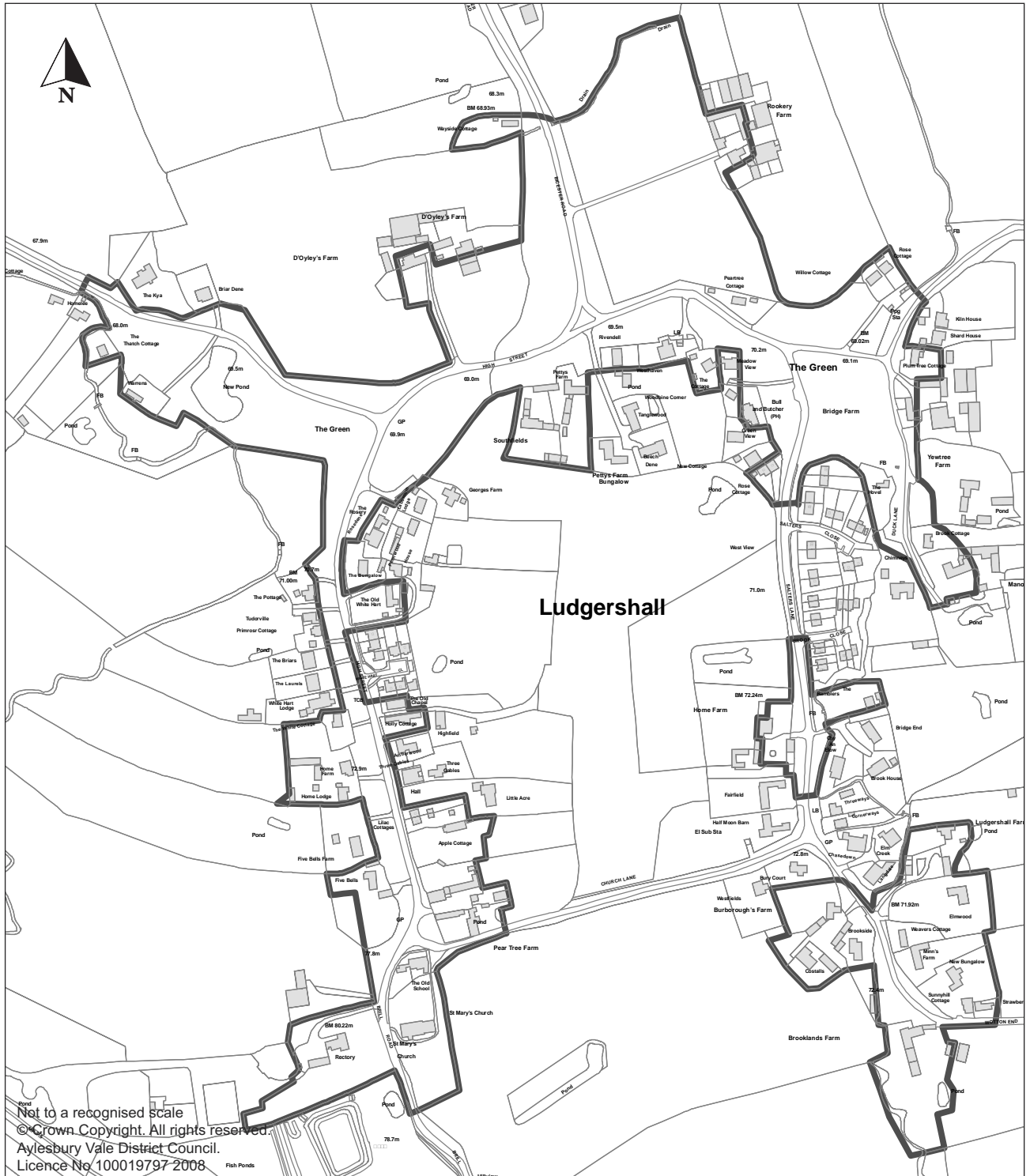


LUDGERSHALL CONSERVATION AREA

Designated 16th October 1991

Ludgershall is situated in relatively flat arable farmland nine miles west of Aylesbury and just south of the A41 trunk road between Aylesbury and Bicester.



Unlike any other village in the District it still retains its typical rural Mediaeval shape and form, with properties surrounding a large central field system and with broad Greens around its northern, western and north-eastern edges and a smaller green at Wotton End. The open areas are critical elements in the village's charm and appearance and help reinforce its rural character and location.

A great many of the buildings are Listed and feature prominently in some of the most important townscape views. Such buildings include Brooklands Farm at Wotton End, Petty's Farmhouse and D'Oyley's Farmhouse in The Green, The Thatched Cottage in Duck Lane, The Grange and Five Bells in the High Street and The Rectory and the Grade I Listed Church of St. Mary in Church Lane.

The fourteenth Century Church is sited in the extensively treed south-western corner of the village. Wycliffe was a non-resident vicar of the Church in the fourteenth Century.

Immediately south of the Church and the two storey red brick Rectory are various earthworks and an old moat which have been identified as an Ancient Monument.

The tight enclosure along the roadsides provided by hedgerows, trees and the irregularly sited dwellings and farm buildings contrasts sharply with the wide open areas of The Green. It gives the village two quite distinct and yet complementary characters which combine to make Ludgershall one of the District's most attractive villages.

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