

## 7 Archaeological Potential

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With its mention in Domesday, plus evidence from its existing land boundaries of a moderately well established medieval settlement, the archaeological potential which Crockernwell offers is good.

Particular sensitive areas should be seen as the older buildings clustered within the central island of the village and formerly set in their own almost square plots lying to the north, which indicate their medieval origins.

## 8 Trees

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The distribution of trees both within and outside the Conservation Area and their significance are covered by a survey in Appendix A. The tree cover is extensive with a wide range of species and age classes in and adjacent to the Conservation Area.

Crockerwell is a small Conservation Area with few trees growing in it. The most important trees are the linear groups of mature broadleaves to the south of the village and the group of trees near Crockerwell Court. There are a surprising number of semi-mature elms growing in the village but, unfortunately they are likely to succumb to Dutch Elm disease.

Outside the Conservation Area there are very few significant trees. The settlement is surrounded by agricultural land and the hedgerows forming field boundaries are heavily managed with few trees growing on them. The most visible trees are a line growing along the southern side of the main road to the west of the village.

Some new planting has been carried out within gardens of the newer properties within the Conservation Area, but there are numerous other sites suitable for further tree planting. Outside, there are many potential tree planting sites.

### Trees in Conservation Areas Footnote:

The *Town and Country Planning Act*: Section 211 makes special provision for trees in Conservation Areas not subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO). A tree is not defined in the Act, but a Section 211 Notice is only required for a tree with a diameter exceeding 75 mm in diameter. Trees in a Conservation Area already protected by a TPO are subject to the normal TPO controls. A Tree Preservation Order is an order made by the Local Planning Authority in respect of trees and woodlands. The principle effect of a TPO is to prohibit the cutting down, uprooting, lopping, wilful damage or wilful destruction of a tree without the Local Planning Authority's consent.

### Hedgerows Footnote:

The Hedgerows Regulations 1997 require owners of hedgerows bordering agricultural land to notify the Local Planning Authority before removing a hedgerow or section of hedgerow. The Authority has 6 weeks from receipt of the Hedgerow Removal Notice to determine whether the hedgerow is 'important' and if it is consider protecting it with a Hedgerow Retention Notice.