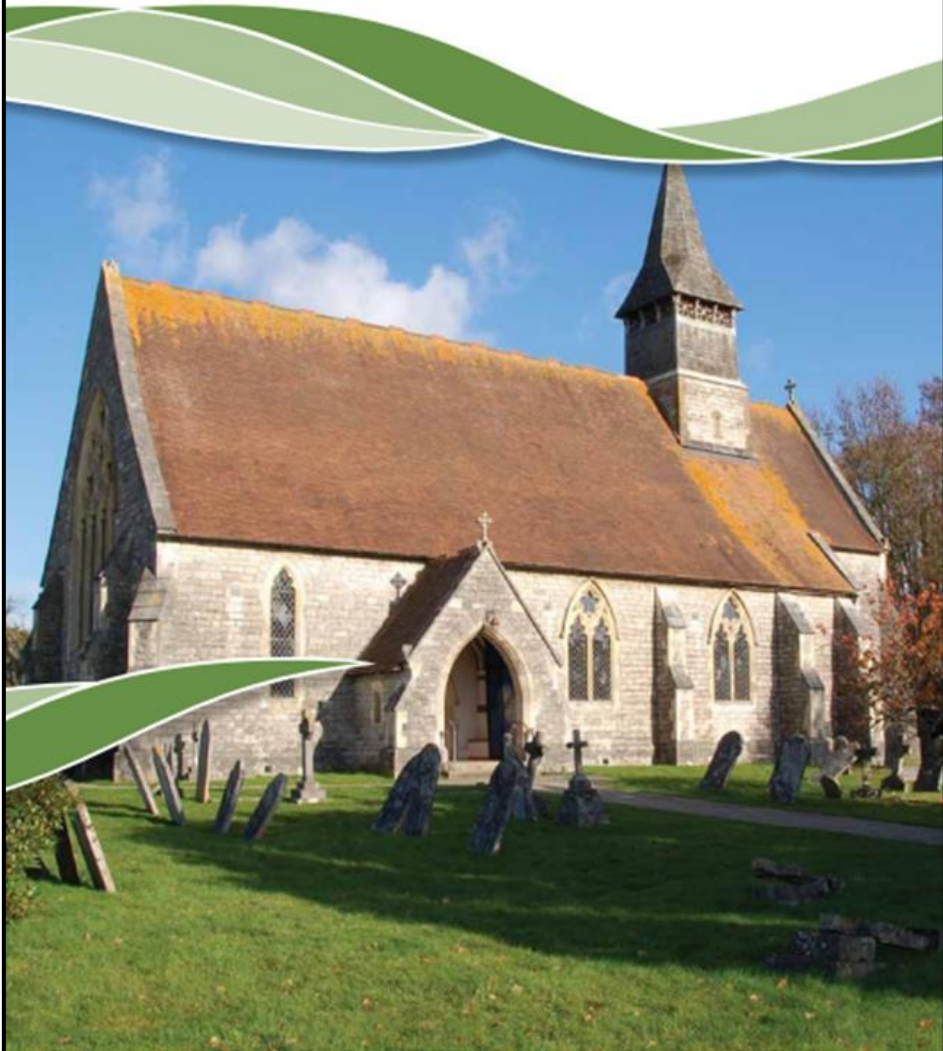




Forest North East
Conservation Area Character Appraisal



Forest North East Conservation Area Review

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Conservation Areas – context

- Conservation Areas are designated because of their special architectural or historic interest, the character of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance.
- Designation of a conservation area gives broader protection than the listing of individual buildings. All the features, listed or otherwise, within the area are recognised as part of its character.
- Under the NPPF conservation areas are ‘designated heritage assets’ and their conservation is to be given great weight in planning permission decisions.
- Conservation Area status does not create a presumption against development being supported.

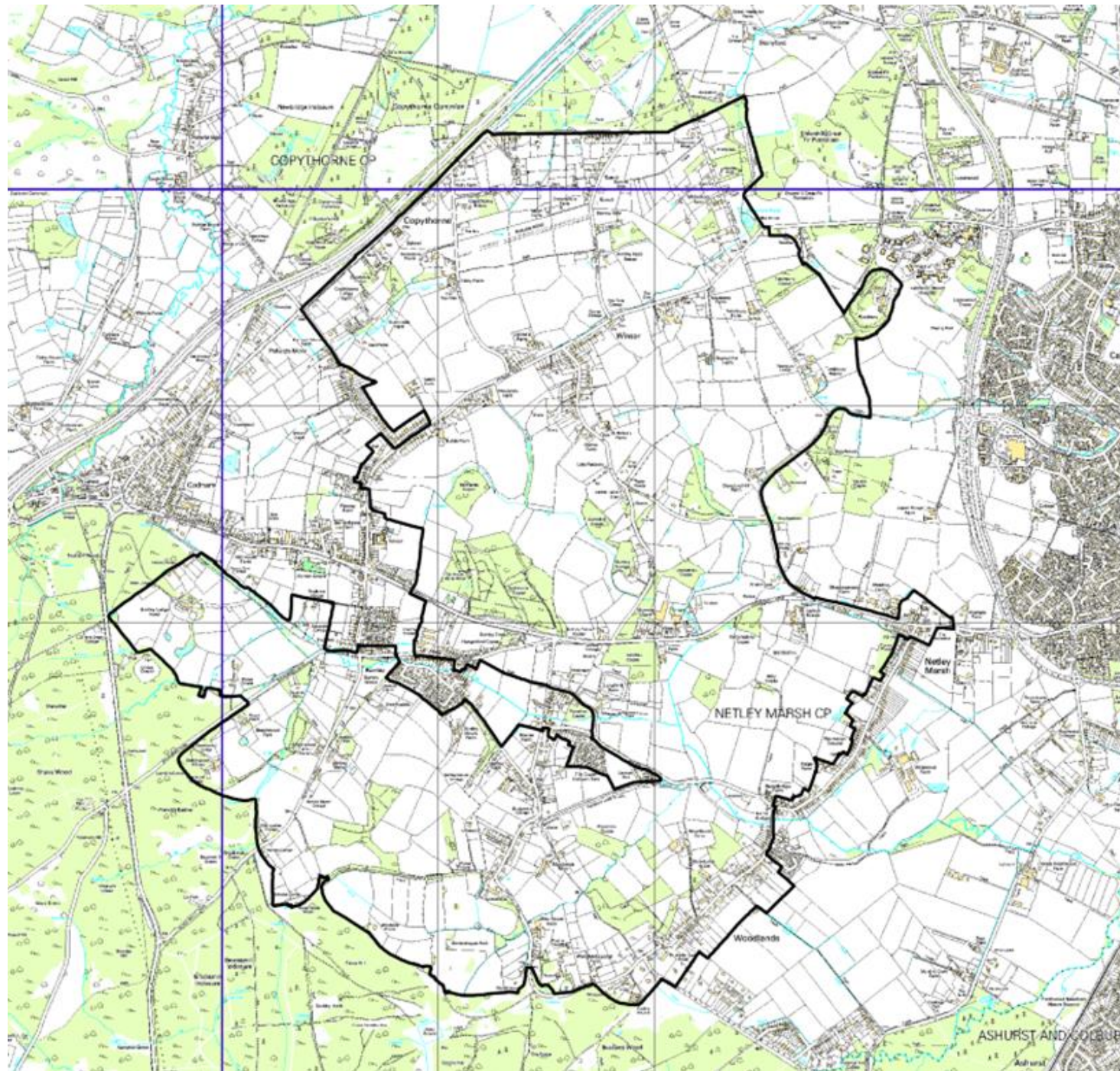


Background to the NFNPA Conservation Area Reviews

- There are 20 Conservation Areas in the New Forest National Park
- Each Conservation Area has an accompanying Character Appraisal which were originally put together between 2008 – 2009.
- They are valuable reference tools when preparing or responding to planning applications. However, nearly 15 years have now passed and inevitably things have changed and evolved.
- Officers undertook a review of the Conservation Areas with the highest number of applications. They were the Western Escarpment, Burley, Forest South East, and Forest North East.
- NPA members agreed to focus on reappraising the Burley, Forest South East and Forest North East Conservation Areas, because they are facing the greatest pressure of change and are areas where design and conservation matters are frequently raised at appeal.

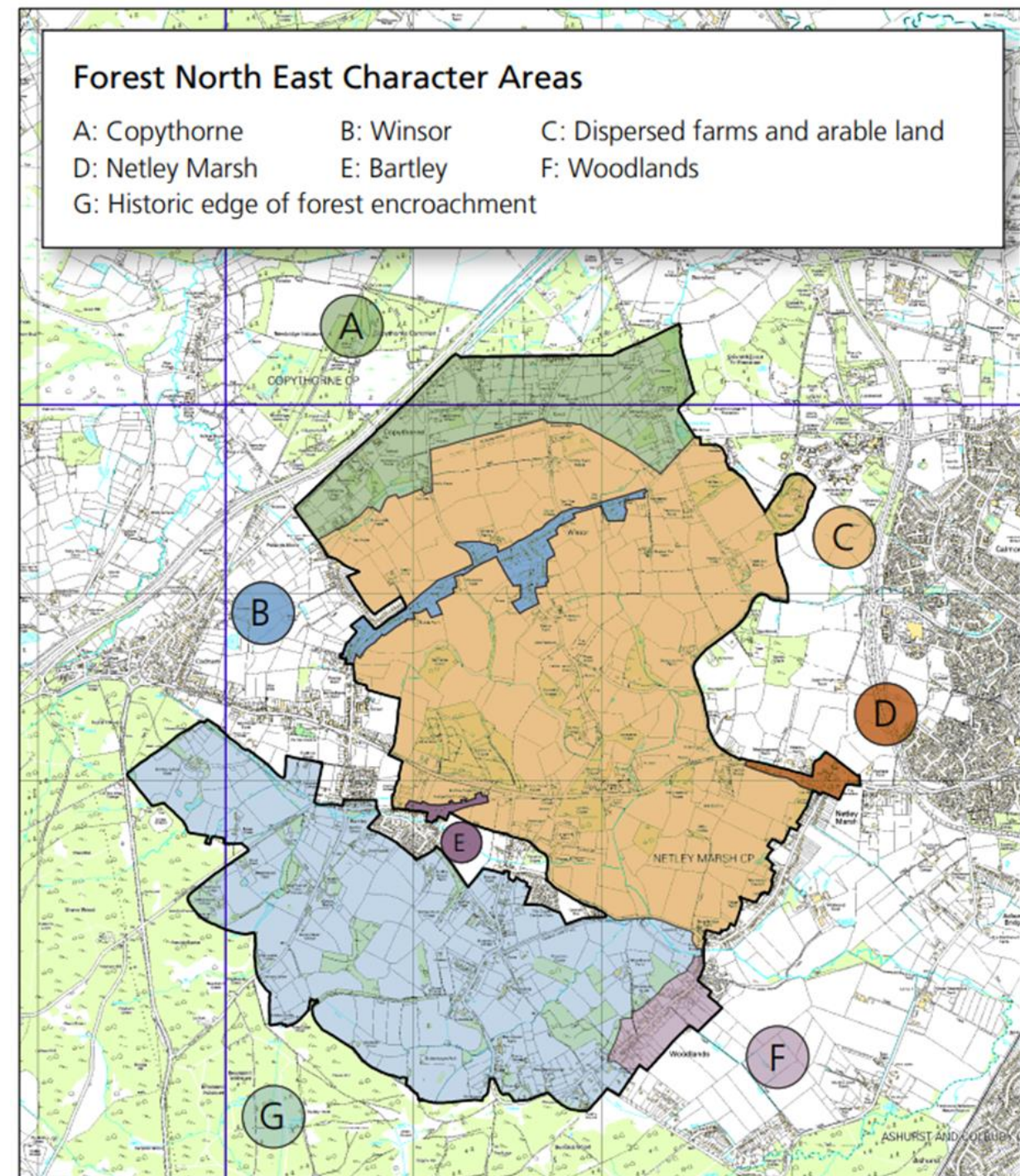
Forest North East Conservation Area review – scope

- The overall approach to the review is to be light touch.
- Work has begun with each parish looking through the key characteristics of and issues facing the Forest North East Conservation Area taken from the existing appraisal.



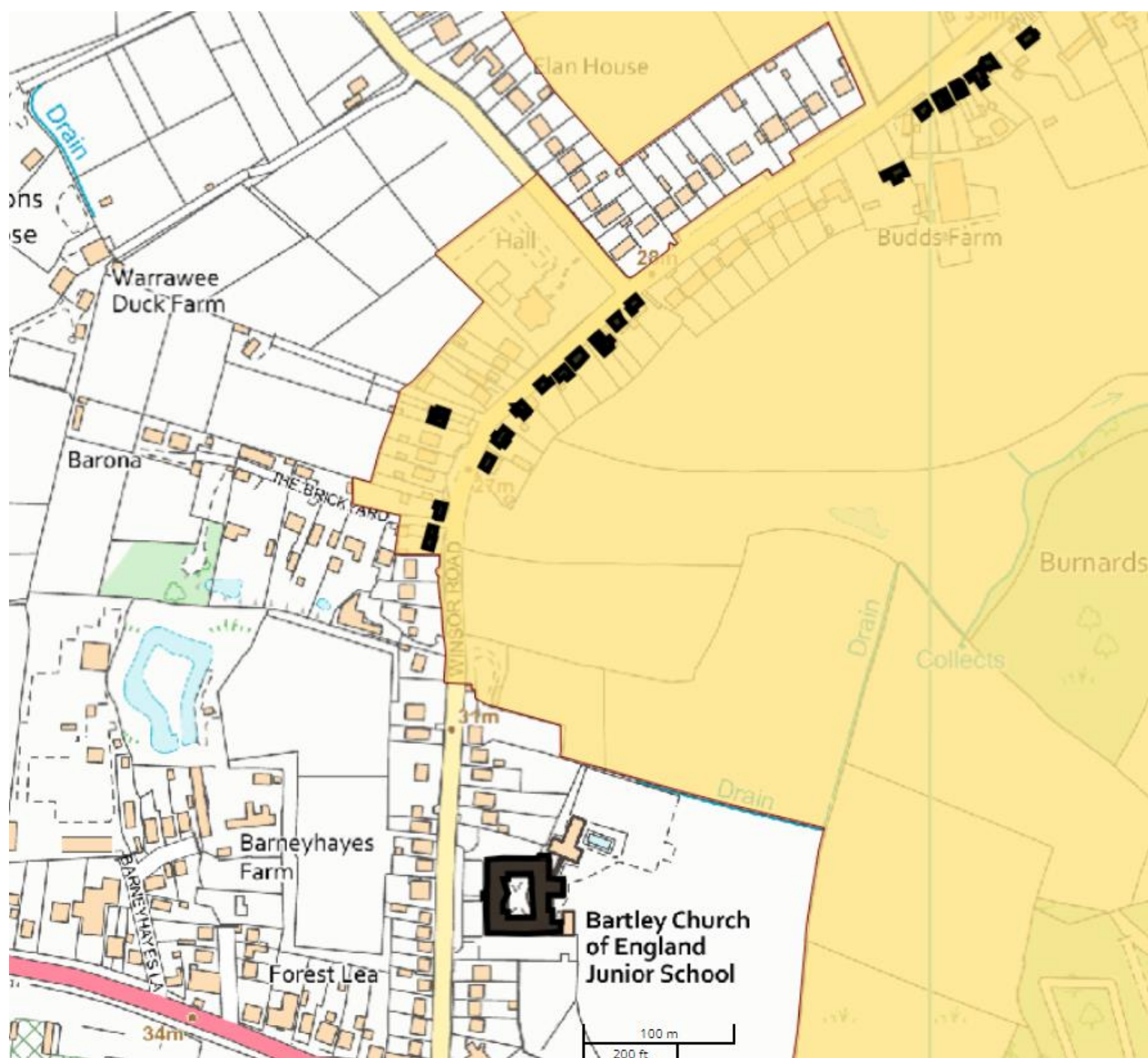
Forest North East Conservation Area review

- The NPA is willing to run walkabouts with parish councillors to demonstrate the sort of features to look out for during the review. The surveys will consider:
 - Boundary reviews
 - What changes have improved the area? Are there opportunities for enhancement?
 - What pressures and challenges is the Conservation Area facing?
 - Whether applying Article 4 directions may be appropriate
 - Identify Buildings At Risk



Links to other work

- The Conservation Area review also provides an opportunity to review the 'locally listed' assets within the parish and to nominate new assets for inclusion on the Authority's list.
- Further details available at <https://www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/planning/heritage-conservation/buildings-local-interest/>



Conclusions and next steps

- The review will culminate in an addendum to the Forest North East Conservation Area Character Appraisal.
- Formal public consultation would only be triggered if there were fundamental changes to the Conservation Area, such as the boundary changing.
- The review process is an opportunity to identify what has changed over the last 10 – 15 years and ensure the Conservation Area is covered by an up-to-date appraisal.
- NPA officers can lead this process and are keen to work with the relevant parish councils to draw on local knowledge.

