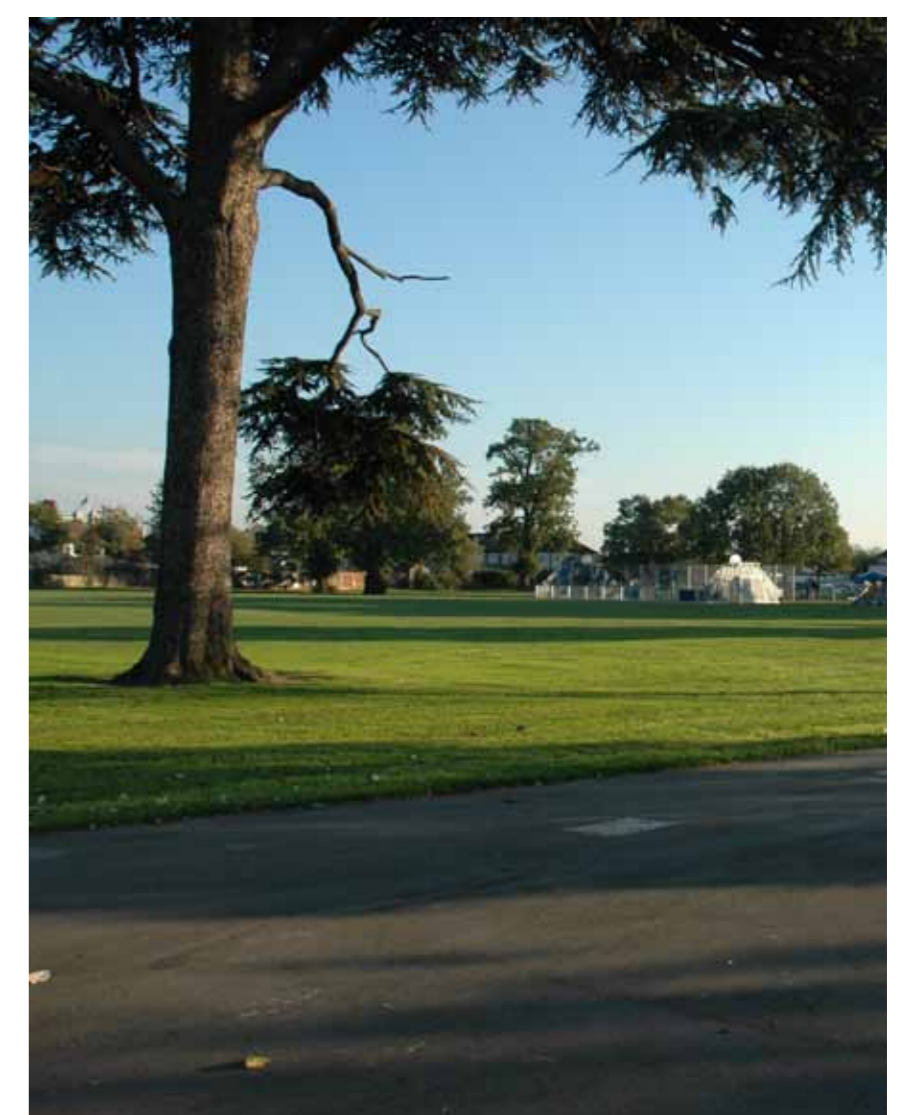


Parks and Open Spaces

One of the most frequent things that people said about what they liked best about the area was its parks and open spaces.

Murray Park Hall, which lies within Murray Park, is in need of refurbishment.

- Murray Park has been provided with a new skate park, temporary FitPoint and playground equipment facilities as well as wider improvements and repairs.
- Crane Park has recently benefitted from £400k investment from the Mayor of London which saw both sides of the River upgraded in terms of park furniture; outdoor classroom and walking route.
- Works have also been undertaken at the Hospital Bridge Road/ Willow Way Open Space; Mill Road Open Space; the area adjacent to Crane Community Centre and Pevensey Road.
- A new pocket park will be provided in Cypress Avenue in the New Year.



OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED IN YOUR LOCAL AREA

Community links

Community Links help promote community involvement by keeping local communities informed about what the Council is doing, by building a better understanding of what community activity is already happening, helping identify and promote opportunities for local people to get involved and helping local people and groups find the support they need to take part.

www.richmond.gov.uk/community_links.htm

Richmond Action Project

A project supporting residents to take action on local issues that matter to them. The project provides opportunities for residents to take responsibility for improving their local areas, to plan and deliver their own projects and contribute to decision making about what happens locally. Currently being delivered in Whitton and Heathfield, and Kew.

The community-led projects will then be given on-going support, guidance and access to training to help turn their ideas into action.

www.yourcommunityaction.org

Volunteering Richmond

Inspiring and support volunteering across the borough. Contact them to register your interest in volunteering, or to find out what support local groups need from volunteers.

www.volunteeringrichmond.org.uk

Richmond Council for Voluntary Service Sustainability and Skills Service

The service is designed to support Richmond's community, voluntary and social enterprise sectors with skills and advice to help you thrive and flourish in what you do.

www.richmondcvsv.org.uk/ssp

Civic Pride Fund

The Council's Civic Pride Fund offers small one-off grants of up to £1,000 for individuals and informal groups and up to £5,000 for local not for profit organisation. The fund aims is to enable local people and groups to use their talents and skills to benefit the local community.

www.richmond.gov.uk/civic_pride_fund-2

Community projects in development

Friends of Murray Park

Following the 'Your Whitton and Heathfield' event earlier this year, some residents have been meeting with South West London Environment Network (SWLEN) to organise a Friends of Murray Park group, in time for the park's 100th anniversary in 2014.

If you would like to be involved in the group, email: hello@swlen.org.uk

Whitton Access Photography Project

Richmond Community Action (RCA) ran a Community Café at the Access Project, where service users agreed to run a photo exhibition using the material produced in their photo club. For more information, visit www.yourcommunityaction.org/

Local groups / other opportunities in the area

Whitton Community Association (WCA)

The WCA is the heart of the Community Centre at the end of Percy Road. They aim to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare, recreation, leisure and education for residents of Whitton and the surrounding area. A number of 'sections' are run from the centre, including dancing, photography, yoga and an over 50's club. Anyone is welcome to join the WCA and attend these groups for a low rate. Other local groups make use of the Community Centre to meet, including Slimming World, Richmond Ethnic Womens Association, and Karate. The WCA is supported heavily by volunteers, who help with running the sections and maintaining the building.

www.whitcomassoc.org.uk

Whitton Network

Whitton Network is the Voluntary Neighbourhood Care Group for Whitton and Heathfield. It was formed over 25 years ago by a small group of Whitton residents, and provides assistance in the form of transport, shopping and other forms of help and advice to the elderly or disabled and all others in need who live in the area through a team of dedicated volunteers. They also arrange monthly outings to places of interest, and other social events. All services are entirely free to their clients.

They urgently need volunteer car drivers, to provide transport particularly from appointments to hospitals, doctors, dentists, chiropodist, opticians and social activities. If you don't drive they also require people who will do shopping for the housebound; visitors who would spend an occasional hour with a person living alone or someone who would do simple DIY jobs.

www.acbe.co.uk/ncg/whitton/

REWA - Richmond Ethnic Women's Association

REWA aims to enable women from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic backgrounds to access a supportive environment in order to help improve their mental, physical and emotional wellbeing. They promote a healthy lifestyle through the provision of regular sessions on physical exercises, yoga, meditation and nutrition. As a membership organisation, they support and encourage isolated women living in the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames to socialise and interact with women from other cultural backgrounds, to share experiences and to make new friends. The group meets at the Whitton Community Centre.

www.rewa.org.uk

FORCE - Friends of the River Crane environment

Formed in the summer of 2003 to represent the interests of local residents regarding the River Crane and Duke of Northumberland's River and their respective corridors within the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames and its environs. FORCE provide sustainable improvements to these environments for the benefit of local people and visitors, the flora and fauna. The group provide members with environmental volunteering opportunities, information and updates on the River Crane, and run group walks in the area.

www.force.org.uk

DEFINING THE CHARACTER OF WHITTON & HEATHFIELD

The Council has undertaken some initial work on trying to identify the different areas of Whitton and Heathfield which have a similar character, together with some of their key features. These are displayed on the boards so that we can seek your views.

We want to find out what you think the best 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.

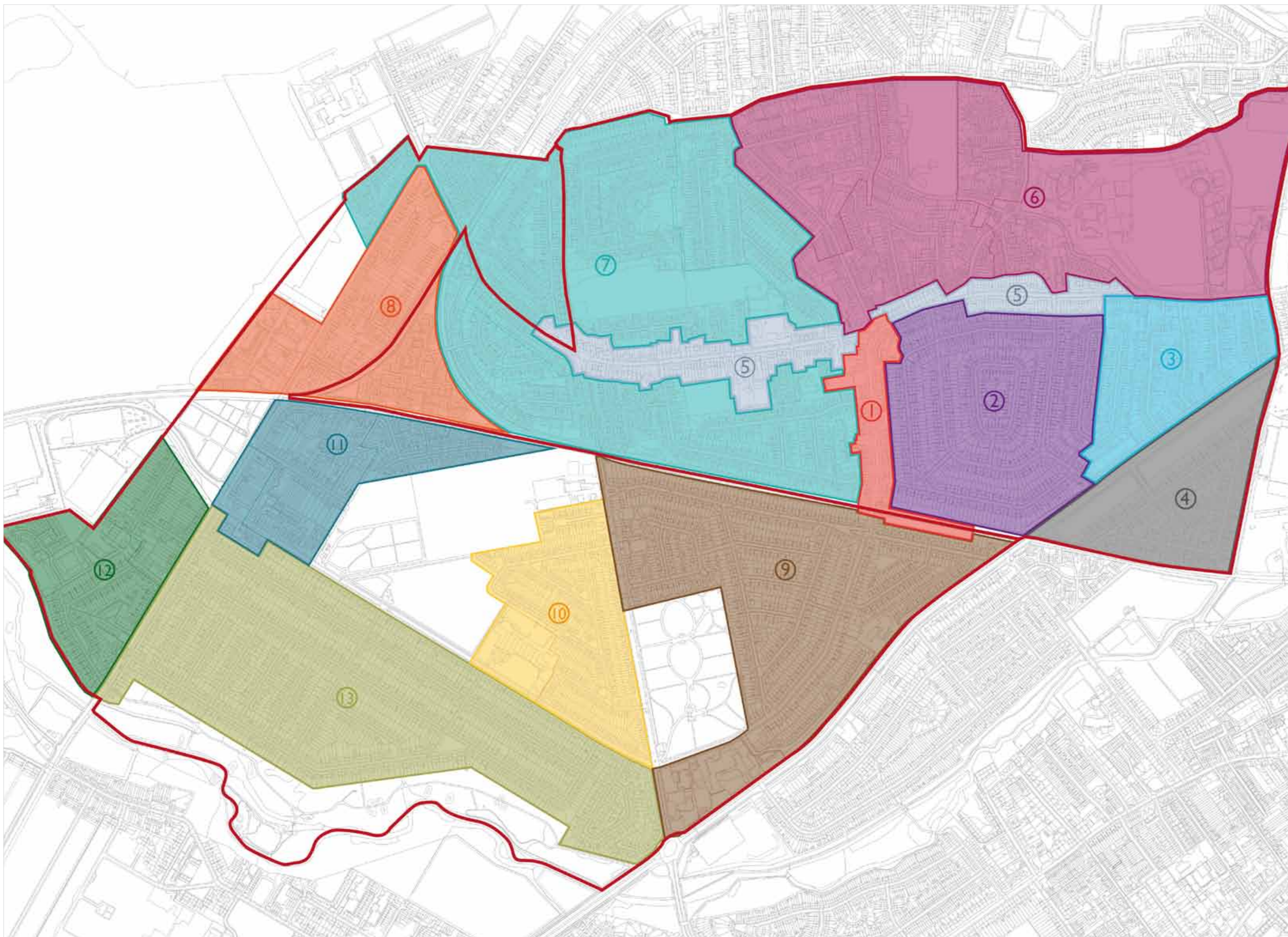
What are the opportunities to enhance your local area?

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
- border walls or railings
- street trees and paving



Whitton and Heathfield Character Areas

THE CHARACTER OF WHITTON & HEATHFIELD



8. Character Area: Egdar Road / Conway Road / Stephenson Road

- Most notably there are three character areas.
- The Edgar Road estate was built in the later part of the 20th century and includes low, medium and high rise development (mostly apartments).
- Housing off Stephenson Road was built in the late 20th century, resembling a Radburn style estate and comprises 2-3 storey rows of modern brick, tiles and green verges.
- Hanworth Road is a main road and is in a transitional zone between Whitton and Heathfield. There are a range of styles, including 1930s terracing with some later modern infill that often retain pitched roofs, brick form with hanging tiles.



12. Character Area: West of Hanworth Road

- A considerable mix of house types and uses across this zone including inter war and modern homes and light industrial.
- Curtis Road displays a mix of 1930s semis, terraces and bungalows alongside some more modern infill, which is broadly sympathetic to character. Use of brick, render and tiles.
- Mill Farm Crescent is largely interwar terraces with some infill and semis. Tendency for ground floor brick with upper floor render.
- Farm Road is a modern block 4 storey flatted estate, that leads to a modern area of 3 storey flats and houses (Corfe Close).



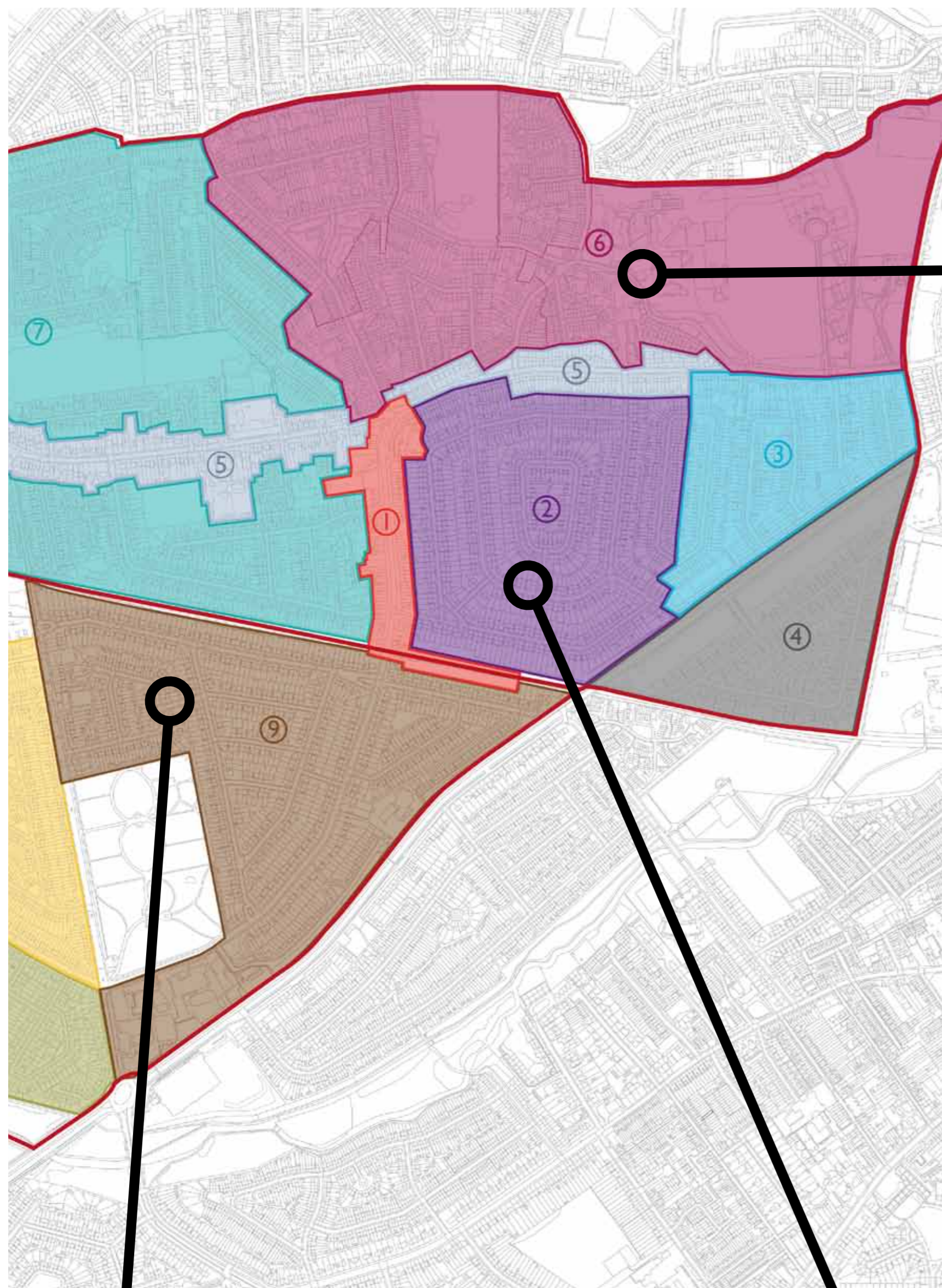
13. Character Area: Waverley Avenue / Lyndhurst Avenue and surrounds

A large area of residential streets of almost all 1930s inter-war and semi-detached pairs of either bungalows or two-storey houses, seemingly interspersed at random.

- All plots have front and back gardens, though many of the frontages are now used exclusively for parking.
- **Dominant Materials and Features:** brick, render, clay tiles, applied half-timbering; pitched, hipped roofs with chimney stacks; gables, projecting bays; timber windows; front gardens with dwarf boundary walls; street planting.



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6. Character Area: Kneller Road / Hounslow Road and surrounds

- This is the historic core of Whitton. The zone contains a number of distinct sub areas which each have a slightly different character.
- The east side of the zone is dominated by the neo-Jacobean 1848 Kneller Hall, which is a listed building. **Dominant Materials and Features:** stock and red brick, render, slate roofs; Views of Kneller Hall.
- A small clutch of historic buildings remain on the historic crossroads being the junction of Kneller Road and Whitton Dene. **Dominant Materials and Features:** red brick; pitched roofs and chimneys; projecting bays and oriel windows.
- Edwardian and Victorian houses with green spaces, including around the Church of St Philip and St James. **Dominant Materials and Features:** red clay tiles, brick, render; projecting bays; pitched roofs and chimneys; timber casements and sashes.
- Much of the western area has been infilled with inter and post-war development but Victorian and Edwardian terraces are to be found throughout this zone.



9. Character Area: Percy Road / Ryecroft Avenue and surrounds

- This zone is entirely composed of 1930s inter-war housing. Most buildings are semi-detached, two-storey houses with garages and planted streets.
- To the west of Ryecroft Avenue the streets around Ashley Drive and Cranbrook Drive have both the 1930s style as well as a more modernist design of semi-detached houses.
- **Dominant Materials and Features:** doors recessed under semi-elliptical brick arches; pitched and hipped roofs with chimneys; clay tiles, render, brick, timber windows with leaded lights; front gardens with dwarf walls.



2. Character Area: Hazel Close and surrounds

- Residential area with a distinctive layout of interconnecting, curving streets.
- The houses and bungalows at the centre are largely detached with a few individual designs that have an Arts and Crafts flavour, becoming more uniform in design and high density further away.
- **Dominant Materials and Features:** applied half timbering, red brick and clay tiles; gables, pitched roofs, chimneys, street trees.



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7. Character Area: West of the High Street

- Large area of predominantly 1930s suburban housing of varying types and styles, mostly two storey, but includes a mix of detached, semi-detached and short terrace rows.
- Most of the houses are set back from the street frontage with a front garden or drive. Architectural detailing varies from street to street and there is no consistent style. The palette of materials is mixed.
- **Dominant Materials and Features:** red brick, rendering, clay tiles; chimneys.



11. Character Area: South of Harvey Road / Hanworth Road Retail Parade

- To the east along Redfern Avenue the properties are typical 1930s semi detached dwellings with some bungalows. White render, red tiling and bay windows are evident although some buildings have grey render and rounded art deco finishing suggesting later construction.
- Heathside and Harvey Road comprise a mix of 1930s semis and bungalows along with modern infill, more sensitive examples around Bristol Close / Lea Close, three storey flats on Heathside.
- The Hanworth Road retail parade has been largely adapted from 1930s semi detached residential buildings, flats retained above. The retail frontages are of varying quality and repair, some incorporating shutters.
- The Power Mill Lane parade is a terrace of inter war and more modern stock. There is less conformity in the presentation, some shops with extended canopies and pavement retailing.
- **Dominant Materials and Features:** pitched roofs, tiles, render, bay windows.

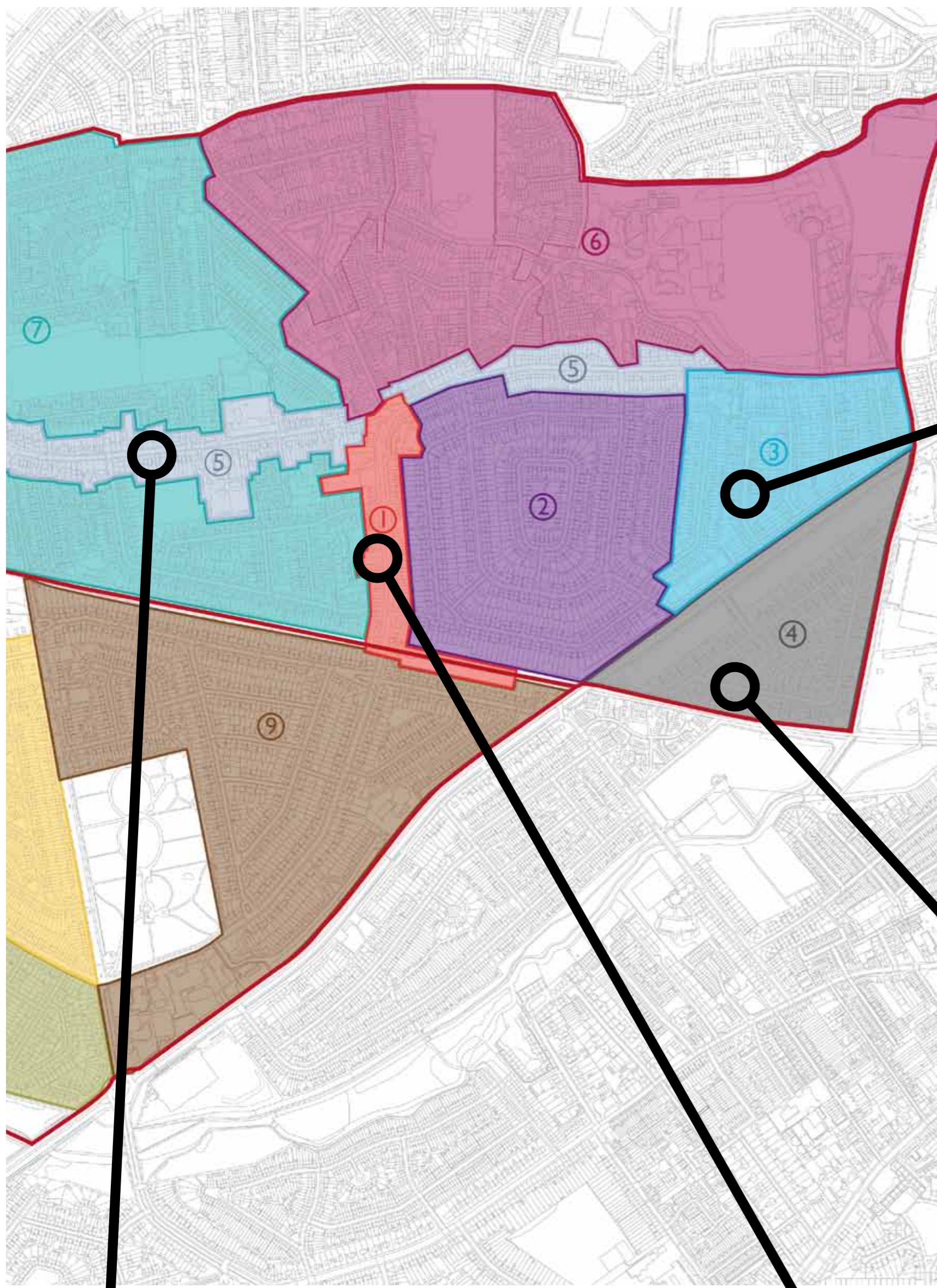


10. Character Area: Warburton Road and surrounds

- This zone is characterised by short terraces and semi-detached pairs of largely inter-war, two-storey houses. The south side of Longford Road and the north side of Powder Mill Lane were completed after the Second World War though stylistically there is little distinction between the two phases.
- The terraces are largely rendered at first floor and sometimes at ground floor too. In the instances where they are rendered on both floors, they have a brick string course between the two.
- **Dominant Materials and Features:** pitched, hipped roofs with chimneys; clay pantiles, render, brick; casement windows; brick detailing; small green spaces, street trees.

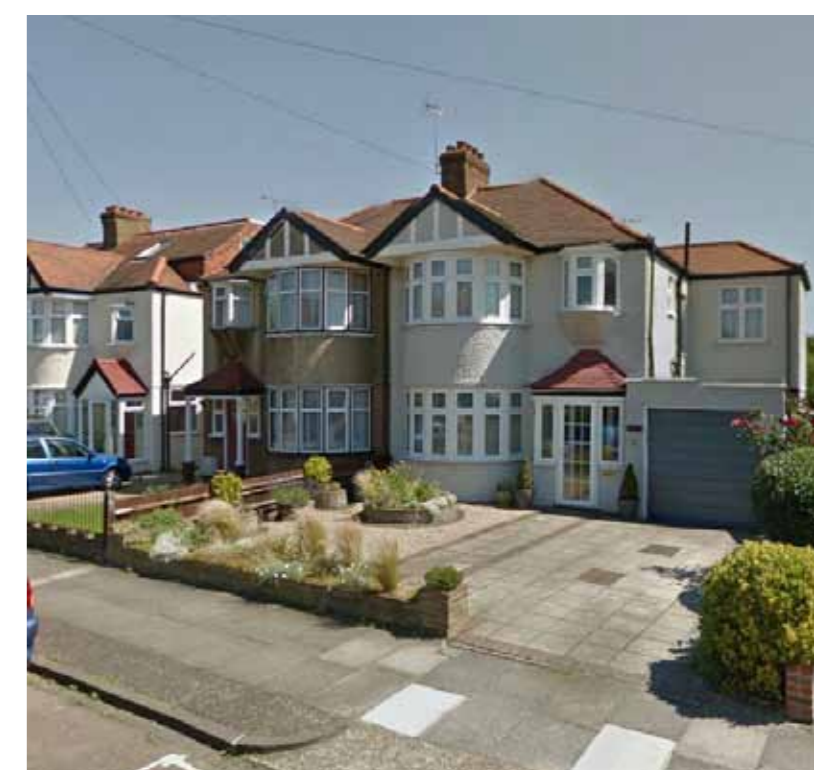


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3. Character Area: East of Hall Farm Drive

- Close in character to Zone 2 but more varied designs.
- Predominately 1930s semis detached with some terraces.
- To the south of the zone are a few later, c.1970 semi-detached pairs.
- **Dominant Materials and Features:** red brick, rendering, clay tiles; timber-framed porches, chimneys; distinctive brickwork; unusual windows.



4. Conservation Area: Rosecroft Gardens

- This estate was developed as a single residential estate and is a distinctive example of a 1930s model housing estate.
- The area comprises single storey semi-detached and detached bungalows set in gardens.
- **Dominant Materials and Features:** bungalows of painted render over brick plinths with brick surrounds to doorways, have curved bays and chimneys on roof hips.



5. Character Area: Nelson Road / Warren Road

- The area contains a diverse mix of buildings and styles of architecture that front onto Nelson Road and Warren Road, a key route through Whitton.
- Houses along Warren Road are mostly 1930s 2 storey semi-detached.
- Nelson Road is predominantly residential but has a greater mix of styles and includes Nelson Primary School and a row of local shops opposite Rodney Road.
- **Dominant Materials and Features:** red brick, rendering, clay tiles; chimneys.



1. Character Area: The High Street

- The High Street is almost exclusively made up from 1930s neo-Georgian parades.
- Some interesting surviving shopfronts (e.g. no.15, William Hill, HSBC) a few of which still have their tesserae thresholds.
- The original, distinctive street signs survive and new public realm works are of good quality.
- **Dominant Materials and Features:** red brick; pitched, clay-tile roofs; vernacular detailing including: timber shutters; timber casements; gables;
- **Neo-Georgian detailing includes:** concrete dressings; tall timber windows; pilasters; pediments.



WHITTON HIGH STREET

WHAT IS ON OFFER?

- Whitton High Street is an important district centre that provides a wide range of retailing and services.
- The High Street is one of London's best and most complete surviving examples of a 1930s town centre.
- Whitton Station lies at the southern end of the High Street.

WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING ALONG WHITTON HIGH STREET?

- A brand new Youth Zone has opened just off the High Street.
- A £1.5m 'Uplift' of the High Street is currently underway (See the 'What you said' Board)
- The Council supports the Whitton business environment, through the Town Centre Opportunities Fund. This includes a contribution to Whitton Business Association to help employ a Town Centre Manager to support and encourage both new and existing businesses. She can be contacted at:
Bridget.clements@googlemail.com or 0759 991 0111.



KEY

- Public realm
- Shop / small business
- Food orientated shop
- Cafe, restaurant, bar
- Bank
- Open space
- Car Park
- Street tree
- Active frontage
- Backs of properties
- Railing
- Pedestrian link
- Zebra crossing
- Railway line
- Railway station
- Feature lamp posts
- Non-feature lamp posts
- Existing access
- Rubbish bins / recycling
- Bicycle stand
- Seating
- Bus stop
- Bollard
- Enhanced Shop frontage
- Potential to consolidate redevelopment with remaining existing building
- Buildings proposed for development:
 1. Telephone House
 2. Library
 3. Iceland

Are there further opportunities to improve the overall Whitton High Street environment?

Which are the best features of the area and is enough being done to protect them, such as shopfronts or architecture?

Should there be specific shop front design guidance for the High Street?

There are potential development opportunities (see diagram) on the High Street, should we establish design principles for them?

MOVING AROUND WHITTON & HEATHFIELD

WHAT IS ON OFFER?

- A range of cycling routes including cycleways down the A314 Hanworth Road.
- The London Loop long distance recreational walking routes lies on the boundary of the Whitton Village area and runs along the River Crane.
- Bus services - a number of buses serve the area, including the 481 from Kingston to West Middlesex Hospital.
- Rail services - Whitton Rail station is on the Hounslow Loop with trains running direct to London Waterloo and Windsor and Eton Riverside. Trains to Reading, Ascot and Bracknell can also be accessed from Whitton via Feltham.

What are the opportunities to improve the way in which residents move around Whitton and Heathfield?

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

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

What else could be done to encourage walking and cycling?

Are there any roads where heavy goods vehicles over dominate?



KEY	
	Ward boundary
	Bus stop
	Primary node
	Secondary node
	Railway station
	Railway line
	Public right of way / cycle network

SHOPS, SCHOOLS, HEALTH AND OTHER FACILITIES IN WHITTON & HEATHFIELD

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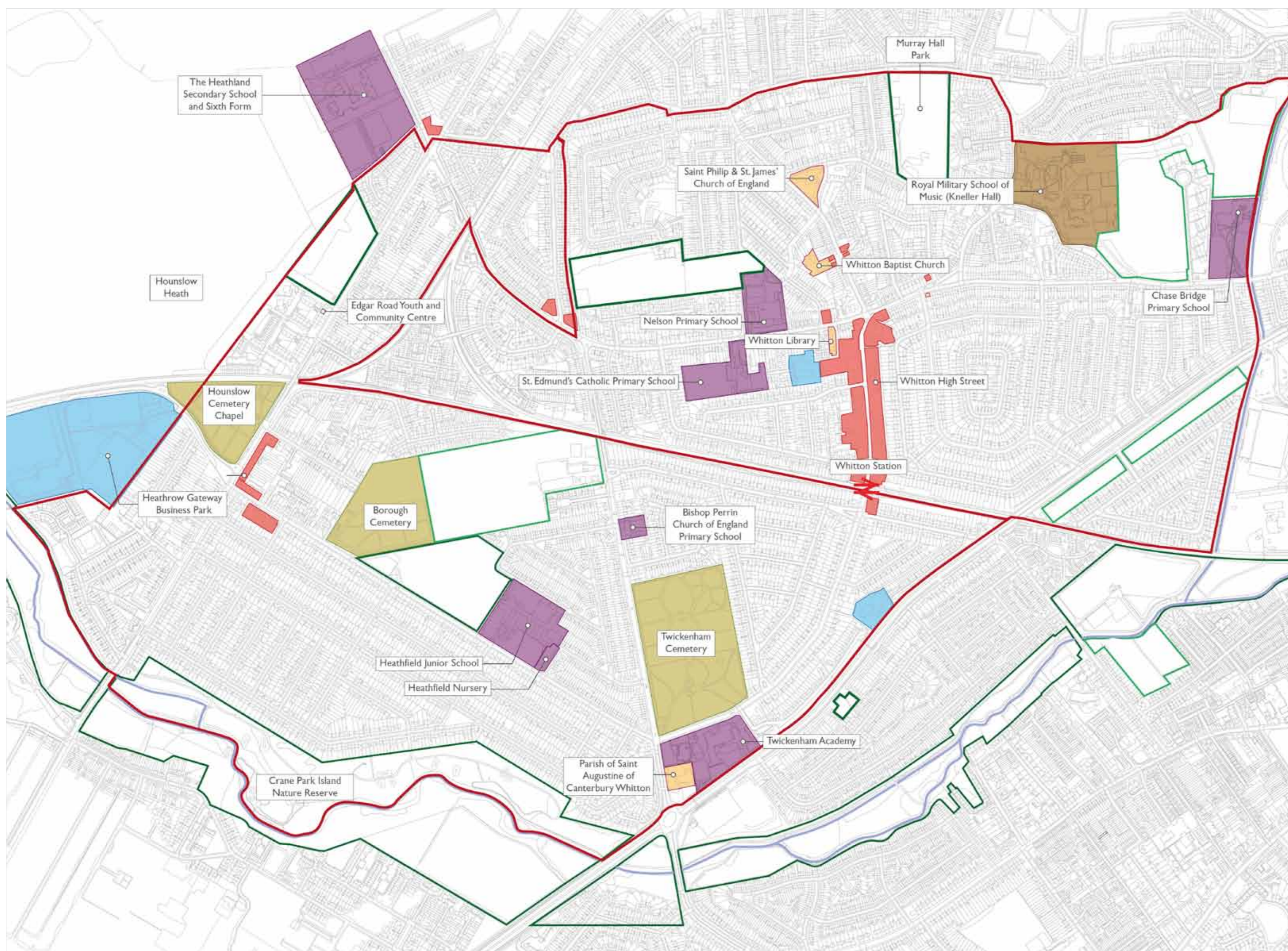
- Whitton High Street (see separate board)
- Three smaller shopping parades, around Hanworth Road, Nelson Road and Powder Mill Lane.
- Mill Farm Business Park.
- Whitton Library and Whitton Restroom.
- New youth centre along Britannia Lane behind Whitton High Street.
- Whitton Community Centre & Social Club.
- Whitton Sports and Fitness Centre is at Twickenham Academy.
- Three GP surgeries and the new Whitton Corner Health and Social Care Centre..
- The area has a number of schools.

What are your views on facilities and shopping in Whitton and Heathfield?

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	
	Ward boundary
	Local Shops, Facilities, Restaurants, Bars and Cafes
	Community, Leisure, Tourism
	Schools
	Employment
	Cemetery
	Military Facility
	Public open space
	Metropolitan open land

GREEN SPACES IN WHITTON & HEATHFIELD

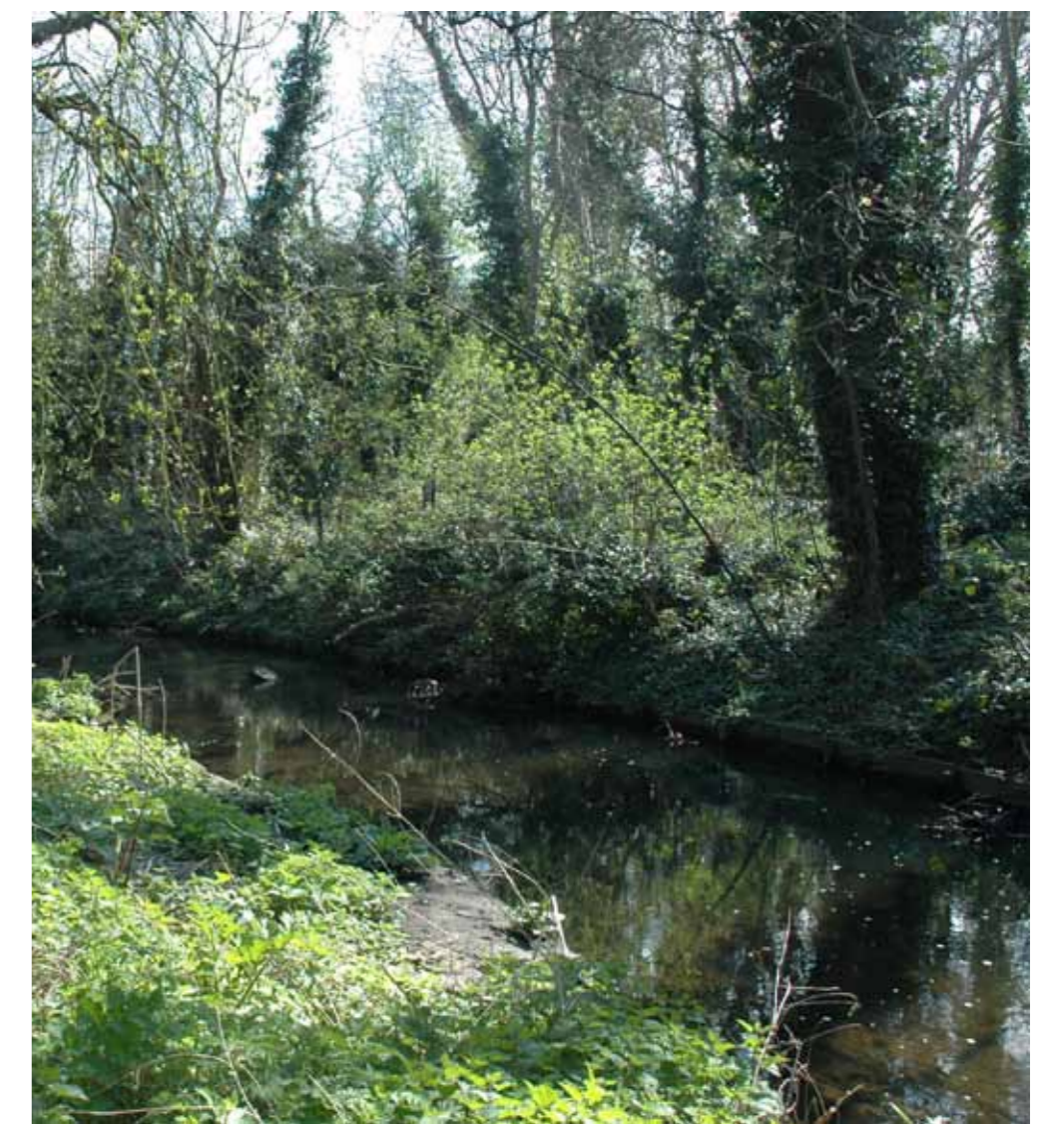
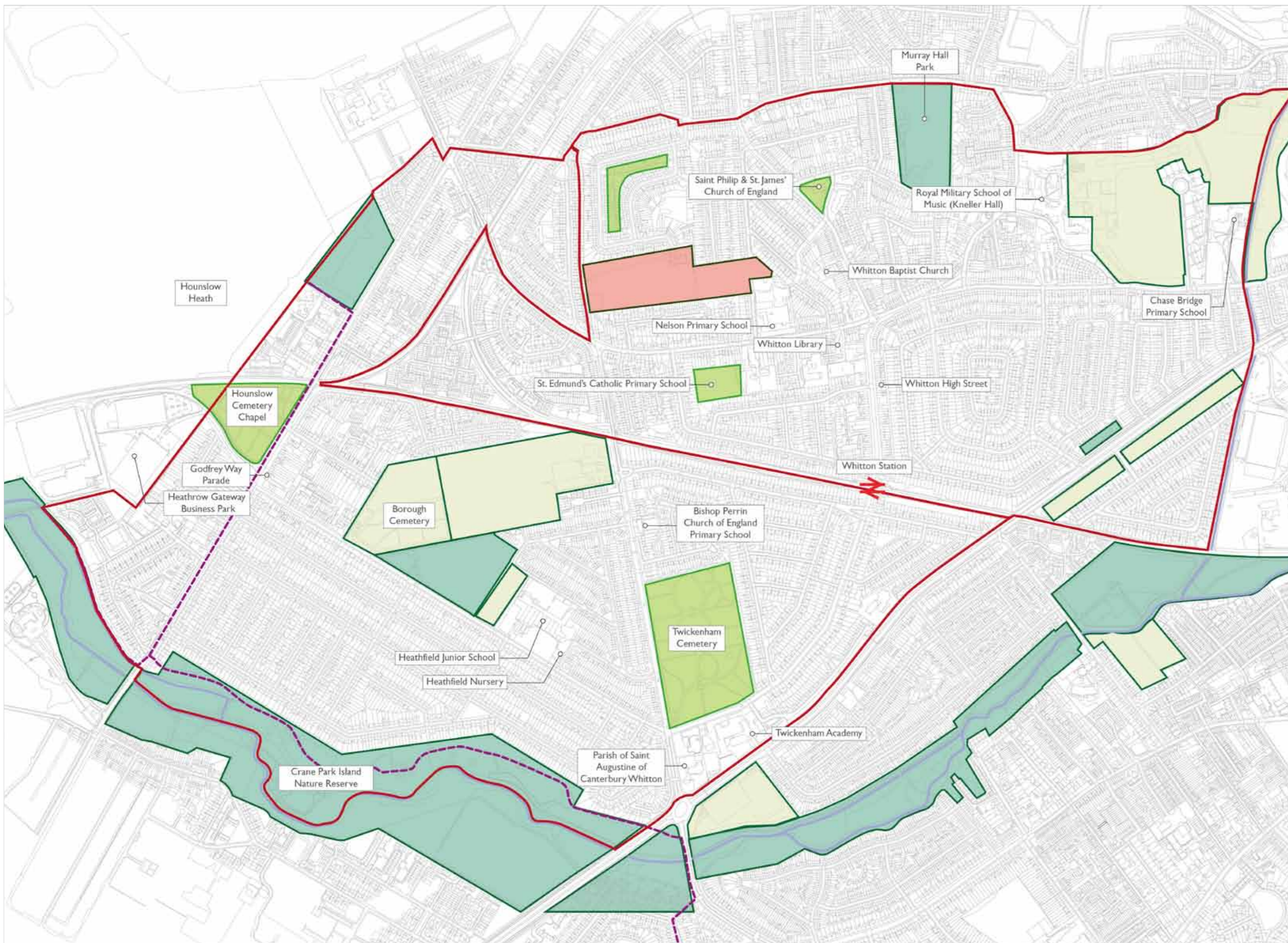
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- Murray Park, which has a new skate park, temporary FitPoint and playground equipment facilities.
- Murray Park Hall, located in Murray Park, provides space for community activities
- Hounslow Heath Open Space and Heathfield Recreation Ground on Powdermill Lane.
- Crane Park is an important green space in the area and includes the Brick Tower, which is grade II-listed and the only surviving building from the old Hounslow Powder Mills. The Park has recently benefited from £400k investment from the mayor of London which saw both sides of the River upgraded.
- Whitton Park (previously known as Old Latonians) is home to a growing hub of sports clubs.

How can the council continue to improve green spaces in Whitton and Heathfield?

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

Is there a need to review management and maintenance?



KEY	
	Ward boundary
	Public open space
	Other open land of townscape importance
	Metropolitan open land
	Play ground/Tennis court/Play area
	Public right of way / cycle network

PLANNING POLICY AND LARGER SITES IN WHITTON & HEATHFIELD

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. An initial consultation on this has just closed and responses are being considered before finalising the plan next year.

A list of the proposed sites in Whitton and Heathfield 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.

WT 1 Whitton Library, Nelson Road, Whitton

Proposal: Residential, including affordable units (subject to re-provision of the library)

Opportunities to relocate the library and associated community facilities to a more prominent location, ideally on the High Street, are being explored. However, the library would only be moved if a suitable alternative site can be found which will provide a service which is as good as or better than existing.

WT 2 Iceland Store, 26-30 High Street, Whitton

Proposal: Mixed town centre uses to include residential including affordable residential units, retail or services, new library

WT 3 Kneller Hall Telephone Exchange, Ashdale Road, Whitton

Proposal: Residential, including affordable residential units

WT 4 Whitton Station, High Street, Whitton

Interchange improvements

