

## ITCHEN VALLEY CONSERVATION AREA STRATEGY

In addition to the general policies contained in the Southampton Local Plan 1991-1996, Nature Conservation Strategy (1992) and Heritage Strategy for Southampton (1985), the City Council has produced specific policies and proposals for this Conservation Area in the Itchen Valley Conservation Area Strategy (1993).

The main aim of the strategy is to preserve and promote the Conservation Area's unique environmental and recreational values and to encourage its enhancement.

### Issues Covered in the Strategy Access

There is a need to improve public access to the riverside and other areas of open space need to be provided, while there is also a need for access through the Conservation Area to be controlled.

### Landscape/Habitats

Individual parts of the Conservation Area can be identified as having high nature conservation interest but the real value derives from the variety of habitats throughout the area as a whole.

### The Built Environment

The Conservation Area is underdeveloped apart from several important historic buildings, most of which are listed as being of architectural or historic interest. These are: Townhill Park House, Stable Block to Townhill Park House, Drinking Fountain, Woodmill Lane, St Mary's Church, boundary wall to the Church, South Stoneham House and Mans Bridge.

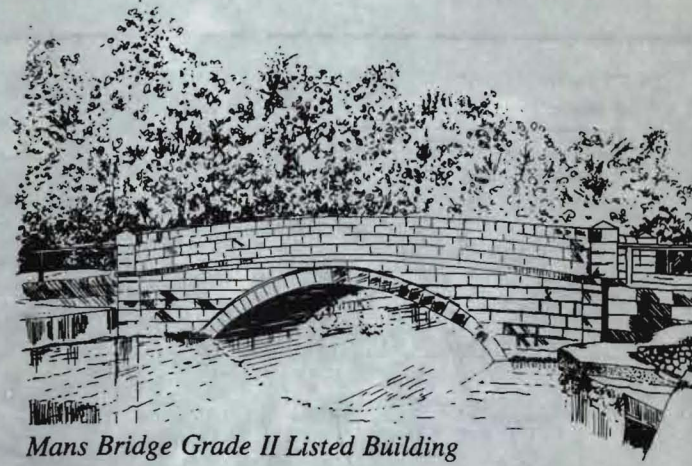
In addition, the Conservation Area falls within an area of local archaeological importance.

## POLICIES

The following specific policies have been formulated:

1. The construction of new buildings in the Itchen Valley Conservation Area will not normally be permitted unless they are:
  - (i) small buildings required as ancillary to the use of land for outdoor recreation in identity area 6, or childrens play in identity area 5, which may include an interpretation centre; or
  - (ii) specifically required to ensure the long-term preservation and enhancement of Townhill Park House and grounds.
2. New buildings, alterations, extensions, replacements and changes of use of existing buildings, may be permitted in certain circumstances. However, these should be compatible with, and enhance the character of, the Itchen Valley Conservation Area and its listed buildings.
3. A new cycle route is proposed from Wessex Lane to Mansbridge Road. This will be located so that minimum disturbance is caused to the visual and wildlife value of the Conservation Area.
4. Proposals to increase access within the Conservation Area will only be permitted where it can be shown that they will not seriously damage the visual or nature conservation value of any of the Conservation Area.

All documents outlined in this leaflet can be obtained from:  
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Mans Bridge Grade II Listed Building

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## Itchen Valley Conservation Area



Townhill Park House Grade II Listed Building



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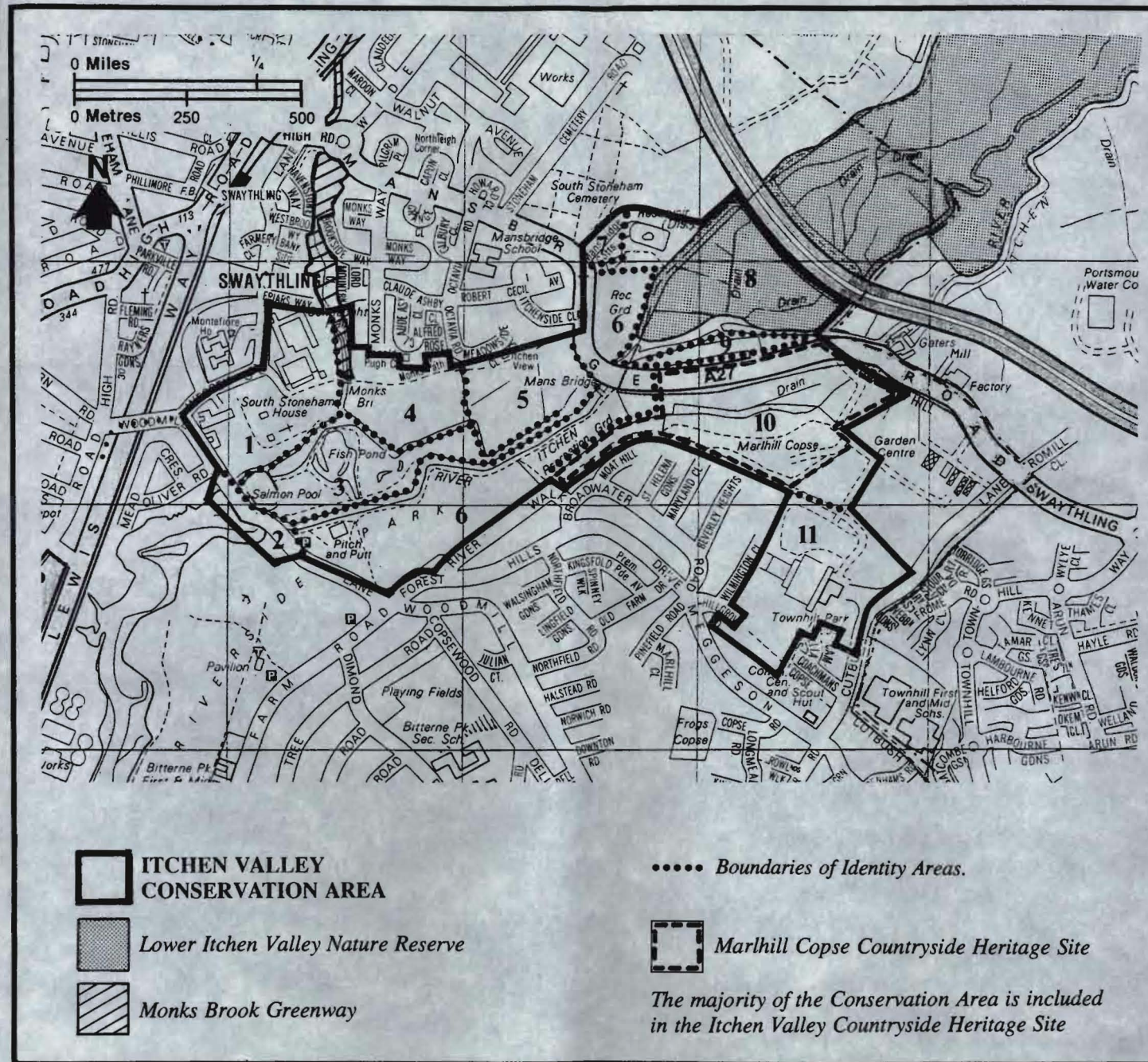
## ITCHEN VALLEY CONSERVATION AREA

The Itchen Valley Conservation Area was designated in 1986 and covers an area of approximately 73 hectares (180 acres), stretching from Woodmill and South Stoneham House in the west, through Riverside Park and Monks Path towards Mansbridge and Townhill Park to the east. It is different from the other conservation areas in the city, which are all built up urban areas. This area is predominantly open, underdeveloped land lying to the north and south of the River Itchen and is very important in landscape, open space and ecological terms. It forms a swathe of green, reaching into the urban areas of the city and linking with the surrounding countryside, providing a venue for various leisure activities. It also includes a small number of listed buildings.

The area has a number of different landowners who also manage the land. For example, the Lower Itchen Valley Nature Reserve is owned and managed by Eastleigh Borough Council and Riverside Park is owned and managed by Southampton City Council.



St Mary's Grade I Listed Building



## LEGISLATION AND CITY COUNCIL OBJECTIVES

The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 requires local planning authorities to determine which parts of their area are of special architectural or historic interest and whose character or appearance should be preserved or enhanced, and to designate them Conservation Areas.



Mansbridge Reservoir

Following designation it is the duty of a local planning authority to pay special regard to the character and appearance of the area when exercising its functions under the relevant Acts. Applications for permissions to carry out development in or adjacent to a Conservation Area, which is likely to effect its character or appearance, have to be advertised, and any representations must be considered by the planning authority before a decision is made as to whether or not planning consent should be granted. Other statutory effects of designation concern 'unlisted' buildings and trees. With certain exceptions, Conservation Area Consent is required for the total or partial demolition of any unlisted building in a Conservation Area. Again, with certain exceptions, any person wishing to fell or carry out works to a tree in a Conservation Area is required to give the City Council six weeks notice. During this time the council can decide whether or not to make a Tree Preservation Order.