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Beauchamp Lane Conservation Area

Designated 6 November 1973

Beauchamp Lane Conservation Area, No.7

Beauchamp Lane contains a fragment of a small Oxfordshire village now embedded in the 20th century development of Cowley. Its focus is the late 12th century church of St James built by Osney Abbey which overlooks a school, former farmhouse, row of three cottages and individual houses. A thatched house stands at the northern end of the lane, overshadowed by the multi-storey car park. Several older stone cottages, together with long stretches of frontage and stone boundary walls link the area visually.

When the proximity of the Cowley Centre is taken into account, the change of area and scale is clear cut, and Beauchamp Lane enjoys its own ambience. It was in order to safeguard the special village character of Beauchamp Lane, when so much of rural Cowley had been lost, that the City Council designated a conservation area on 6th November 1973.