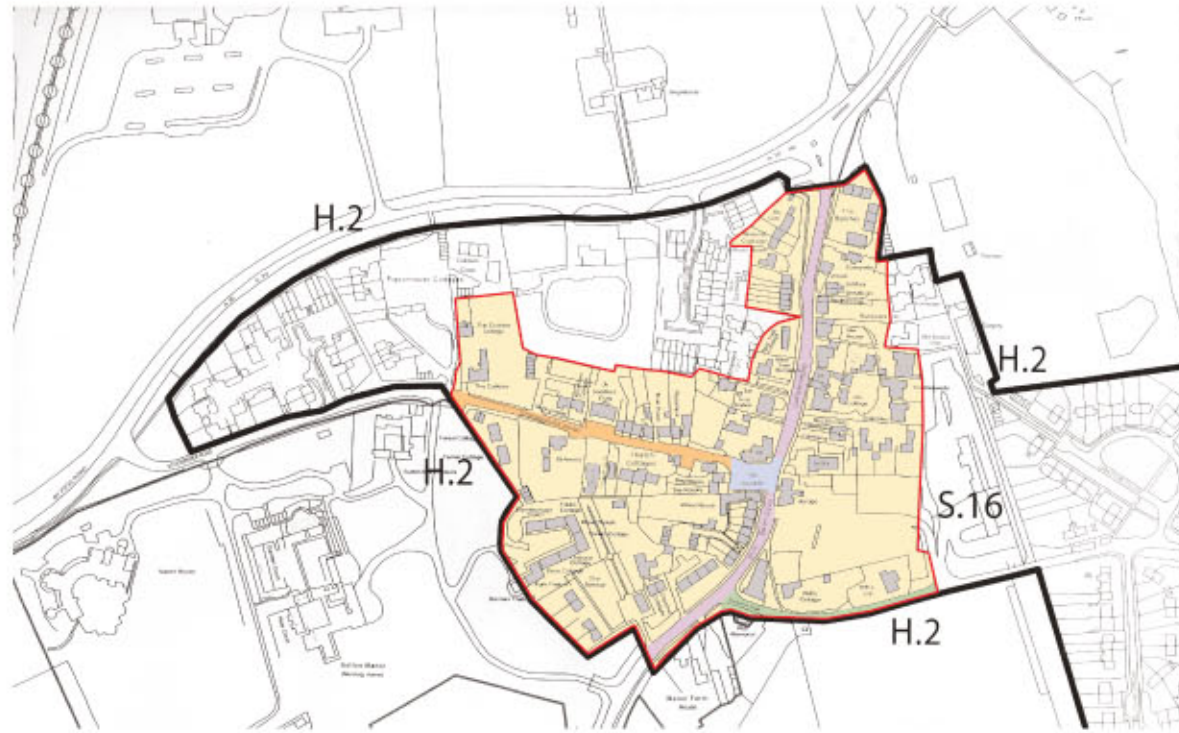


conservation area: character areas (1)

Sutton Scotney is a small, well defined village. It is compact in its nature and has a good number of historic and vernacular buildings. More recently there has been a considerable amount of backland and infill development.

The public realm is structured around four main elements

- The Village Square
- Oxford Road
- Stockbridge Road
- Wonston Road



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The Square

- An attractive, small space which marks the heart of the village reinforced by the location of the pub on its north side
- The junction of Stockbridge Road with Oxford Road
- Historically, the location of the church
- Part of the space is hard paved and used for car parking, the space has more potential
- Surrounded by predominantly residential buildings, more diverse uses (retail or commercial) would enhance the spaces importance to the village
- Consistent building height of two storeys on all sides
- Bounded on its eastern side by the Taylor's Coaches building which is a significant building to the Oxford Rd frontage



The pub on the square provides a fitting landmark to the centre of the village



Car parking on the square erodes its significance in the heart of the village



Good enclosure to the south with 2 storey residential buildings of character



Taylor's Coaches buildings to the east provide enclosure and the potential for other uses

Oxford Road

- Principle thoroughfare through the village
- Bounded by a mix of building uses of varying ages
- Frontages are generally fragmented with openings to backlands developments
- East and west sides are quite different in nature with the east side generally better defined than the west
- East side has a more continuous built frontage, especially to the north. Street enclosure is provided either by two storey buildings close to the back of pavement, or by gardens walls/fences with dense planting behind
- On the west side, to the north of the Square, houses and the fire station are set back from the edge of the road and do little to create sense of enclosure.



Good enclosure at the southern end of the village, with 2 storey buildings at back of pavement



The eastern side of Oxford road is generally better defined than the west.



The western frontage to the road includes the post office which is positioned on the back of pavement



the eastern side comprises set back buildings and low fences & drives, giving poor enclosure

conservation area: character areas (2)

conclusions

- The Square would be a stronger element in the village if it had more varied uses in and immediately around it
- Frontage to The Square is important and must be retained and augmented on the proposed area of development site which borders Oxford Road
- The green edge to Wonston Lane should be maintained with new buildings set behind hedges. The entrance to the site should be marked with an appropriate building fronting the corner with Wonston Lane
- The proposed roads within the site should draw on Stockbridge Road as a precedent in terms of scale and sense of enclosure. The roads themselves should be well defined with either buildings or 'green edges' clearly defining the road edge and the division between public and private space. Buildings fronting the road should be orientated so as to provide a variety of building forms and shapes, with gable ends periodically breaking frontages so as to avoid monotonous terraces.
- Routes through the site should connect the existing network with the recreation ground and doctor's surgery. An informal arrangement of shared surface roads would be preferable to standard footpaths either side of the road that would increase the road width erode enclosure.
- Spaces within the site should be small and informal so as not to compete with The Square in the heirachy of spaces within the village.

Stockbridge Road

- More rural, residential character
- Narrower better defined than Oxford Road
- Still has fragmented frontages but there is sufficient frontage definition and planting to create enclosure
- There is a clear distinction between public and private spaces



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Wonston Lane

- Rural in its character.
- The southern side of the Lane is open to fields giving long views of the site boundary
- Predominantly a 'green lane', lined by trees and hedges
- Scattered buildings set behind planting on perimeter of plots.
- Changes in nature at railway bridge, where verges open out onto Gratton and Wonston Close. Here later planned estates have a very different character to the rest of the village.



Wonston lane is rural in character with isolated cottages set back behind hedges & trees



The footpath adjacent the site sets back behind the hedge to Wonston Lane



Walls & planting define the road, there is no footpath for most of its length



The character of the lane changes after the railway bridge with large verges of Gratton & Wonston Close