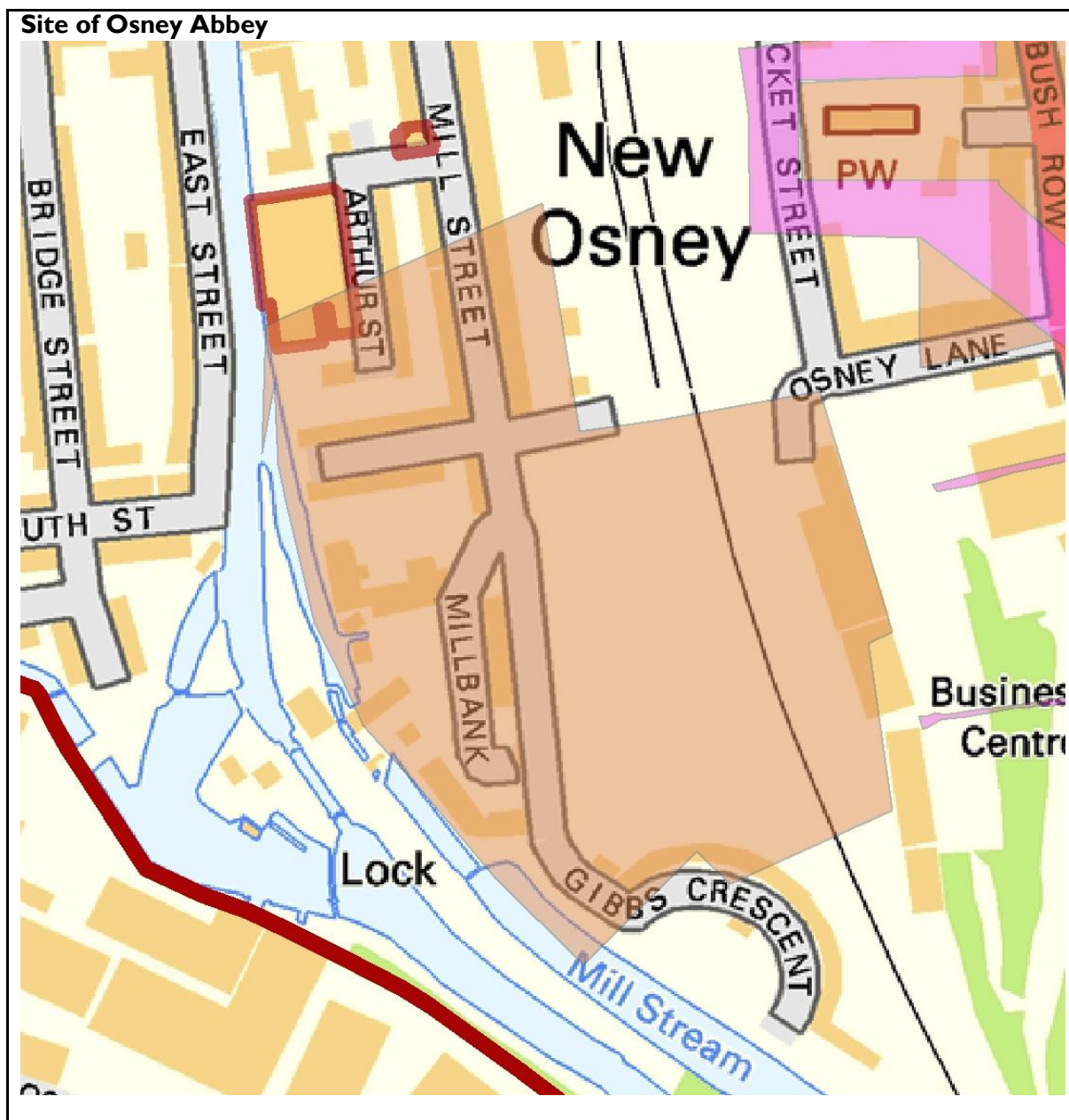


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1. <b>WHAT IS IT?</b> Is it one of the following?	Tick
a building or group of buildings	
a monument or site (an area of archaeological remains or a structure other than a building)	y
a place (e.g. a street, park, garden or natural space)	
a landscape (an area defined by visual features or character, e.g. a city centre, village, suburb or field system)	

2. <b>WHY IS IT INTERESTING?</b> Is it interesting in any of the following ways?	Tick / Rank
<b>Historic interest</b> – a well documented association with a person, event, episode of history, or local industry	y
<b>Archaeological interest</b> – firm evidence of potential to reveal more about the human past through further study	y
<b>Architectural interest</b> – an example of an architectural style, a building of particular use, a technique of building, or use of materials	
<b>Artistic interest</b> – It includes artistic endeavour to communicate meaning or use of design (including landscape design) to enhance appearance	

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<p>What is it about the asset that provides this interest?</p> <p><b>Historic interest:</b> This is the site of Osney Abbey as suggested by map data produced in the 16<sup>th</sup> century and later, as well as the archaeological recording of the Abbey Church and remains of the Abbey Mill. The abbey was established in 1129 as a Priory of Augustinian canons, becoming an abbey later in 1154. It was founded by Robert d'Oyly and his wife Edith Forne (formerly the mistress of Henry I) and was one of the great Augustinian houses of Britain in the Middle Ages, helping to found numerous others. The redirection of the Thames to its present course, is likely to have been undertaken for the abbey to power the mill. In 1539 the abbey, being regarded as the finest ecclesiastical building in the city, was made the Cathedral of the new See of Oxford, whilst the abbot became its bishop.</p> <p><b>Archaeological interest:</b> Observation of the remains of the abbey church and mill have demonstrated the potential for the survival of remains of the buildings and spaces of the abbey. The low lying situation provides potential for survival of waterlogged deposits that could be a rich source of information about life within the medieval abbey and its environment.</p>
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<p><b>3. WHY IS IT LOCALLY VALUED?</b> Is the interest of the asset <b>valued locally</b> for any of the following reasons?</p>	Tick / Rank
<p><b>Association:</b> It connects us to people and events that shaped the identity or character of the area</p>	y
<p><b>Illustration:</b> It illustrates an aspect of the area's past that makes an important contribution to its identity or character</p>	
<p><b>Evidence:</b> It is an important resource for understanding and learning about the area's history</p>	y
<p><b>Aesthetics:</b> It makes an important contribution to the positive look of the area either by design or fortuitously</p>	
<p><b>Communal:</b> It is important to the identity, cohesion, spiritual life or memory of all or part of the community</p>	
<p>How is the asset locally valued as heritage?</p> <p><b>Evidential:</b> Archaeological remains of the abbey provide an important potential resource for study of the development of the religious community from the early 12<sup>th</sup> century until the dissolution, and its subsequent quarrying for building materials by Christ Church.</p> <p><b>Association:</b> The site provides an association with the early history of the West Oxford suburb as largely the property of this institution, who played an important role in laying out the first streets and developing the industrial potential of its waterways, as well as making it an important part of Oxford's religious landscape. The site also provides an association with the impact of the Dissolution on the landscape of Oxford and its religious communities.</p>	

<p><b>4. WHAT MAKES ITS LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE SPECIAL?</b> Do any of the following features make the heritage significance of the asset stand out above the surrounding environment?</p>	Tick
<p><b>Age</b> ... Is it particularly old, or of a date that is significant to the local area?</p>	y
<p><b>Rarity</b> ... Is it unusual in the area or a rare survival of something that was once common?</p>	
<p><b>Integrity</b> ... Is it largely complete or in a near to original condition?</p>	
<p><b>Group value</b> ... Is it part of a group that have a close historic, aesthetic or communal association?</p>	
<p><b>Oxford's identity</b> ... Is it important to the identity or character of the city or a particular part of it?</p>	y
<p><b>Other</b> ... Is there another way you think it has special local value?</p>	
<p>How does this contribute to its value?</p> <p><b>Age:</b> The abbey is considered to be an early element of the development of the west Oxford suburb, which had a considerable influence on the subsequent development of the area.</p> <p><b>Oxford's identity:</b> The Abbey is one of the early religious institutions that formed centres for learning and contributed to the development of Oxford as a University city. It also has an association with the development of Oxford as the centre of an episcopal see, although this proved to be short-lived. The abbey also played an important role in the development of West</p>	

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