

Puddletown Neighbourhood Plan

DRAFT Village Character Appraisal Plan

PLACE Categories

Planning

Landscape

Architecture

Conservation

Engineering

i.e. street design, access and movement issues

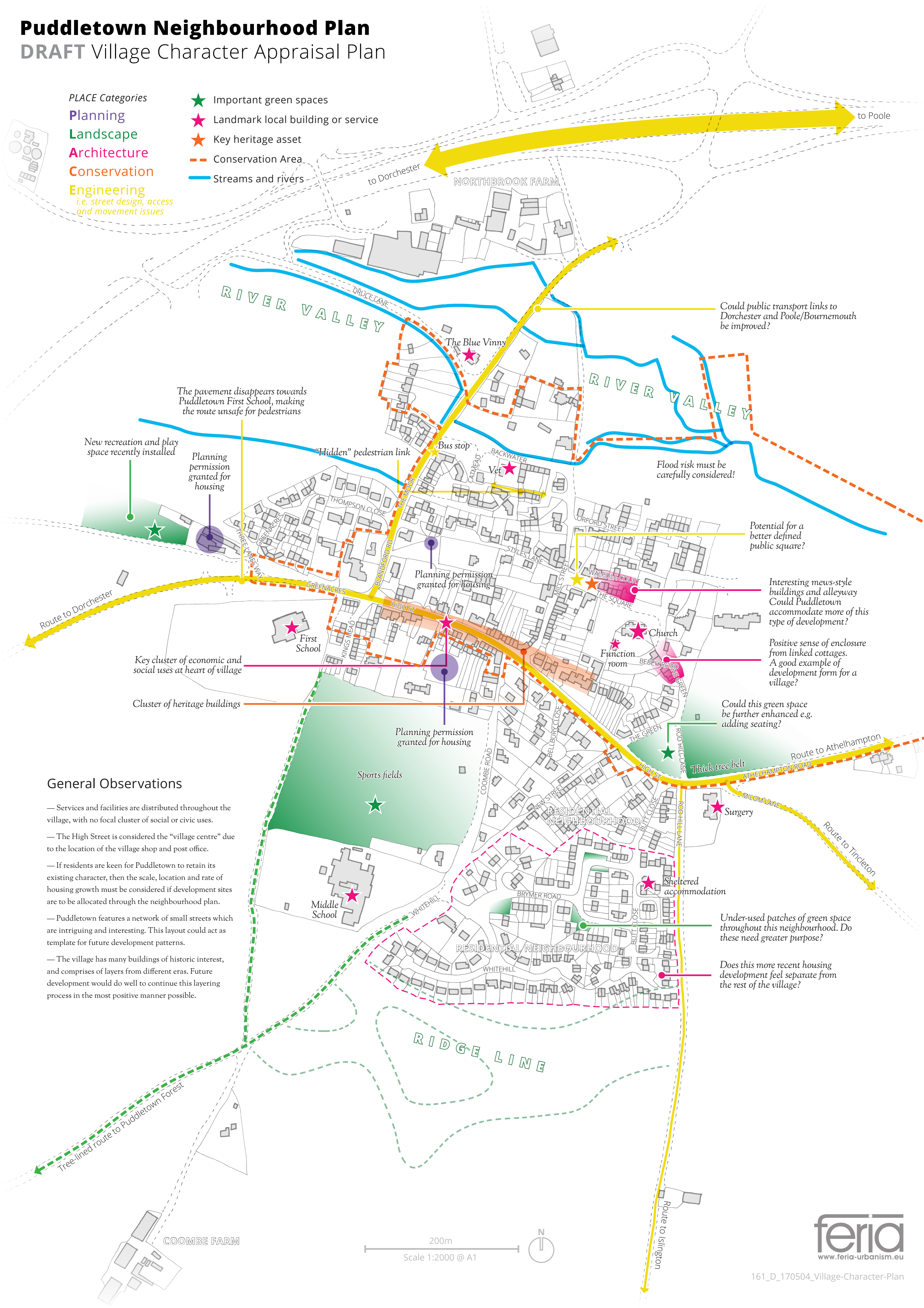
★ Important green spaces

★ Landmark local building or service

★ Key heritage asset

--- Conservation Area

— Streams and rivers



The pavement disappears towards Puddletown First School, making the route unsafe for pedestrians

New recreation and play space recently installed

Planning permission granted for housing

"Hidden" pedestrian link

Bus stop

Flood risk must be carefully considered!

Could public transport links to Dorchester and Poole/Bournemouth be improved?

Potential for a better defined public square?

Interesting mews-style buildings and alleyway
Could Puddletown accommodate more of this type of development?

Positive sense of enclosure from linked cottages.
A good example of development form for a village?

Could this green space be further enhanced e.g. adding seating?

Thick tree belt

General Observations

- Services and facilities are distributed throughout the village, with no focal cluster of social or civic uses.
- The High Street is considered the "village centre" due to the location of the village shop and post office.
- If residents are keen for Puddletown to retain its existing character, then the scale, location and rate of housing growth must be considered if development sites are to be allocated through the neighbourhood plan.
- Puddletown features a network of small streets which are intriguing and interesting. This layout could act as template for future development patterns.
- The village has many buildings of historic interest, and comprises of layers from different eras. Future development would do well to continue this layering process in the most positive manner possible.

Key cluster of economic and social uses at heart of village

Cluster of heritage buildings

Planning permission granted for housing

Sports fields

Middle School

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RIDGE LINE

Under-used patches of green space throughout this neighbourhood. Do these need greater purpose?

Does this more recent housing development feel separate from the rest of the village?