

TOWNSCAPE ANALYSIS: THE LANES

> Street by street

Paddock Street

A street of two halves; the eastern end comprises a car park and the service yards to the rear of the Bell Street commercial units, whilst the western end is lined by two matching red brick terraces. A former hosiery factory marks the change in character on the northern side.

Long Street

A mixed use, but predominantly commercial, street with a wide variety of building types and ages. There are a number of fine nineteenth century buildings including the former school and the Wigston United Reformed Church. The Peace Memorial Park provides a green break in the tight building line.

Central Avenue

A mostly residential street lined by terraces and semi-detached pairs of late nineteenth and early twentieth century houses. All have slightly varying details reflecting their different construction dates and many have names inscribed on stone plaques.

Moat Street

A mixed street of residential properties from the nineteenth and twentieth centuries with no consistent building line or form. The Methodist Church and Sunday School at the street's eastern end show Art Nouveau influences.

Cross Street

The street gained its name because it used to 'cross' the village green which is now built upon. It is a very short street linking Bull Head Street and Moat Street and gives access to The Lanes. It is dominated by the Methodist Church and Sunday School, adjacent to which is an attractive red brick terrace.

Blunt's Lane

Blunt's Lane is one of the east-west Lanes and connects Long Street with Bull Head Street via Cross Street. It is lined by buildings and gardens for most of its length, but its central section opens up briefly where it adjoins the Manchester Gardens.

Long Lane

Long Lane runs north-south linking the other three Lanes, and originates from when it connected the initial Viking and Anglo-Saxon settlements of Wigston. For the most part, it is relatively rural in character as it is lined with hedges and trees.

Chapel Lane and Ross' Lane

Chapel Lane links the United Reformed Church on Long Street with Long Lane and its character is largely defined by Peace Memorial Park. Ross' Lane is the most urban of The Lanes as it runs between large commercial units and the Fire Station.



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