

Uttlesford Local Plan - Consultation

Character and Heritage

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What is character and heritage

Character is “the particular combinations of qualities **in people** and a place that makes them different from others

Heritage is “ features belonging to the culture of a particular society, such as **traditions, language,** or buildings, that were created in the past and still have historical importance

Courtesy of the Cambridge English Dictionary

The Local Plan should reflect the community aspirations

Character – Determined by functions of the place



Views – Little Dunmow

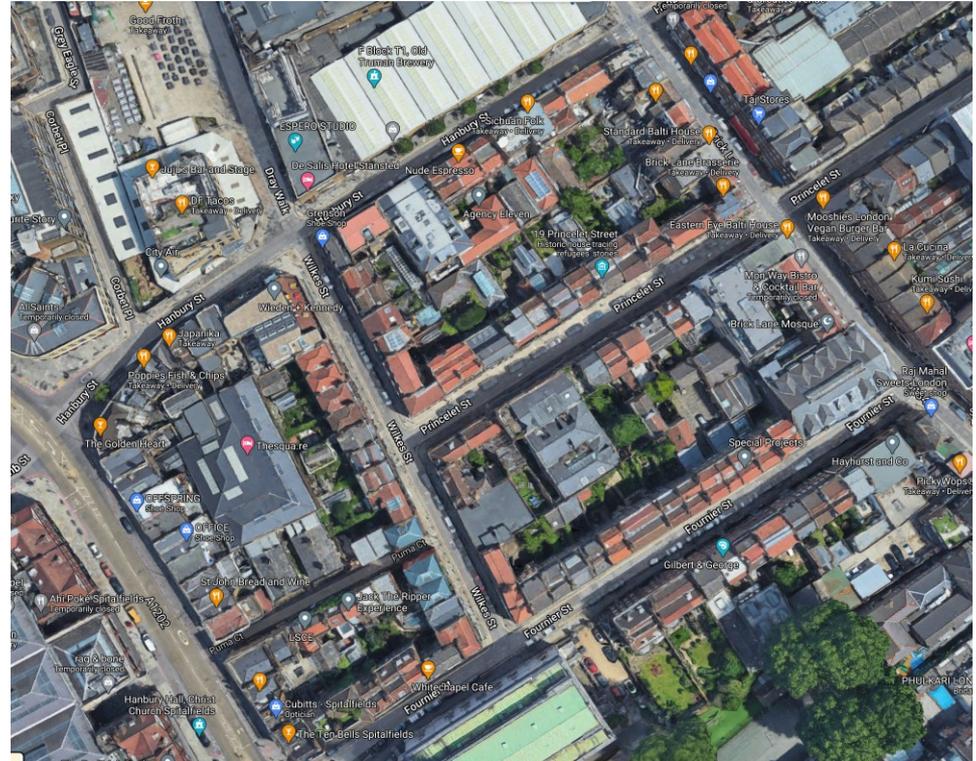
Character – Determined by our choice for car and convenience



Aerial View – Flich Green

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Density – Heritage and Quality



Fournier Street Area – London ECI

Sprawl – Unacceptable impact on our countryside



Aerial View – Fitch Green

Character – Desirability – Is this what we want?



Saines Road - Fritch Green

Character – Contemporary design for modern living



The Avenue – Saffron Walden

Localism? - A political choice

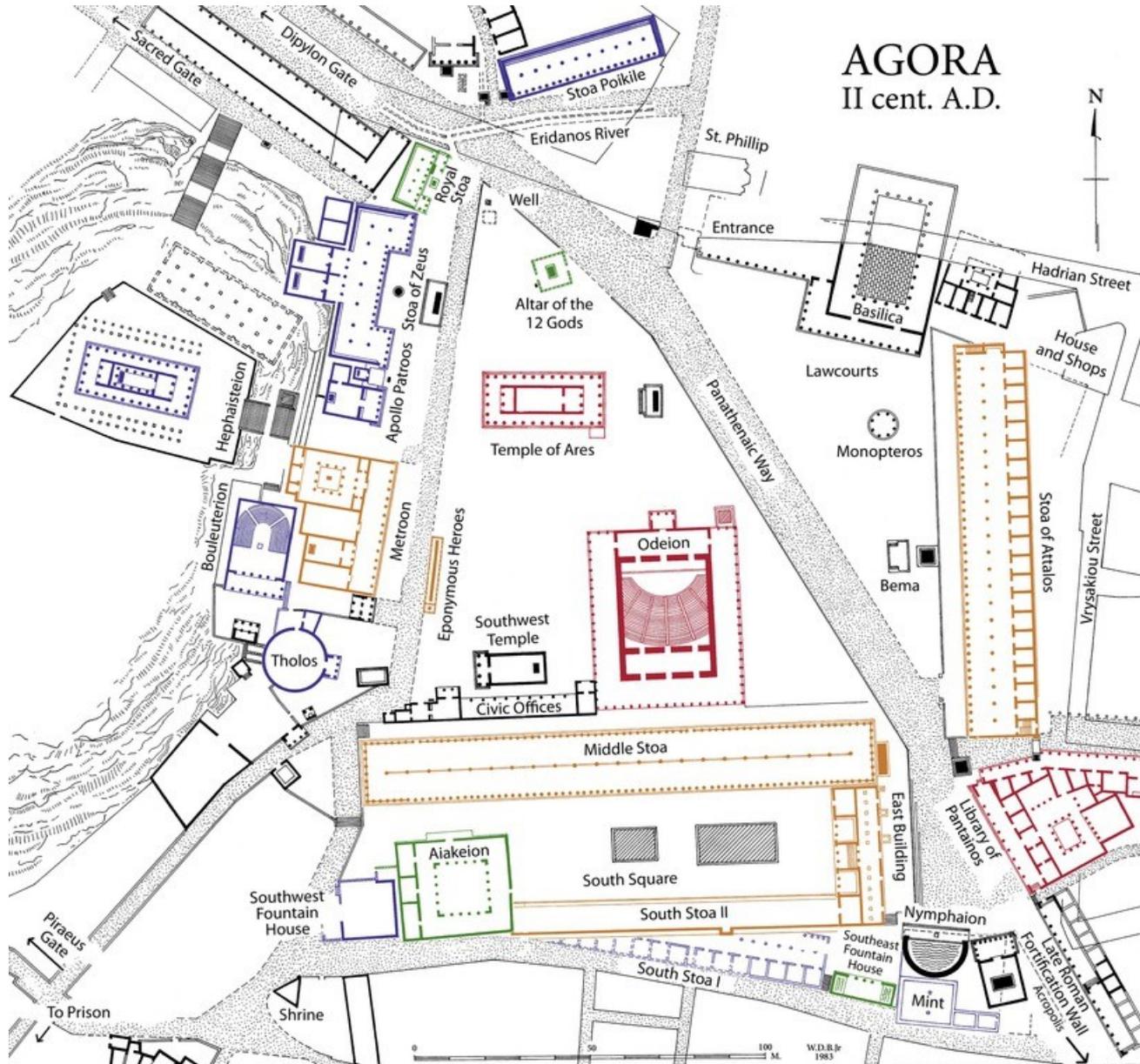




Governing a Democracy is simply a matter of managing the tension between the needs of society and the rights of the individual

Socrates

AGORA II cent. A.D.





‘The most significant observation I made for my work was that as soon as people or groups of people entered the Piazza they responded to the space, they walked differently, rediscovering their innate dignity’

Barbara Hepworth

Public Open Space and Amenities



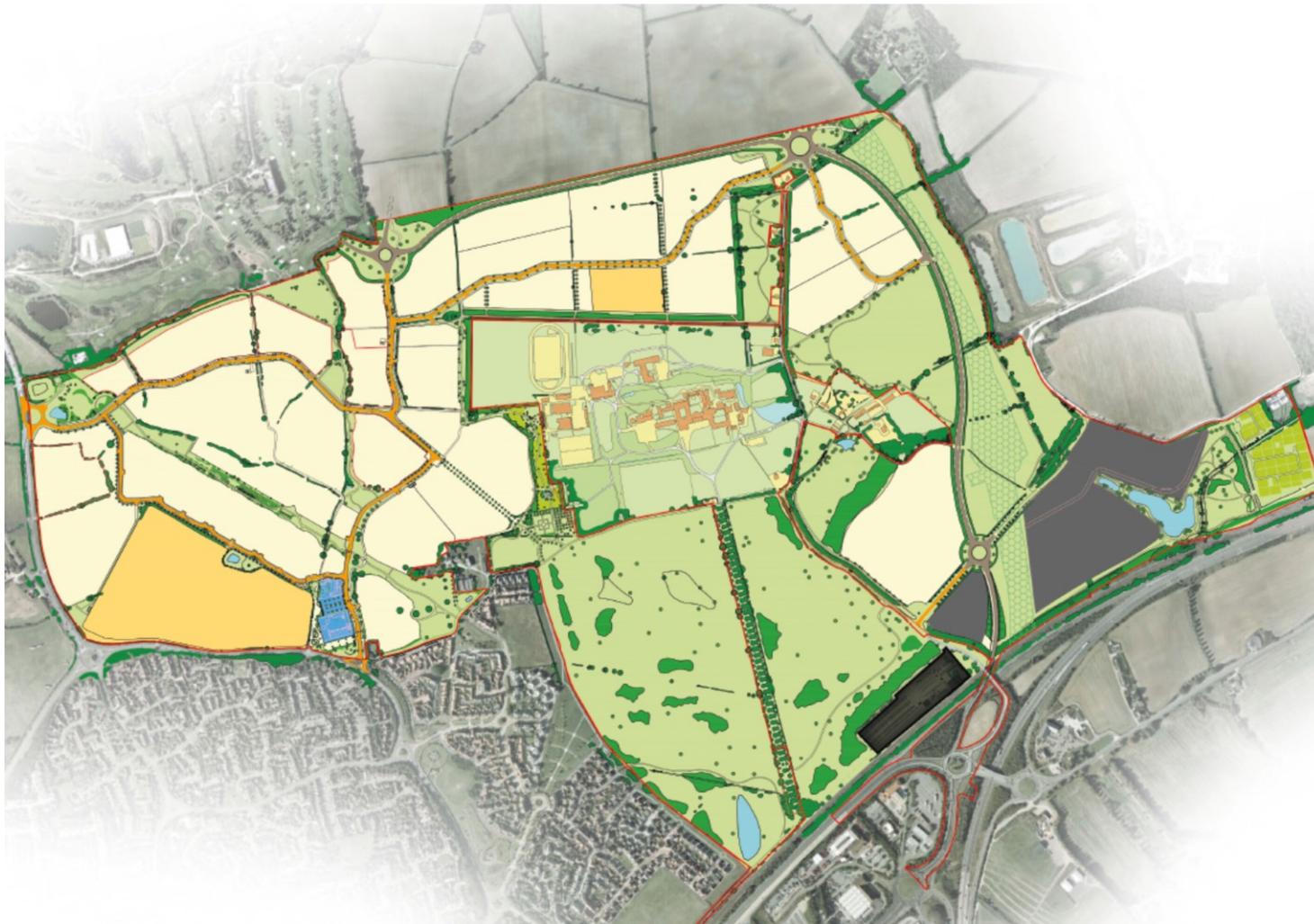
Saffron Walden – Market Square

Public Open Space – Almost none and low quality



Aerial View – Flich Green

Beaulieu Park Masterplan - Chelmsford



Aerial View – Little Dunmow



“Human society has been pulled apart by consumerism and materialism”

George Monbiot 2015



red line 21,537 sq m
2.15 ha
5.32 acres

S denotes Soakaway for drainage

0 5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50
Scale Bar - metres



“Technology is the answer but what is the question?”

Cedric Price 1966
Architect Philosopher





Google Driverless Car:



Living in nature



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The impact of the car on where we live

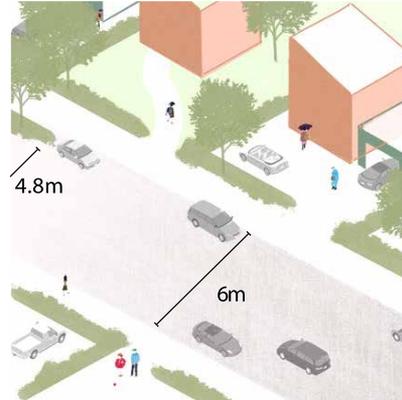
HOMES IN PARKLAND:



COMMUNAL CARPARKS AWAY FROM HOMES

- Longer distance from car to home
- People and nature unrestricted by car design
- More space for communal and private outside space
- Serviceable tracks as opposed to tarmac roads
- Green outlook

TYPICAL SUBURBIA:



CAR DOMINANT LAYOUT

- 2 x car in garage/ drive (6.0m)
- 2 x car on road but private garden (4.8m + 2.4m)
- Little opportunity for spontaneous interaction
- Minimal distance to walk
- Car dominated layout with considerable amount of hard surfaced infrastructure

BALANCED APPROACH:



COMMUNAL CARPARKS NEAR TO HOME

- Cars in communal car parks close to home
- Carparks adaptable for sports, games and events
- Carpark clusters combined as centralised amenity hubs with delivery points, bike parking facilities and bin/ recycling shelters
- Green outlook for most

The impact of the car on where we live

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Health:

- Less chronic pollution near homes
- More active movement

Social/Inclusivity:

- Greater spontaneous interaction
- More space for public realm

Biodiversity:

- Creation and retention of wildlife corridors
- More space for nature increases biodiversity
- Decreased urban heat island
- Decreased water infiltration

Safety:

Kids able to play safely outside

Sustainability:

- Low carbon living: opportunity for shared cars and electric charging pods including E-Bikes
- Centralised delivery pick up points

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Convenience:

- Minimal effort required

Social/Inclusivity:

- Necessary for those with physical disabilities

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Health:

- More active movement

Social/Inclusivity:

- Greater spontaneous interaction
- Some units can benefit from close proximity to car parks based on individual accessibility needs

Biodiversity:

- Some retention of wildlife corridors
- Scope for additional and connected landscape areas

Flexibility/ Adaptability:

- Hard standing to be used for other events and activities near the home

Sustainability:

- Low carbon living: Opportunity for shared cars and electric charging pods including E - bikes
- Centralised delivery pick up points

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WHAT MAKES A GREAT PLACE?

