

Figure 5.4

- Oadby Study Area Boundary
- Significant Greenspace (protected)
- Trees
- Open Space
- Allotment
- Core Town Centre
- Supermarket
- Bus Route 31
- Bus Route 31a
- Poor Frontage
- Good Frontage
- Gateway
- Traffic Lights
- Car Park
- Local Landmark
- Public Art

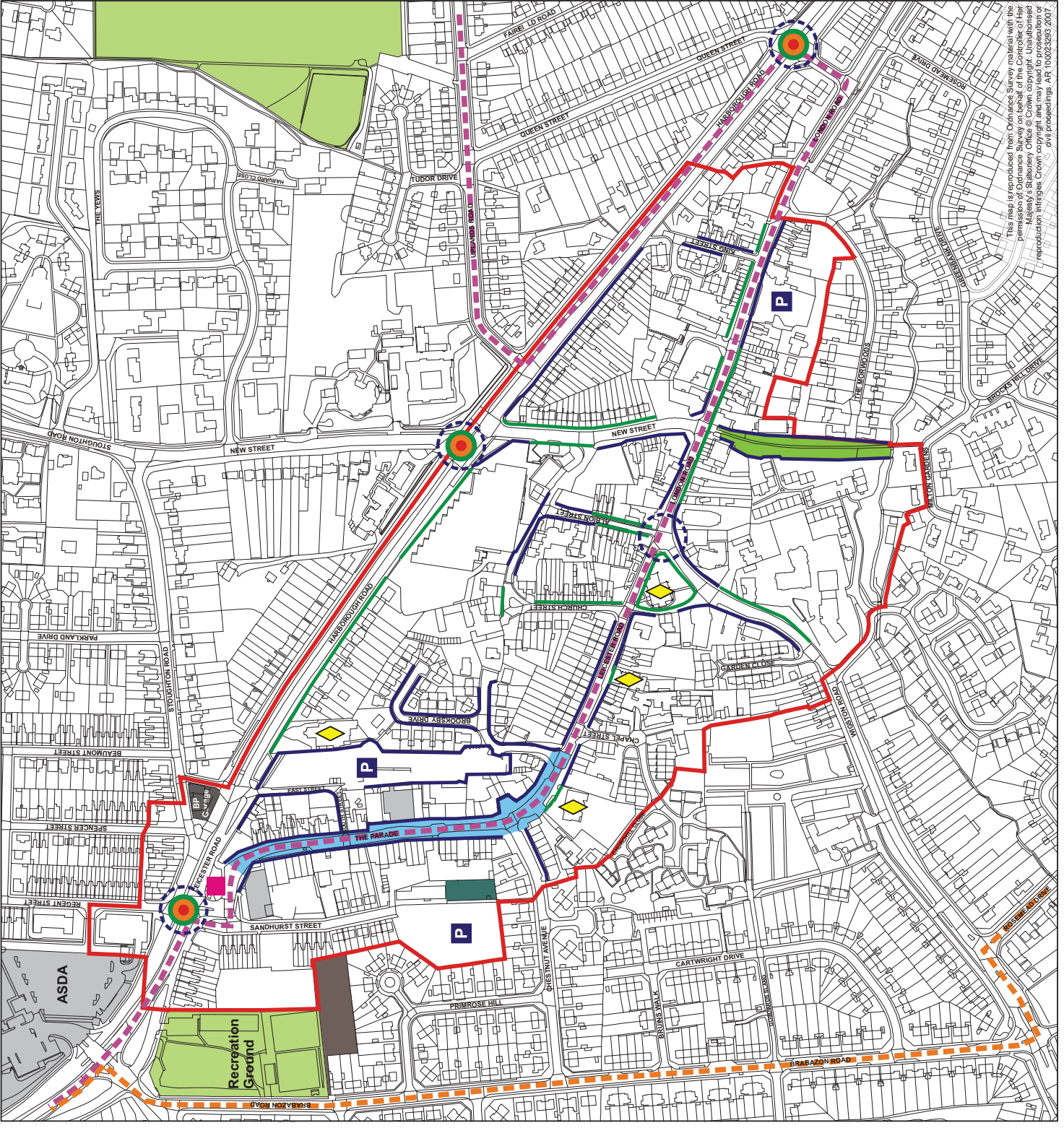


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- 5.44. The only area of open space is along Lawyers Lane which is more like a tree lined avenue than an area for people to congregate. The public realm throughout the Town Centre is in need of enhancement. There are examples of fine architecture throughout the Town centre for example in the conservation areas and the art deco semi detached houses which front onto Harborough Road.



- 5.45. There are also examples of very poor architecture which detract from the overall look of the Town Centre, for example, office developments and retail fronting onto The Parade and Leicester Road.

Conclusions

- 5.46. Oadby still retains some of its village characteristics with a mixture of uses, preserving the appearance of its organic growth. This is centered on the oldest remaining part of Oadby around St. Peter's Church and stretched along London Road towards the more recent developments of on the Parade.
- 5.47. The linear characteristics of the Conservation area reflect the development of the original settlement along the road between Leicester and London to the southeast of St. Peter's Church. Much of the building fabric outside of the conservation area is relatively poor and detracts from the town centre as a whole.
- 5.48. Towards the north of the Town centre the quality of the architecture deteriorates and the history is lost.
- 5.49. The village green has long since disappeared with the redevelopment of the village as its size and nature has become much more urban. The only key green space within the Town Centre is Lawyers Lane. As this is a public footpath it doesn't allow for much social interaction to take place.
- 5.50. There are existing derelict office buildings, poor quality buildings and underused open space. These conclusions have led to the production of potential development sites (figure 7.1).

SWOT Analysis

<p>Strengths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reasonably compact Town Centre Space for personalisation of public realm Space for overspill activity Diverse Local shops Examples of high quality architecture Amount of car parking The Paddock shows some good quality public realm and public art 	<p>Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To create more key open spaces To integrate the Town centre with the conservation areas To create better links to the existing residential areas Shop front Improvement Scheme Townscheme Initiatives e.g. grants for reinstating original features to properties Development Opportunities To build upon visitor offer
<p>Weaknesses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of variation in Townscape No key green open spaces Industrial area in the heart of the housing Quality of the car parking Public realm quality overall is poor 	<p>Threats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That the quality of the setting is lost Areas of un adopted public realm The new developments detract from the existing quality of the architecture