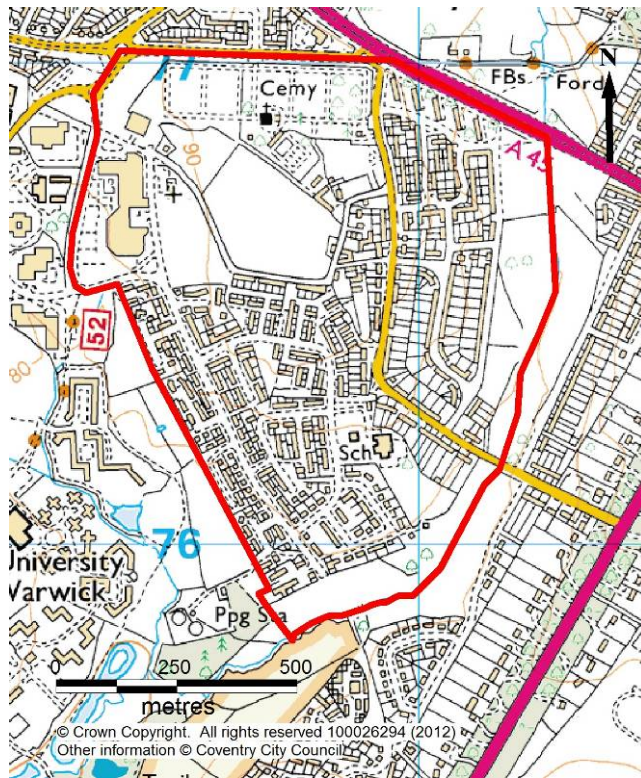


Location and Context

Area of settlement located to the south west of the city centre. The character area is bounded by a Canley Brook to the east and Canley Ford to the north making this a self-contained area which is detached from the settlement surrounding it. The University of Warwick is present to the west of the character area.



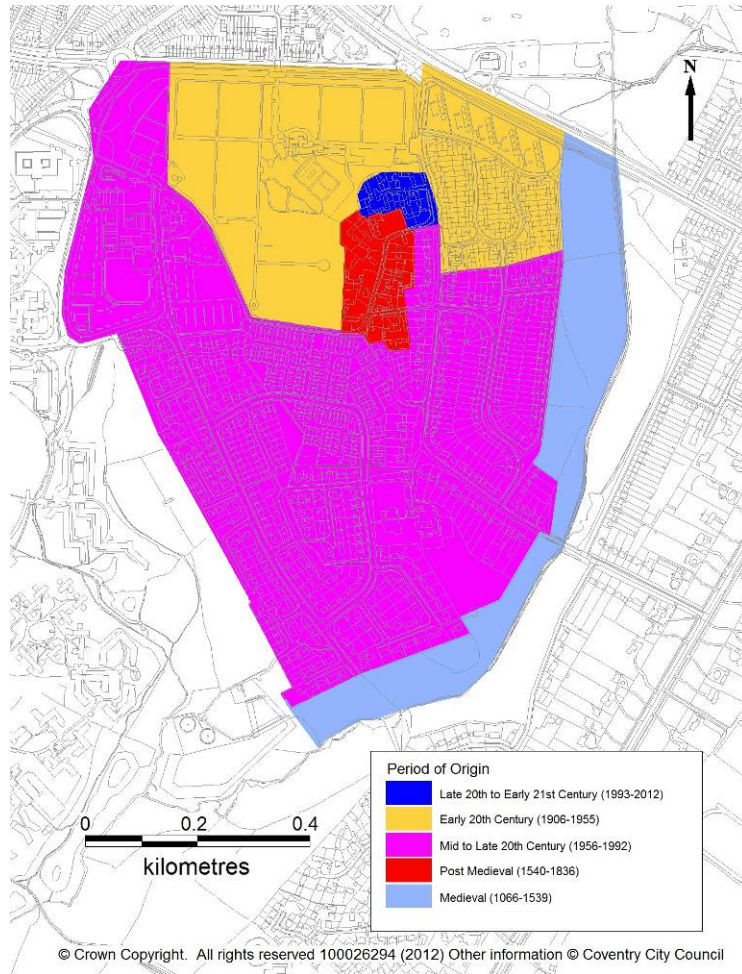
Heritage Designations in the Area

Scheduled Ancient Monuments: 0
 Archaeological Constraint Areas: 1
 Listed Buildings: 5
 Locally Listed Buildings: 1
 Conservation Areas: 1
 Registered Parks and Gardens: 0

Historic Development

The hamlet of Canley on Ivy Farm Lane has its origins in the medieval period and was surrounded by three open fields called West Field, Little Field and Mickerfield with a medieval moated manor house just outside the Character Area to the northwest. The open fields had been enclosed by the end of the 16th Century and a well-established network of winding lanes ran through the area.

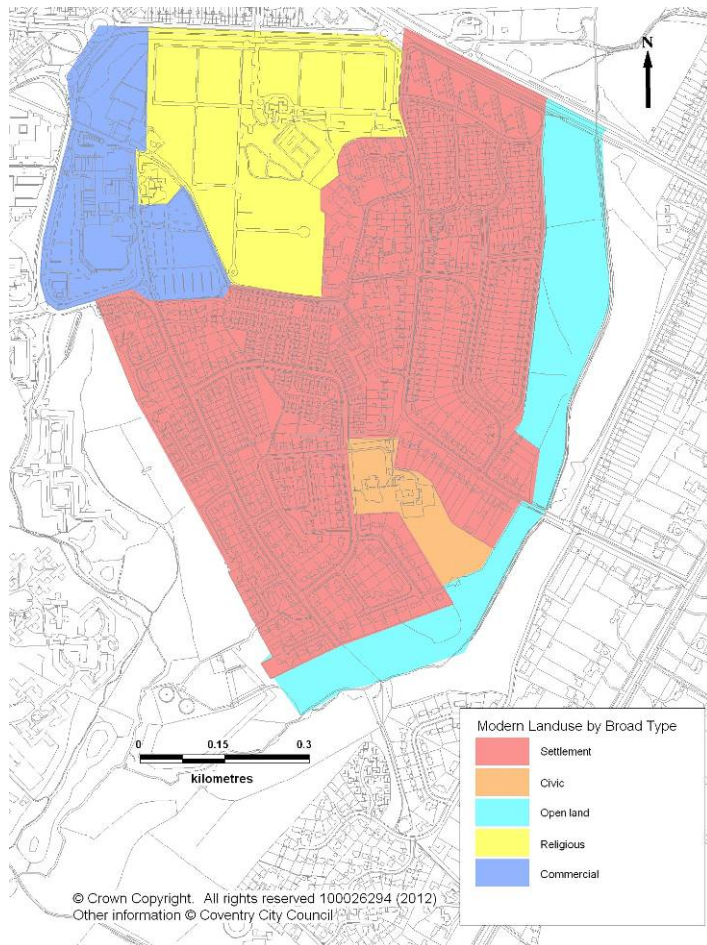
This landscape of agricultural fields with the hamlet at its centre remained relatively unchanged until the late 1940's when development commenced with the creation of Canley Cemetery in the north of the Character Area with house building following to the south in the early 1950s. The remainder of the Character Area was developed with housing and associated amenities throughout the 1960s and 1970s.



Modern Character

There are many amenities in the character area including a school, church, crematorium, cemetery and shops. On the whole these amenities are present on the edge of the settlement, largely clustered together to the north, rather than integrated with the housing. The majority of housing comprises small detached, semi-detached and terraced properties all with small gardens to the front and rear which were built in the mid to late 20th century. However a small hamlet of much older, rural buildings is also present in the centre of the character area. The focal point of this hamlet, which has Conservation Area status, is a group of listed buildings associated with Ivy Farm and Canley Hall Farm. In general, however, this area is characterised by suburban settlement on long, irregular, curved streets with some cul de sacs which were later developed on former agricultural land. Shultern Lane, Ivy Farm Lane, Cannocks Lane and Cannon Hill Road were all in existence by the late 16th century. Shultern Lane is bordered by veteran trees and elsewhere in the area there are

several boundaries lying on the same alignment as those depicted on the 1597 Map of Hurst, Canley and Fletchamstead which are remnants of the pattern of enclosed fields from this period. Nearly all of the pavements have grass verges and some trees are present either on street corners or planted in the verges. The sense of space is furthered by the lack of fencing, walls or hedges between front gardens and the pavement, with property boundaries distinguished from the pavement only by lawns or a change of paving. All of the properties have garages so the streets are also clear of parked cars. The style of housing is fairly plain. Houses are constructed of red brick with slate roofs and have few decorative features. The Canon Park shopping centre to the west of the area with its large areas of surface car parking contrasts sharply with the rest of the area.



Geology and Topography

This area overlies argillaceous rock (rock formed from clay deposits) and sandstone. Along the water course is a drift geology comprising of sand with clay and gravel. The area slopes gently towards the south from 90m to 80m above sea level.



View down Ivy Farm Lane