

Traffic & road safety and Place surveys

Sample appraisal and questions

Case study at Bletchingdon Road, Kirtlington, Oxfordshire

Initial appraisal

Though the width of the road is constant, there are two distinct characteristics along the road which affect the way people drive.

The historic section, to the north within the conservation area, has traditional historic stone buildings including the former United Methodist Church, are set close to the road. The pavement is next to the road and car parking is on the road.

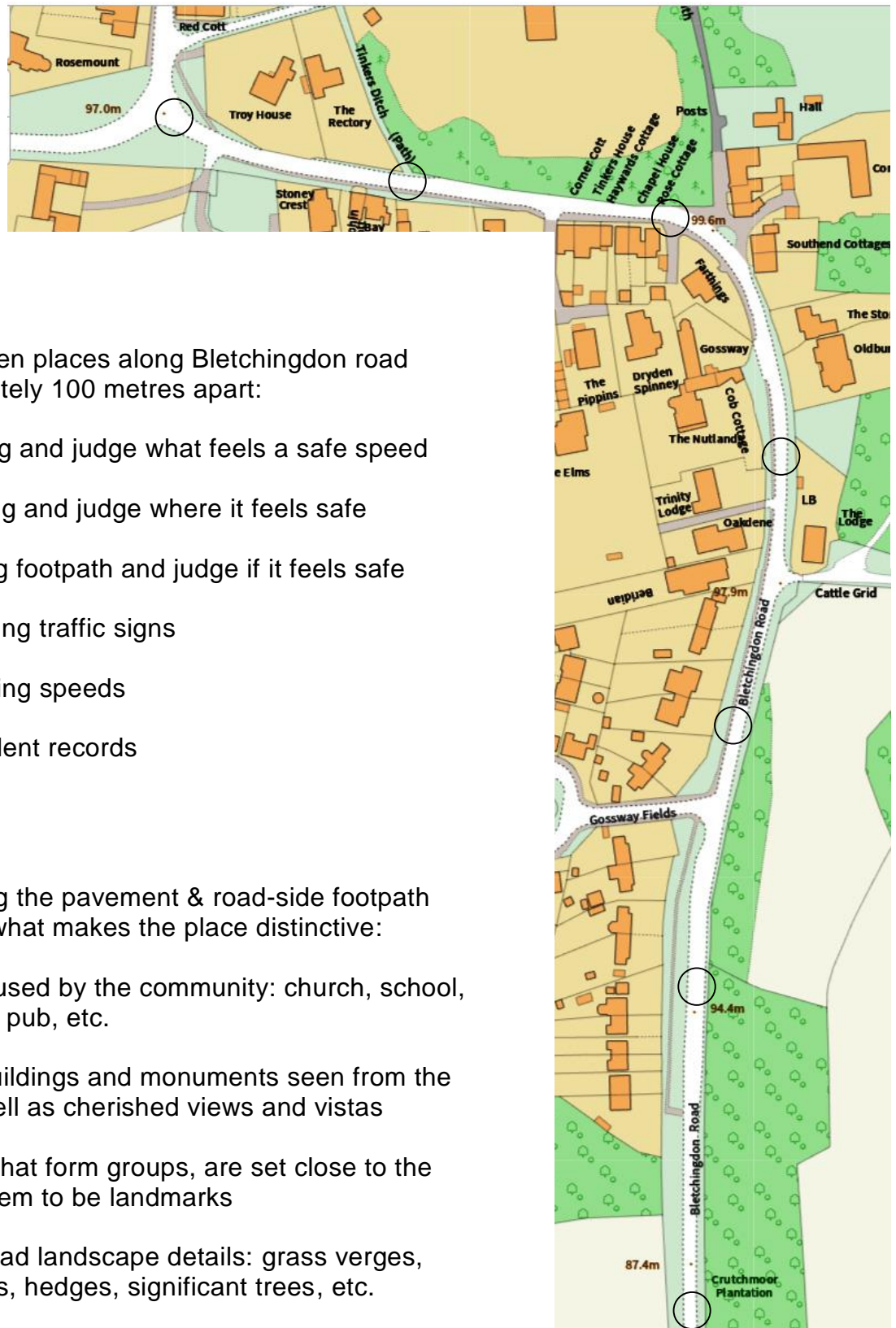


The more modern section, to the south, has houses set behind private gardens and hedges. The footpath is away from the road within wide grass verges. Road space for car parking is next to the road and gives the impression that the road is wider than it actually is.



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Basic surveys



TRAFFIC

At the seven places along Bletchingdon road approximately 100 metres apart:

Drive along and judge what feels a safe speed

Cycle along and judge where it feels safe

Walk along footpath and judge if it feels safe

Note existing traffic signs

Note existing speeds

Note accident records

PLACE

Walk along the pavement & road-side footpath and note what makes the place distinctive:

Buildings used by the community: church, school, hall, shop, pub, etc.

Historic buildings and monuments seen from the road as well as cherished views and vistas

Buildings that form groups, are set close to the road or seem to be landmarks

Edge of road landscape details: grass verges, stone walls, hedges, significant trees, etc.