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Binsey Conservation Area

Designated 23 February 1981

Extended N/A

Binsey Conservation Area, No.14

Binsey's name most likely derives from Byni's island, which was in the nearby Thames. It belonged to St Frideswide's Priory and subsequently Christ Church became the major landowner.

It survives as a predominantly small, agricultural settlement within the Green Belt and flood plain to the north-west of Oxford. Its sole vehicular access is via Binsey Lane, leading north from Botley Road. Pedestrians may reach it from the towpath or from across Port Meadow.

Its character is one of small scale buildings around a village green, with houses, farm, barns and a thatched riverside public house, whose popularity attracts visitors both on foot and by car.

As a response to the survival and timeless beauty of Binsey Village and its Green, the City Council designated it a conservation area on 23rd February 1981.

The isolated Grade I listed, medieval church of St Margaret, famed for its association with St Frideswide and the holy well, or treacle well, some distance from the present settlement is not within the designation boundary.