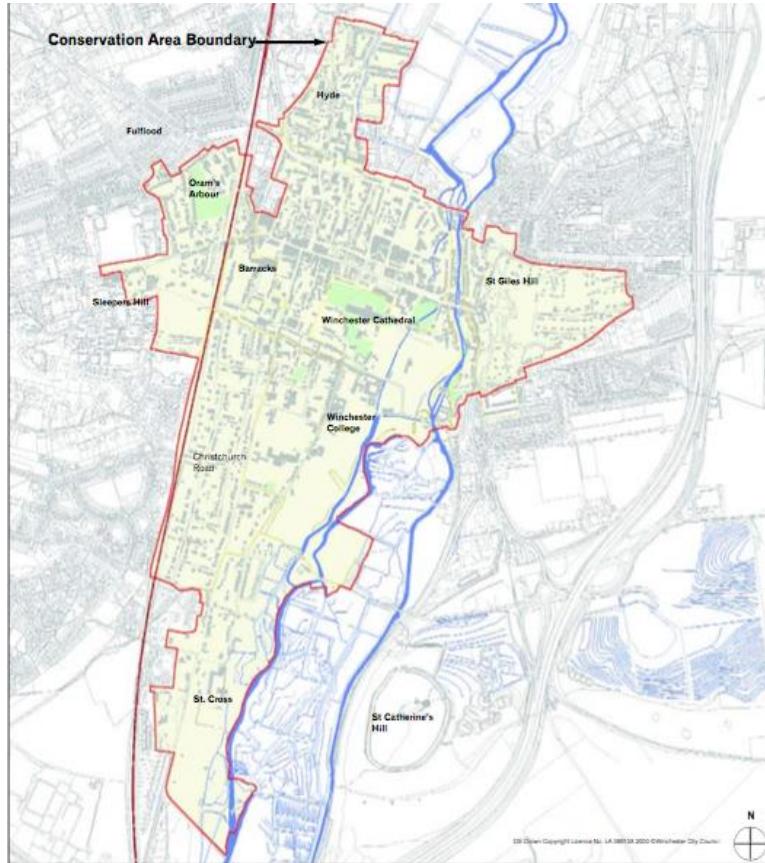


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Designated assets: Conservation areas and listed buildings

Designated heritage assets include Conservation Areas and Listed Buildings. They are afforded protection by the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 and by Government policies in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).



Winchester Conservation Area

The plan shows the extent of Winchester Conservation Area. Conservation areas are designated by local planning authorities. They are areas of special architectural or historic interest, where it is desirable to preserve or enhance their character or appearance.

Listed Buildings in Winchester

Winchester City Council has about 2,780 entries on its list, of which 70 are listed Grade I, 149 Grade II* and the rest Grade II (see the list at Winchester City Council).

The main criteria for listing are: architectural interest; historic interest; close historical associations with nationally important people or events; group value (where buildings comprise together an important architectural or historical entity); age and rarity. All buildings built before 1700 which survive in anything like their original condition are listed; and most buildings of 1700 to 1840.

Grade I buildings are of national importance, Grade II* have some national significance, and Grade II buildings are of local importance.

Buildings are listed to identify and protect our architectural heritage. Listing means that any alterations or extensions must respect the character and special interest of the building. There is also a duty to protect the “setting” of a listed building.