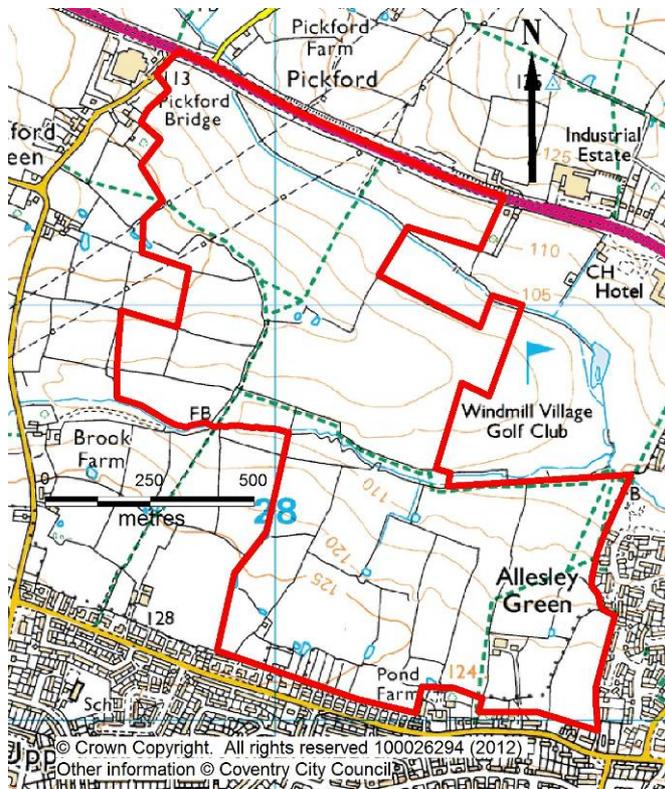


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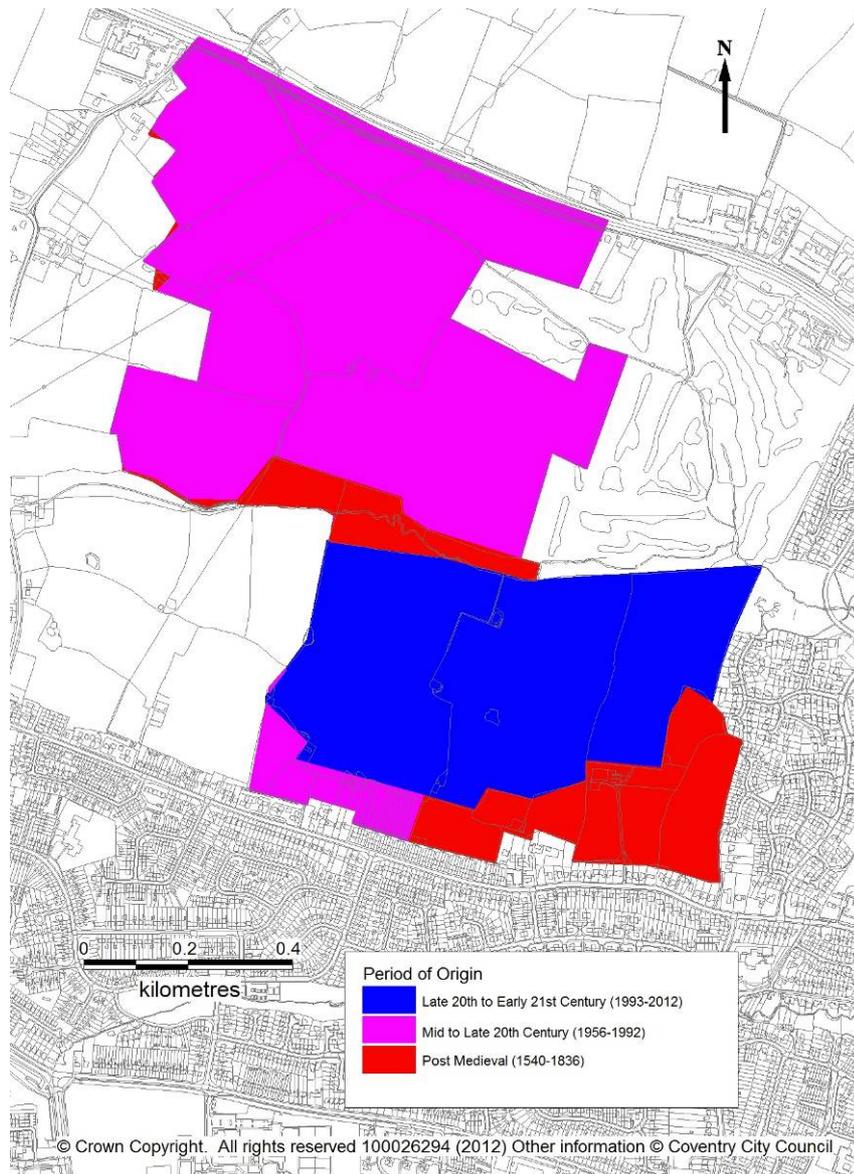
A Character Area located to the north west of the city centre. This is a rural area with both the Pickford Brook and the Ashbrook running through it. The Character Area is surrounded by fields to the north and west, with a residential area to the south and a golf course to the east.

Heritage Designations in the Character Area

- Scheduled Ancient Monuments: 0
- Archaeological Constraint Areas: 12
- Listed Buildings: 0
- Locally Listed Buildings: 0
- Conservation Areas: 0
- Registered Parks and Gardens: 0

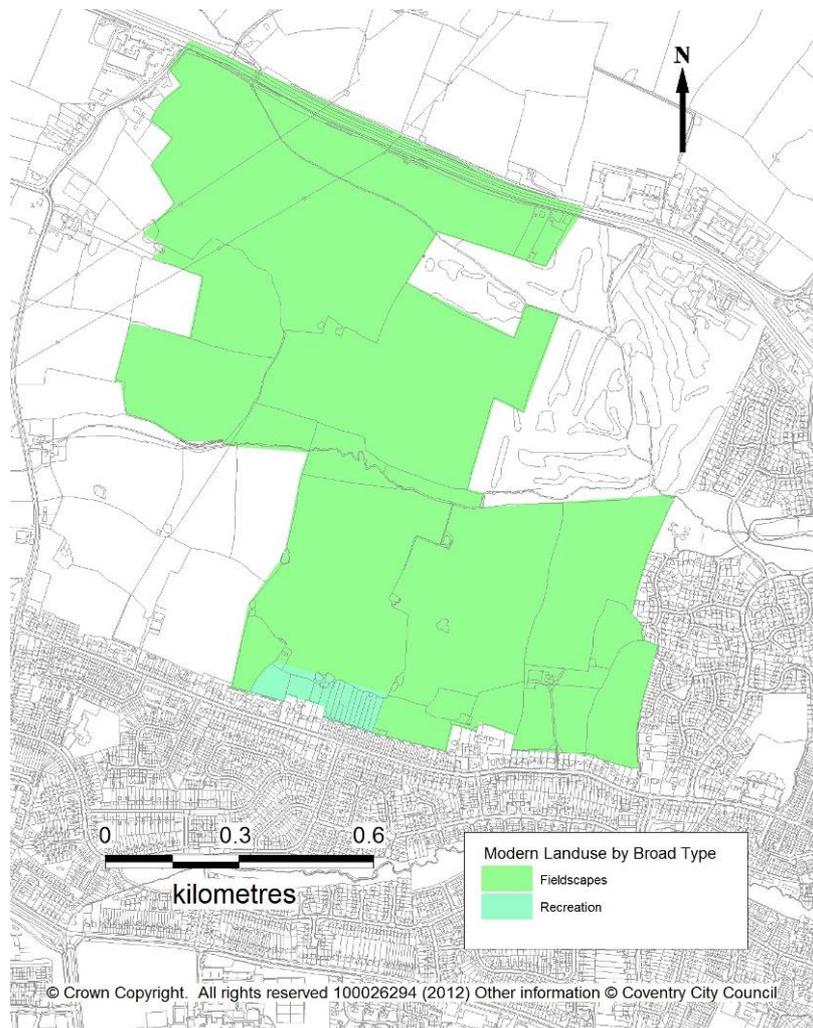
Historic Development

Human activity in this area goes back as early as the Stone Age as evidenced by the results of field walking surveys which discovered early Neolithic flint scatters to the north and south of the Ashbrook. The surveys also revealed a potential Roman site to the northeast of the Character Area with the recovery of Roman pottery and building materials such as tesserae and tegula. There is also evidence of significant medieval activity with a moated site located in the south of the area, a water meadow located along the Ashbrook and areas of ridge and furrow earthworks dispersed throughout. The north of the Character Area is recorded as being part of a medieval open field system which was converted into small, enclosed fields in 1654. Agricultural use of the land has continued to the present day, although many of the early field boundaries were removed during the late 20th Century to create larger fields.



Modern Character

The Character Area mainly comprises very large fields although there is an area of small paddocks located next to housing on the south boundary of the Character Area. The fields are bounded by hedges, many of which are banked and include veteran trees, and may date back to the time of the Allesley Inclosure Award of 1654. Several trees which were part of former field boundaries are still present within the fields. Public footpaths create good access to the area. The proximity of a large residential area to the south makes this a convenient and popular location for walkers. This is an active area due to the presence of the dual carriage way to the north and the golf course to the east.



Geology and Topography

The Character Area overlies sandstone with an alluvium deposit of sand with clay and gravel along the course of the rivers. The Character Area has a hilly relief and lies between 110m and 125m above sea level.



*Agricultural land
South of the A45*