

ROSS-ON-WYE CHARACTER AREA SURVEY

The Character Area surveyed (its number): 5

The survey team included: Jeff Bishop

Date of survey: 19/01/17

- This survey is designed to help you examine and record key aspects of the character of one part of the built environment of Ross – a 'Character Area'.
- The evidence and understanding provided by your work will enable the distinctive local character of the various areas of Ross to be retained, perhaps enhanced.
- It will also help to ensure that the designs of any new developments, conversions etc. respect and enhance that character.
- The Character Areas we are suggesting are all very much 'first stab', done mainly to make the tasks easily manageable for you in a short time (we hope!).
- Each basic area may be broadly right but that doesn't mean they are all different. Nor does it mean that the boundaries are right.
- Live with all that for now and we'll come back to you later with how it all fits together.

We are giving you:

- *This introduction and form.*
- *A map of all the Character Areas, including 'yours'.*
- *A map of your specific Area.*

Getting the survey done:

- *Even if you (think you) know the area, walk up and down, look all around and only then start filling in the form.*
- *For most of the form just add notes in boxes in response to the questions. There are some hints in brackets.*
- *Don't get too hung up on our terms, feel free to add others or 'not sure' if that helps.*
- *As you go round, take some photos (maybe 10 or so) of the Character Area to show what seems to be typical of the character of that area (and any oddities or really interesting things).*
- *If possible please mark on the map wherever you take any photos from, and in what direction (use a dot and a little arrow).*

When you have finished:

- *Return the completed form and annotated map to school.*
- *We also need your photos so please either:*
 - *Get them into a single folder at school or*
 - *Send them to jeff@placestudio.com*

Thanks a lot: Jeff Bishop: Place Studio

General

1. What's the general pattern of the roads and 'blocks of buildings? If there are a few, can you show the different ones on the map? (Regular, irregular, straight, curved, small blocks, large blocks, narrow, wide open, contained, spacious etc.)

**Mainly irregular, a few straight(ish) roads
Almost all are residential streets lined with houses
That includes the few houses along the A40**

2. What's the general mix of buildings? (All residential, some mixed, commercial, industrial, other? If you can, mark any non-residential uses on the map.)

**Almost all houses, one large residential home
Fire Station and vet surgery, farm to north**

Houses

3. Are they all on one building line or does that vary? (On pavement, with small front gardens, with large front gardens, well set back etc.?)

**Almost all houses are set back to varying degrees with front gardens or parking areas/garages
Residential home slightly set back with grassed area in front**

4. Can you guess when all (or different ones) were built? (Try: medieval, 19th century, inter-war -1918-1839, post war - 50s/60s, later 20th century - 70s/80s, more recent - 90s to today.)

**Almost all from 1970s onwards, some very recent.
Residential home looks fairly recent
Few inter-war along main road and 'alley' off**

5. What heights are they? (All one height on each house or varying per house or in stretches, or are there extensions etc. that are different?)

Almost everything two storey, some single storey extensions, few bungalows

6. Would you call the houses very small, small, medium-sized, large, very large (or a mixture)? (Your guess!)

Mostly medium to large

7. What are the main building materials used? (On walls, roofs, chimneys, windows etc.)

Brick and render, (some Tudor timber!), tile roofs, timber doors and windows

8. Are front gardens open or closed in? (If open, just grass or bushes etc.? If closed, low walls, high walls, hedges, full of greenery, paved etc.? Well maintained?)

Almost all are open fronts, some grassed, some low walls/fences/hedges, some totally paved, some paved with garages, some greenery in places

Generally well maintained, few exceptions in northern area

9. Any idea about back gardens (if you can see them)? (Big, small, fenced, with walls - low/high, heavily 'greened' or just grass, paving, decking? Well maintained?)

Quite small in southern area, some small, some medium, some large in northern area
Quite a lot of greenery

10. What are the parking arrangements? (On the street, pull-off spaces, single garages, double garages – some of each? Any way to tell if the garages are actually used for cars – most aren't?)

Very little apparent on-street (daytime survey!)
Almost all off-street, on-plot, many parking spaces, some garages
Some garages appear not to be used for cars – difficult to tell

11. Are there major trees in front or back gardens? (On their own or in lines? Do those lines of trees go off into the surrounding areas? If so, try to show those on the map.)

Few in front/street areas, quite a lot in back gardens and visible from the front in places
No tree strip links to other areas

Roads and Public Areas

12. What are the roads like? (Wide, narrow, about right? Is there on-street parking? Does that limit access/movement? Well maintained?)

Fairly narrow in general, occasional on-street parking
Old lane to west of northern area to Marsh Farm
One unadopted road in northern area (Hilderlsey Avenue)
All well maintained (other than the unadopted one)

13. Are there always pavements to walk along? Well maintained?

Almost always decent pavements
One more recent development has no pavements – uses 'shared space'
No pavements along small lanes

14. Are there other footpaths that link through the area or into other areas? (Try to use the map to show where.)

None at all except general public path to west of Fire Station

15. Are there street signs? (Lots? Just a few? Necessary? Too many?)

None within the area

16. Is there street lighting? Is it obtrusive or low key?

*Yes, very standard, on pavement
None in lane to farm or other small lanes*

17. Do you think it is entirely safe here? At night? Would children feel/be safe?

Yes, except lane to farm (though nobody needs to use that)

Now some Broader Judgements!

18. Are there any features, additions, oddities (from any covered above or others) that detract from or damage the character of the area?

*Very fragmented, no apparent footpath links between each little area of development
No links out into the countryside, everything reverts back to the main road*

19. Are there any features, additions, oddities (from any covered above or others) that help to create a clear and positive character for the area?

None

20. If you had to pick just one or a few of all the aspects above that most help to shape the character of the area, what would they be?

Winding roads with a variety of two storey houses alongside

21. Any other comments, things we and the form have missed?

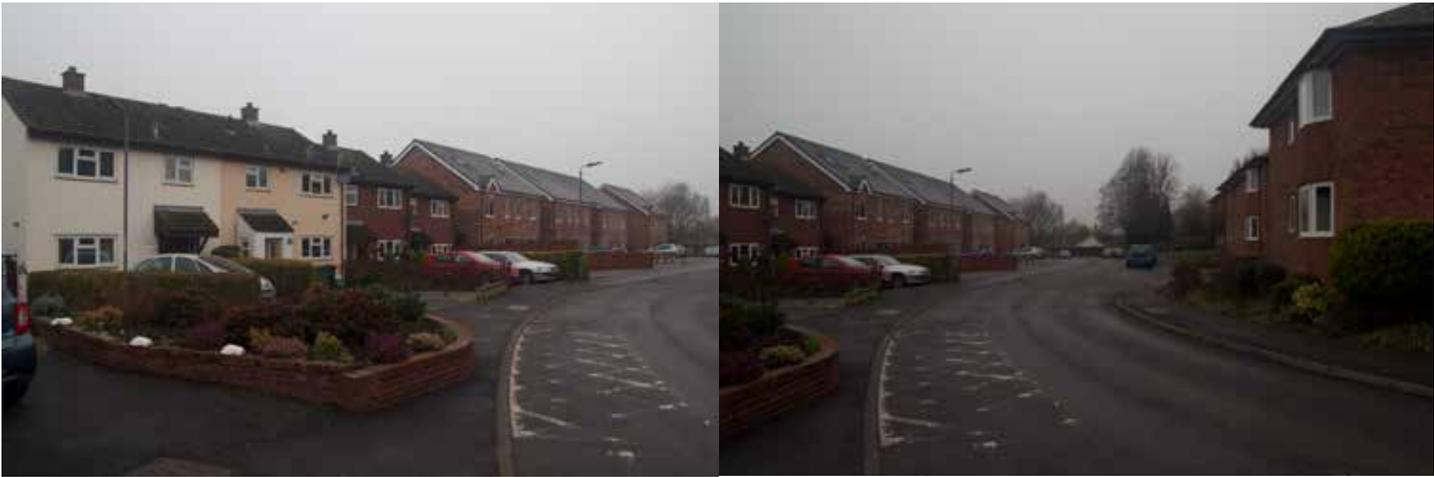
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22. Is this a distinct area? Are the boundaries sensible? Looking at the overall map, should it be combined with others? Should it be sub-divided?

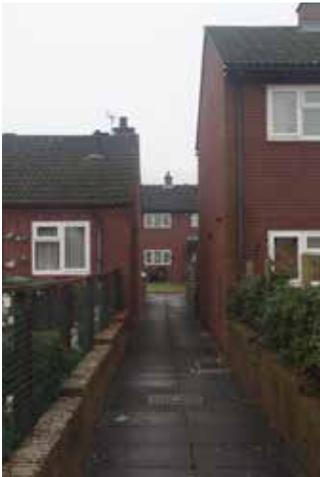
Although it is two separate areas – north and south of A40 – they both have, in general, a very similar suburban late 20th century character

AND THANKS AGAIN!

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Character Area 5 - Hildersley
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