



SOUTHWELL

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Dear Matthew

Re: Southwell Historic Core

Please find enclosed information pertaining Southwell Historic Core. This contains a definition of the area and supporting descriptions.

Southwell Town Council requests that the same consideration is given to the Southwell Historic Core in all of NSDC planning documentation as is given to the Historic Core for both Newark and Laxton.

Please contact me if you require further information to ensure acceptance into the District Council documentation.

Kind regards

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SOUTHWELL'S HISTORIC CORE

An Outstanding Heritage Area



Introduction

The Newark and Sherwood DPD Management Policy gives a special status to both Newark and Laxton's 'historic core'. The Town Council supports this special protection but feel it is only right that Southwell's 'historic core' receives the same status. It is true that there has scarcely been any development in Southwell's historic core over the last 50 years and for this reason Newark and Sherwood DC should take much of the credit. However, protection of the 'historic core' might easily be under threat in the future and we feel although the historic core is within the town's Conservation Area this might not be sufficient protection. Hence, we are submitting a paper which sets out a suggested definition of Southwell's historic core. Attached to this we have added an index of the many listed buildings within the historic core.

Southwell's Historic Core

The historic core of Southwell focuses on a substantial number of outstanding buildings and remains which are nationally recognised. Significantly, the area contains many church and former church properties with gardens, mostly treed and landscaped, which provide a unique setting and give the area a distinct character. The core with its Prebendal residences has much of the character of a cathedral close but is different in that the area was developed from mediaeval times into the early nineteenth century to cater for the domestic and official needs of an ancient collegiate church and as such is rare and possibly unique.

At the heart is the Norman Cathedral and the Bishop's Manor with the ruins of the the late mediaeval palace belonging to the Archbishops of York. Close by is Vicar's Court, residences for the Dean and adjacent to these ecclesiastical buildings is the site of a very large second century Roman villa.

To the north, an obvious boundary follows that of six Prebendal houses and their extensive gardens, erected in the Georgian era, most of which were built on mediaeval foundations. These houses were the residences of canons representing local villages, whose residents provided an income for their upkeep. Adjacent to the garden of Normanton Prebend is the long earthwork, believed to be one demarcation of the Saxon 'burh'.

To the west is the late fifteenth century *Saracen's Head* Inn and the restored Georgian theatre, one of the few remaining theatres of that period in the country. There also three more Prebendal houses and gardens off Westgate.

As the boundary turns to the south and east , it follow the outline of Church and Diocesan property , most of which lies within the Mediaeval Deer Park previously belonging to the Archbishop of York. The boundary then meets the location of the Roman Villa and the Potwell Dyke. It follows the dyke in a northerly direction across Church Street as far as the gardens of the properties to the north of Church Street, where Saxon burial remains were found in 2012.

Appendix 1
Southwell's Historic Core
Listed buildings and current usage

STREET	BUILDING	GRADE	CURRENT USAGE
Church Street	Gateways and boundary wall at Minster Churchyard adjacent to Church Street	II	
	9 Church Street	II	Nat West Bank
	11 Church Street Minster Lodge,	II	Private dwelling
	13 Church Street and adjacent garden walls	II	Private dwelling
	21 Church Street Willoughby House	II	Business/private dwelling
	23 Church Street North Muskham Prebend, and attached boundary wall and Kirkland House	II	Business/private dwelling
	25 Church Street Cranfield House and garden walls	II*	Business/private dwelling
	31 Church Street Ashleigh and attached garden walls	II	Private dwelling
	41 Church Street and garden boundary wall	II	Private dwelling
	Normanton Prebend and attached garden walls	II	Private dwelling
	South Muskham Prebend	II	Private dwelling
	Cottage adjoining stable and carriage house 25 metres east of South Muskham Prebend	II	Private dwelling
	The Old Rectory	II	Private dwelling
	Site of Roman Villa	SAM	Site recorded
	Potwell Dyke Bridge	II	
	The Residence, Vicars Court and adjoining boundary walls	II*	Private dwellings
	The Minster	I	Church
	Archbishop of York's Palace	SAM	Historic building
	The Minster Centre (previously the Old Grammar School)	II	Business/retail
	Westgate	1 Westgate	II
2 Westgate		II	Business
4 Westgate Sacrista Prebend and boundary wall		II	Church building
6 Westgate Rampton Prebend		II	Private dwelling
8 Westgate Dunham House and summerhouse to the rear of Dunham House		II	Business/private dwelling
Bishops Drive	The Bishop's Manor and gardens	I	Business/private dwelling
	The remains of the Archbishop of York's Palace	I	Historic monument
Market Place	6 Market Place	II	Retail
	13 & 15 Market Place	II	Retail
	16 & 18 Market Place	II	Retail
	17 Market Place	II	Retail
	The Crown Hotel	II	Hospitality
	The Saracens Head Hotel	II*	Hospitality
	The milestone to the left of the carriage arch at the Saracens Head	II	
Queen Street	The Georgian Theatre	II	Retail/hospitality