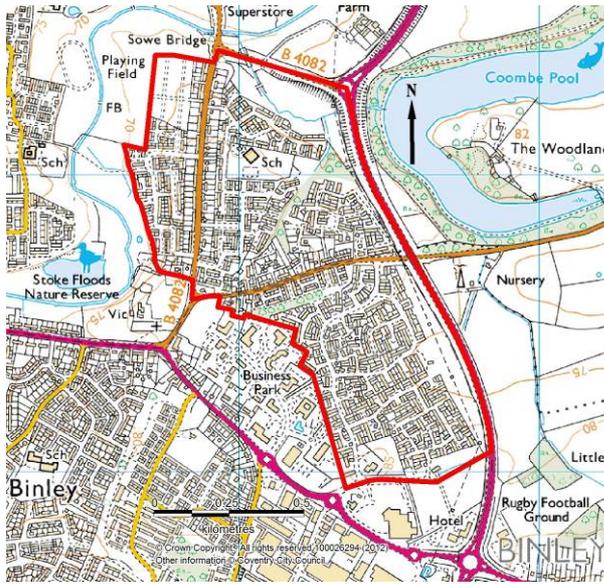


East Binley Character Area

HLC Area 9



Location and Context

An area consisting predominantly of residential settlement located on the eastern fringe of Coventry. The location of the River Sowe to the west of the character area restricts transport links to the city centre.

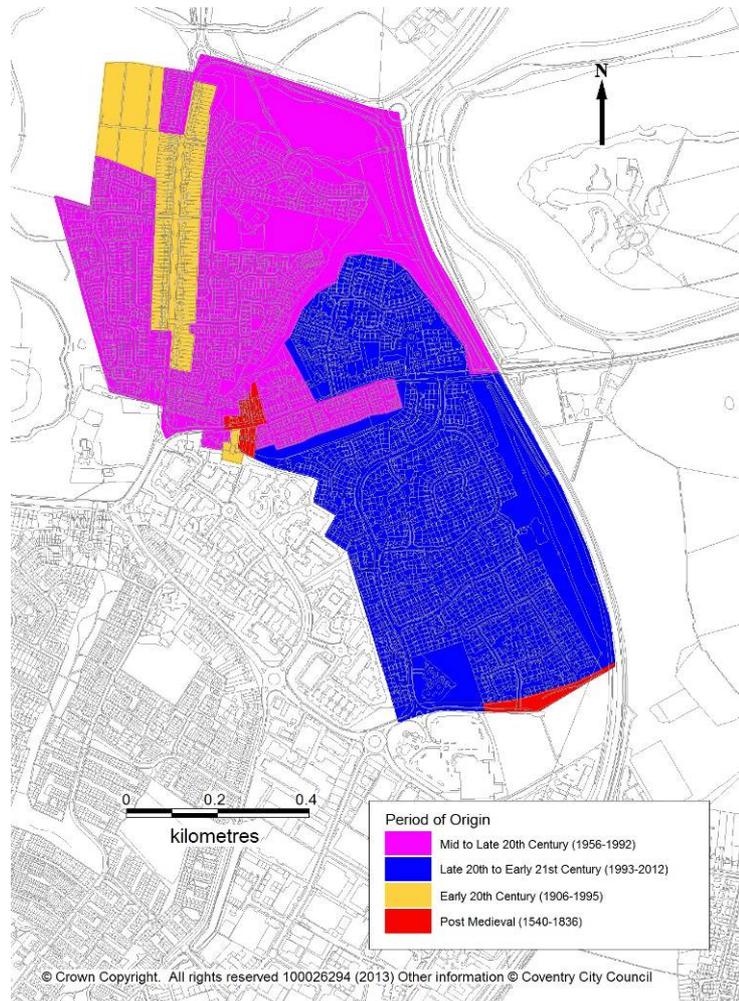
Heritage Designations in the Area

Scheduled Ancient Monuments: 0
Archaeological Constraint Areas: 1
Listed Buildings: 4
Locally Listed Buildings: 3
Conservation Areas: 0

Registered Parks and Gardens: 0

Historic Development

The earliest evidence for the landscape history of this area comes from the 1746 Craven Estate Map which shows that it comprised almost entirely of enclosed fields at this time. There were also a small number of houses towards the west end of Brinklow Road, forming the historic core of Binley village which dates back to the medieval period. This agricultural landscape remained unchanged until the period 1925-1936 when houses were built along either side of Clifford Bridge Road and two areas of allotments were laid out. To the north of Brinklow Road there appears to have been quarrying for gravel. Between 1955 and 1992 most of this area was gradually developed with housing. A narrow strip of former quarry workings was left undeveloped and an area of

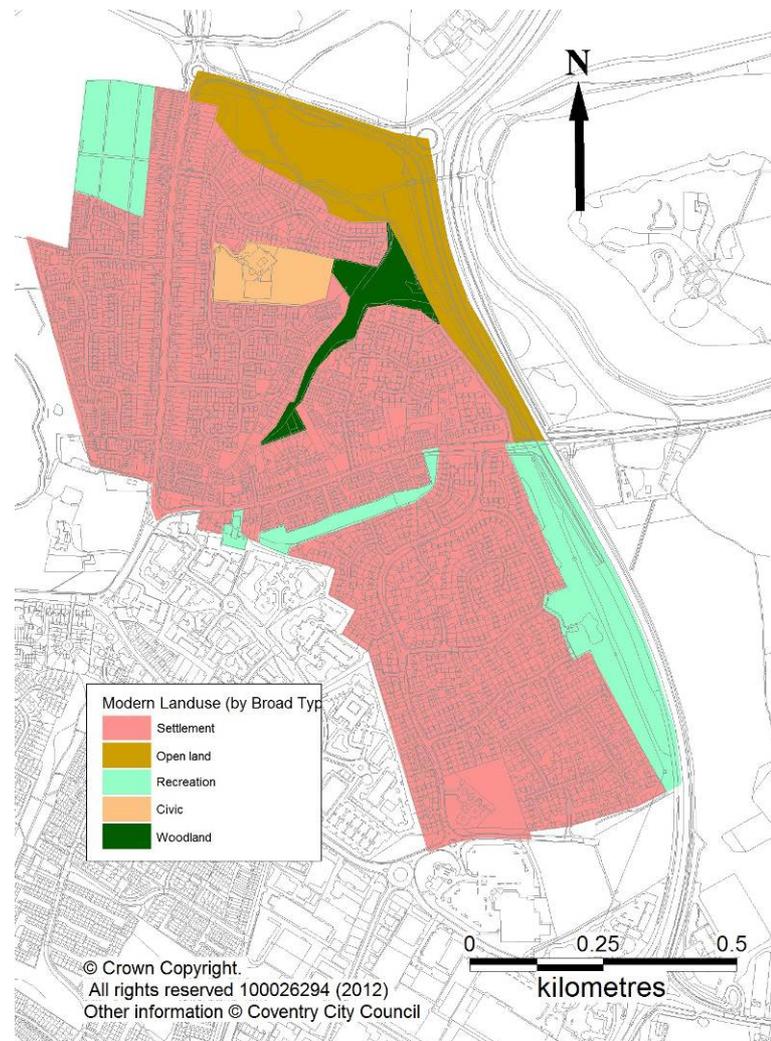


woodland has developed here. The northeast extremity of the Character Area was also left as open land. The area to the south of Brinklow Road remained in agricultural use until the period 1992-2005 when almost the whole area was developed for housing.

Modern Character

The character area comprises small semi-detached and detached houses mostly built in the 1960s and 1970s, although housing along Clifford Bridge Road is slightly older, dating to between 1925 and 1936. With the exception of a small area of medieval settlement located where Brinklow Road and Mill Lane meet, the development took place on former agricultural land. The historic core of Binley village, which is thought to date back to the medieval period, falls within the character area and the surviving buildings, which include a school depicted on the 1888 Ordnance Survey map, have been given locally listed or listed building status. The church associated with the medieval settlement also survives but this is located outside the character area.

Although Brinklow Road and Clifford Bridge Road are present on the 1st Edition Ordnance Survey map, none of the other roads or current boundaries reflect those of previous periods. The streets are characterised by long, curving roads which lead into curving, multi-headed cul de sacs. There is strong uniformity and all of the houses comprise small house plots with small gardens to the front and rear. The houses all have their own garages and the front gardens have large driveways. The front gardens have low boundaries comprising hedges or often no boundary with the pavement at all. The roads are wide and some of the pavements have grass verges. Houses in the south of the character area were built after 1992 and are detached. They have decorative brick work, particularly on the corners of the buildings, but also small motifs made from different coloured bricks often above first floor windows. Some of the houses in the north of the Character Area have mock timber frames, but in the main the semi-detached houses tend to be quite plain. There are very few amenities within the



suburban area apart from a school. A church, leisure facilities and a superstore are present on the edge of the settlement.

Geology and Topography

The underlying geology is mudstone with a drift geology of sand and gravel. It is generally flat land between 75m and 85m above sea level.



Recent housing development typical of the southern half of the character area

