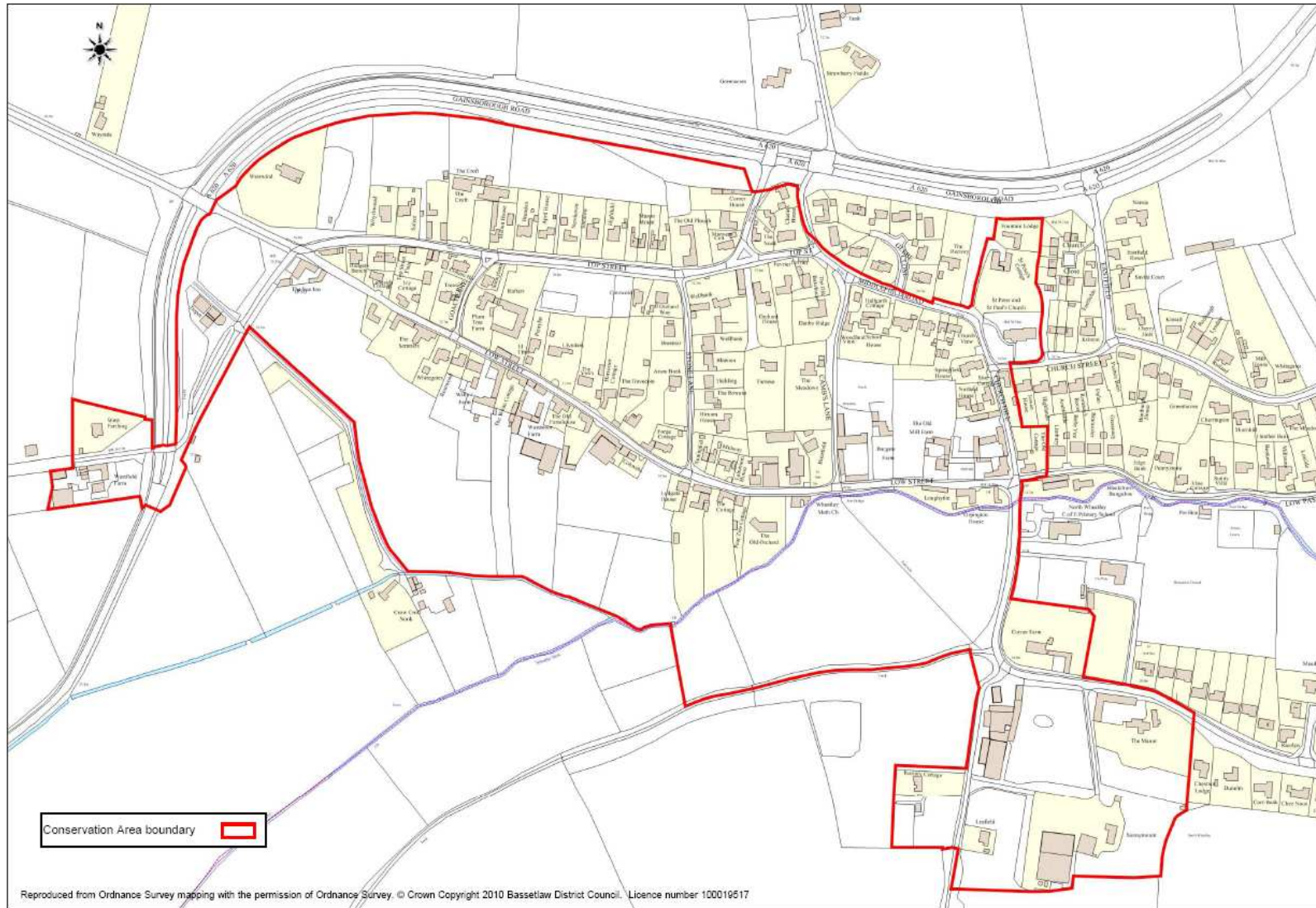


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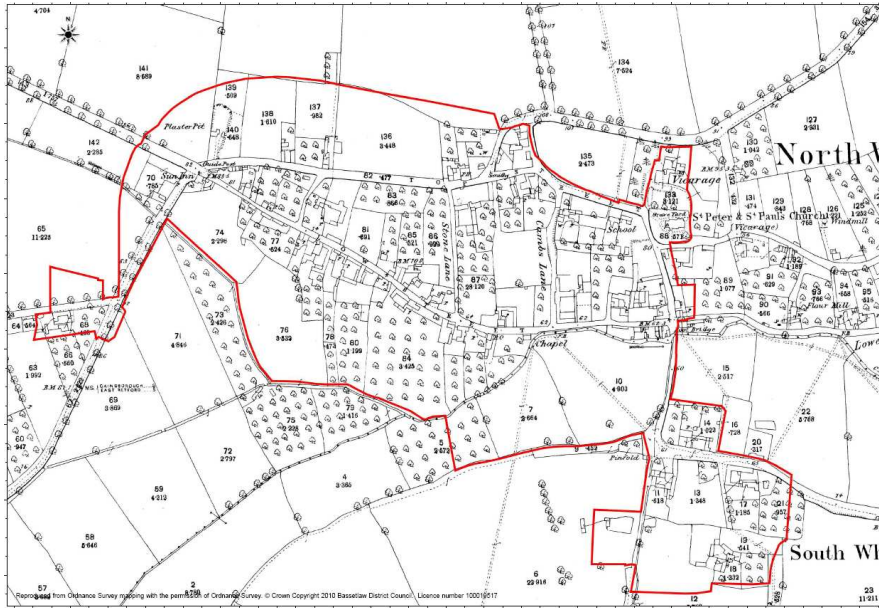
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Wheatley is a large village built upon a steep incline on the south side of the Gainsborough Road five miles northeast of Retford. The wider setting is open field and woodland, and well known for its fruit trees. Wheatley is recorded in Domesday as 'Wateleg', part of which came under ownership of the Archbishop of York. The rest came under the tenure of Roger de Busli.



The original Gainsborough Road prior to the modern bypass ran along the top side (now Top Street). From the western end to Church Hill, North Wheatley is characterised by historic farmsteads, including Westfield, Plum Tree, Westmoor, Bargate, and Old Mill. There are also a large number of barns and cottages between, which provide a strong rural character. Despite occasional



modern infill and housing development of a variable quality, particularly in the northeast area of the village, the overall character and appearance is cohesive, with historic buildings retaining much of their setting in the streetscape. Quality green verges and hedges add further special interest.

At the corner of the road at the bottom of Church Hill is the old hall bearing the date 1673 with the arms of the Cartwright family. This key building, as well as surrounding historic structures, provides a strong visual element at the heart of Wheatley.

The historic core of South Wheatley is well defined around Corner Farm and the Manor. The barns currently forming the post office are among the best preserved of their type in the District. The land between North and South, especially from the Methodist Chapel to Corner Farm, provides an attractive connection with a strong archaeological, historic and rural character.



Overall, the historic layout, street pattern and architectural form of much of Wheatley, as well as the attractive green spaces, verges and hedges create an area of special interest.