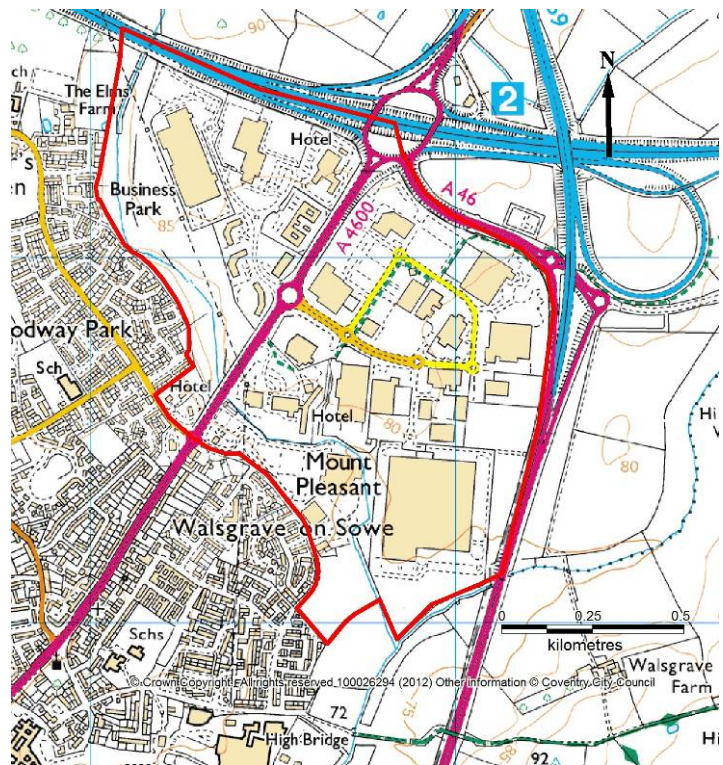


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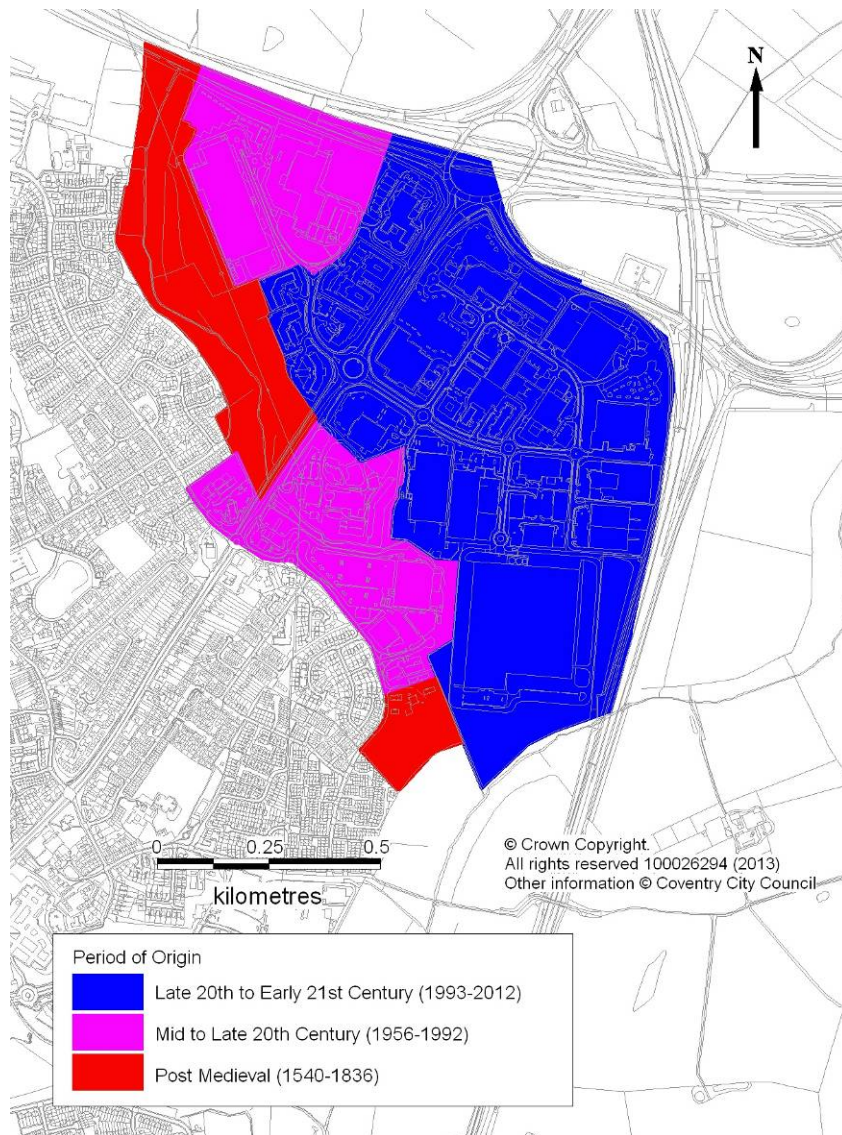
Mixed use business and light industrial area located on the eastern fringe of the Coventry border with some retail and leisure facilities. The character area is sandwiched between residential housing and agricultural fields over the Warwickshire/Coventry border. The predominant feature in this location is its proximity to the M6 junction.

Heritage Designations in the Area

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

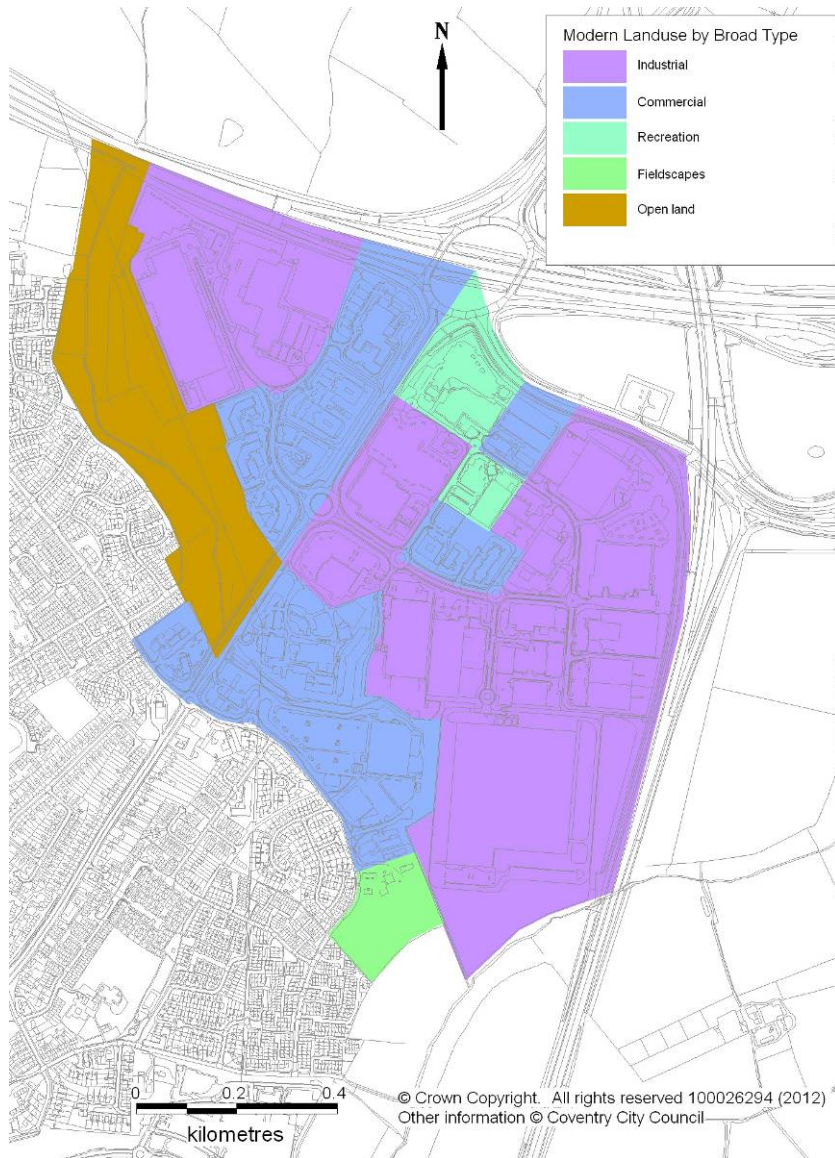
**Historic Development**

During the medieval period much of this area was covered by two open fields called Middle Field and Ansty Field. The most northern part of the area was unenclosed common. The open fields were enclosed in 1756 and by the mid-19th Century the larger enclosures had been further subdivided and a farmstead later known as Lodge Farm, had been built at the centre. This agricultural landscape remained unchanged well into the 20th Century but between 1980 and 1992 an area in the north and one in the southwest were developed for use as a business park and commercial use respectively. The following decade saw the development of the remainder of the area to the east largely as an industrial estate. At the northwest edge of the Character Area there is a tract of open land which contains remnants of the 19th Century field pattern with several hedgerows present.



Modern Character

Offices and warehouses rapidly developed in the late 20th century on former agricultural fields. The development does not reflect any former boundaries although a tract of open land at the northwest edge of the Character Area contains remnants of the 19th Century field pattern with several hedgerows present. The street plan consists of long, curving roads linked by a large number of roundabouts. The warehouses are large, square-shaped, single storey buildings, of varying size but constructed with similar building materials. The office buildings are built of brick and have large windows. The development is planned with ample space for car parking around the buildings. All the roads have wide grass verges with landscaped trees and shrubs. The area is only accessible by car and there is poor pedestrian access within the character area.





Typical office and warehouse buildings at Cross Point Business Park

Geology and Topography

This area overlies mudstone. There is a drift geology comprising an alluvial deposit which follows the watercourse consisting of sand with clay and gravel. There is a very gradual downwards slope from the north of the character area which is about 85m above sea level to 75m to the south of the character area.