

Design and Access Statement 17a, 17b and 19 Between Towns Road, Cowley, Oxford

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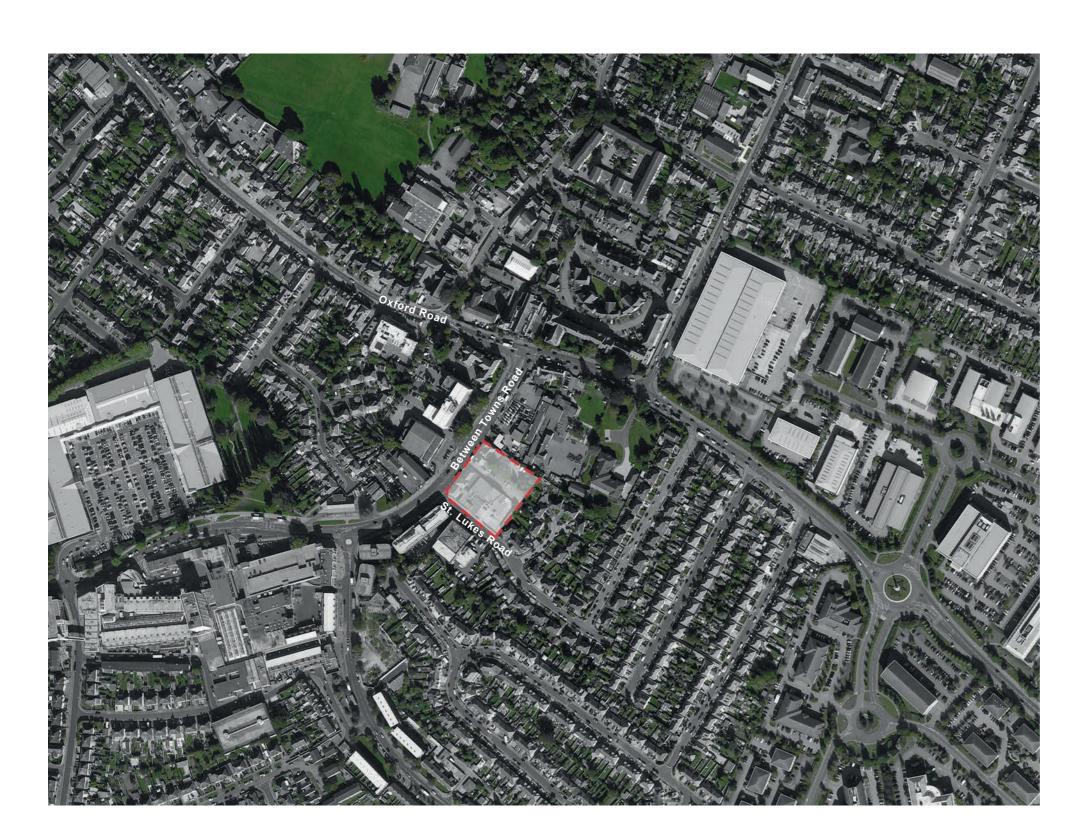




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### 1.0 Introduction



#### **Statement**

This Design and Access Statement has been prepared by Penwarden Hale Architects in support of a full planning application submitted to Oxford City Council (OCC) on behalf of Cantay Estates (the "Applicant"), for the redevelopment of land on the eastern side of Between Towns Road on the junction with St. Luke's Road, Cowley.

#### **Application for Planning Permission**

The application proposal is for the development of a student accommodation scheme of 3-5 storeys to provide 206 student rooms. The scheme also provides a ground floor exhibition/Function Area and a large student central hub some ancillary /management space on the ground floor associated with the student accommodation. That site area is approximately 3,140 sqm.

The application includes the demolition of the disused conservative clubhouse and adjacent barber shop (use class A1) and betting shop (sui generis).

#### **Application Documents**

This Design and Access Statement should be read in conjunction with the following supporting documents submitted as part of this application:

- Application Plans
- Planning Statement
- Landscaping
- LVIA (Soft Touch)
- Drainage & Flooding Assessment
- Ecological Assessment
- Archaeological Assessment
- Heritage Statement
- Energy Statement
- Noise AssessmentAir Quality Assessment
- Transport Statement
- Travel Plan
- Sunlight / Daylight Analysis
- Land Contamination Assessment
- Statement of Community Involvement
- Tree Survey



# Existing Site Photos



#### **Existing Context**

The images show the disused conservative clubhouse and adjacent barber shop and betting shop.

According to the Oxford City Local Plan, the site is in the North end of the Cowley District Centre. It is an area of mixed residential and commercial uses. The larger developments within the area include Templars Square Shopping Centre, Cowley Retail park and Between Towns Court.

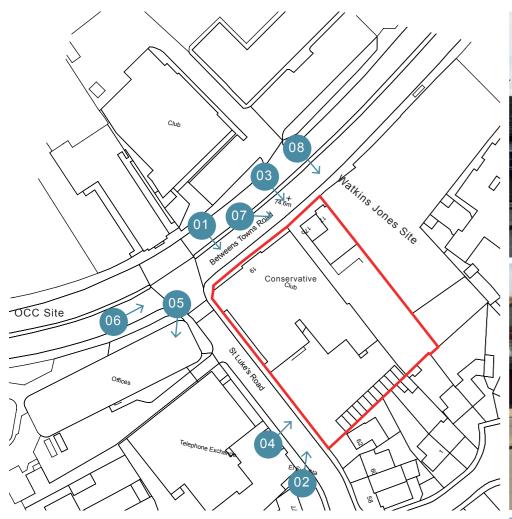
- 01 View looking South East
- Rear of Conservative Club with Between Towns Court under construction
- 03 17a & 17b Between Towns Road
- View looking North East across the car park of the Conservative Club







# 1.2 Existing Site Photos







#### **Existing Context**

The immediate surrounding context includes an office building (Knights House), public buildings (a church directly opposite and the Cowley Workers Social Club). The Temple Cowley Conservation area is near the site, along Oxford Road. This does not affect the proposed plan but it is worth noting that this includes St. Luke's church on the junction of Oxford Road and 17 Between Towns Road.

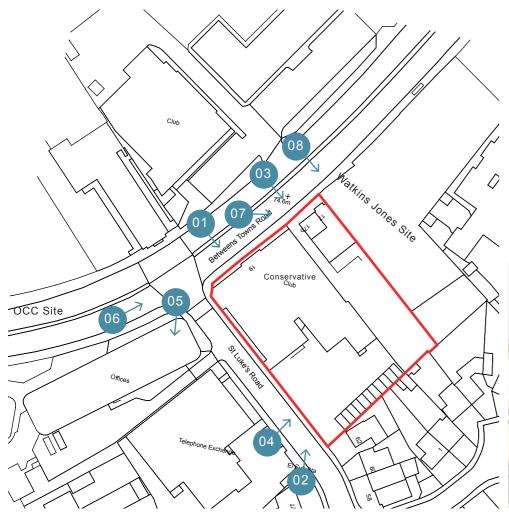
- 05 Knights House on corner of St. Lukes Road
- 06 View looking North East along Between Towns Road
- 07 View North East of Between Towns Court
- 08 Between Towns Court Main Entrance







# 1.3 Existing Site Photos









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- 09 Murco Garage Site construction commenced
- 10 Trinity House
- 11 Jackson House
- 12 St. Luke's Road residential





# 1 4 Existing Site Plan



#### Cowley Conservative Club (19 Between Towns Road)

The site was previously used as the Cowley Conservative Club at 19 Between Towns Road. The building was constructed in 1934, with the surrounding residential streets being constructed from 1938 onwards. In 1969, the Conservative Club was extended with the row of garages at the rear of the site.

It was owned by the Association of Conservative Clubs but since the end of 2015 has been disused. Cantay Estates purchased the property in January 2019 as a brownfield site.

The site at 19 Between Towns Road comprises approximately 750m<sup>2</sup> of flat tarmac and concrete car park at the rear of the property.

#### Retail Shops (17a & 17b Between Towns Road)

There are two retail units on the ground floors of 17 Between Towns Road. The retail units are currently occupied by a betting shop at 17a whilst 17b is occupied by a barber shop. There are two 2-bedroom first floor flats at 17a and 17c Between Towns Road. The car park at the rear of 17 Between Towns road is approximately  $600m^2$ . The access driveway measures approximately 3.5m in width, but is slightly narrower in places being only approximately 3.1m at one point.

The application site encompasses both 17a/17b buildings, the entire car park and the access driveway up to the highway (Between Towns Road), the Conservative Club building, car parking and garages.

### **Existing Site Elevations**



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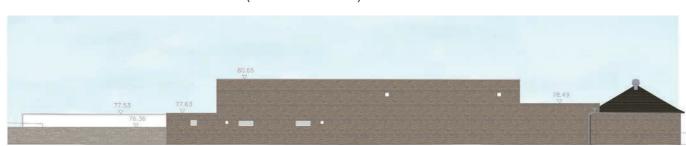
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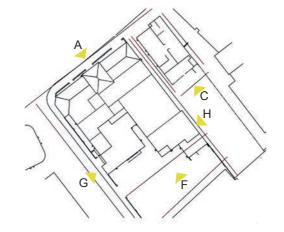
Elevation F



Elevation G - South West Elevation (St. Luke's Road)



Elevation H - North East Elevation



**Existing Site Elevations** 

quality.

in this area.

The existing Conservative Club building is composed of dark-brown and red brick masonry construction, with

Apart from the residential area to the south of the

simple stone detailing forming the entrance arch and stone

application site, there is no predominant architectural style

horizontal bands. The roof is finished with concrete tiles and windows are white uPVC. Most pitched roofs in this area are finished with plain clay tiles. Whilst the structure is robustly constructed, the finishes and detailing is of poor

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### 1.6 Proposal



#### **Proposed Scheme**

Cantay Estates are seeking planning permission for a mixed use scheme incorporating purpose-built student accommodation, redeveloping brownfield land at Between Towns Road, Cowley.

The proposal will comprise of the following:

- 206 study bedrooms made up of the following:- 188 standard rooms
- - 11 studio rooms
- 7 DDA rooms

- 208 external covered cycle spaces.
  4 disabled car parking spaces.
  Flexible bookable exhibition meeting space.
- Central Hub and management suite & study zone

## 1 7 Applicant















#### **Cantay Estates Ltd**

Cantay Estates is the property development arm of the Cantay Group, with a strong portfolio of developments across Oxford and the surrounding area. With experience in both commercial and residential projects, including student accommodation, Cantay specialise in the redevelopment of brownfield sites which often present difficult planning and technical issues. The Cantay Group was established in 1919 as part of a family owned house builder business within the subsidiary of Chesham based WE Black Ltd.

#### Between Towns Road, Oxford

Cantay Estates completed the purchase of 19 Between Towns Road from the Association of Conservative Clubs in January 2019. The property is a brownfield corner plot in the Cowley District Centre and extends to circa 0.31 ha including approximately 20,000 sq ft of existing buildings.

#### Projects delivered by Cantay:

- 01 Osney Lane, Oxford 55 student rooms
- Temple Court, Oxford 14 apartments and refurbished offices
- 03 The Lampl Building, Oxford 5 storey building with 45 student room
- 04 Bishops Gate, Oxford 27 apartments with car parking
- Former Blackwells, Oxford 20,000sq ft of B1 offices, 9 apartments
- 06 Islip Road, Summertown, Oxford 9 new apartments
- 07 Rymers Lane, Cowley, Oxford 37 residents, supported living

### Pre-Application Consultations / Design Review



#### **Pre-application Consultation**

Our proposals have been widely presented to ensure they are as resolved as possible prior to the submission of this application and all interested parties have an opportunity to input into the designs. This has included a number of separate consultation events. Please refer to the Planning Statement and Statement of Community Involvement for more details.

The scheme design was presented on one occasion to the Oxford Design Review Panel at a workshop held on 27 June 2019. We are grateful for the opportunity to do this and valued receiving the comments and suggestions of the panel which greatly influenced the development of the design.

#### Comments from ODRP review

#### Wider Context:

#### Soften boundary to East elevation

Cantay are seeking to avoid the installation of a fence and would prefer to rely on a landscaped strategy. Cantay have approached the owners of Between Towns Court and an ongoing discussion about the development is underway.

#### Location of building and relationship to boundary

We have reviewed the location of the building in relation to all boundaries. The footprint of the building has been reduced significantly to ensure that each boundary is carefully considered. The landscape proposals have integrated the urban realm with shared space. ODRP observed that whilst the building has been repositioned to the south, the requirements of vehicle tracking has been maintained.

#### Planting of Trees on Between Towns Road

The reposition of the building to the south has increased the opportunity for planting (refer to the Landscape report).

#### **Proposed Mini-moat**

An alternative approach to both SUDS and landscape has been proposed both directions. in these locations (refer to the Landscape report).

#### North/West Corner

We are proposing that this space will be set aside for uses falling within Classes A1 or B1(a). An end user hasn't been identified as yet, however, 'student common room chaos'. priority would be given to local charities. This will maintain an active frontage to Between Towns Road/St Luke's Road.

#### Architecture:

#### Rhythm of Between Towns Road.

We have reviewed the proportions of Between Towns Court buildings and modified the central section of the proposal, setting this back both in plan Sustainability & Archaeology and in section. We have removed the idea of a tower to the west. The proposed building has two bookended blocks of similar proportion to the adjacent building.

We have re-positioned our building and modified the entrance to further improve the relationship to the townscape. The material palette has been simplified and the roof material is now finished with the same vertical cladding as the recessed central range. This has connected the roof scape and reinforced proportions.

The top floor has been set back on all elevations with a deeper recess forming a terrace to the north-west. Further roof terraces have been integrated into the north-east & south-west elevations. These will take advantage of extensive views.

Buildings on St. Lukes Road & Boundary to Between Towns Court We have simplified the elevation and modified the plan forming a bar-bell arrangement. This has increased the recesses along to St. Luke's Road & to the boundary to Between Towns Court. This also provides further opportunities for landscaping.

#### **Approach to Elevations**

We have simplified the building elevational treatment both in the number of materials and the relationship of material to each other. The building fenestration reflects the internal function of each room. Staircases are now expressed internally in the courtyard bringing vertical movement to this space.

#### **Brise Soleil Louvres**

Whilst ODRP suggested an alternative treatment / angled windows, we are comfortable with the current treatment which achieves verticality and provides a function in terms of limiting heat gain and providing privacy in

#### **North West Elevation**

We have reduced the extent of glazing and amended the fenestration to counteract issues of overheating, reducing the possibility to see the

#### **Internal Layout**

We have improved the student experience by removing student bedrooms to the North East corner of the building, introducing larger stair landings with views out and incorporated a student zone in the North East corner.

An Energy strategy has been developed and this report has informed the building design, considering opportunities to improve the building fabric and further sustainable technologies. The Archaeological value of the site further informs the viability of possible sustainability proposals and must be considered in tandem. It is understood a Roman kiln was discovered on the site of the BT exchange in the 1930's, and 2nd-century pottery specimens were discovered on the site of the conservative club. Refer to the Archaeology report for further information.

### **Pre-application Application Response**

#### Pre-application Response - 6th August 2020

The St Luke's Road elevation appears to show little regard to the The transition in scale from the five-storey element at the corner residential dwellings on this street. Officers suggest that this of Between Towns Road and St Luke's Road to the two-storey relationship could be improved by, for example, introducing street residential element further along St Luke's Road is achieved in trees along this edge to help give it a more suburban feel allowing the stages, with changes in height and materiality along the development knit back into the existing development.

address officers concerns about this relationship. Site sections should dwellings. be provided to help demonstrate this relationship.

Officers appreciate that this end of St Luke's Road has buildings not typical in scale and massing of a suburban street, including Knights The scheme has sort to introduce Active frontage to Between Court and Cowley Telephone Exchange, neither of which provide Towns Road elevation by accessing the main entrance from the active frontages for St Luke's Road. It is important this challenge is front courtyard. This will also minimise activity on St. Luke's addressed in a positive way as underlined by the National Design road and reduce impact of development on the local residents. Guide which explains that a well-designed development responds to features of the site and context beyond so that it "enhances positive qualities and improves negative ones" (paragraph C1).

#### Design Response

building's south-western elevation. The landscape framework plan includes street trees along the edge between the building Giving what is currently the side gardens and defensible space of the and the highway. The submission drawings help to explain the existing building over to the public realm is welcomed, however it is relationship between the massing of the building element along not clear if the proposed five storey building is set back enough to St Luke's Road with the neighbouring two-storey semi-detached

See site sections provided

The notion of 'three pavilions' is welcome as this provides a strong The central section has been brought forward relative to the two relationship to the adjacent Between Towns Court. However, pushing wings as it is not considered that a visually permeable core is the central section as far back as that of the adjacent building is achievable on this site. The depth of the set-back has been problematic in that the massing of this section for the two buildings is reduced since the pre-application stage. very different. For Between Towns Court this is a permeable stair core, whereas the submitted design is showing habitable rooms here Natural light within corridors has been introduced on the South and sides of the 'H' which are likely to suffer significantly from a sense wings with slot windows facing south. Additional roof lights of enclosure. Officers suggest both reducing the depth of the set back have been inserted to introduce daylight at corridors on the here and the depth of the plan of this central section. Currently, the fourth floor level. plan shows two sets of student rooms off a spine corridor that has no direct daylight or views out. Officers suggest either reducing the depth Internal glazing from common rooms has been introduced to to a single room size, or relocating the common rooms to face a row allow borrowed light into corridors - the submission layout has of the rooms, providing the common rooms with internal glazing that sought to achieve this and to reduction the overall length of would allow borrowed light into the corridor and help it feel less corridors. monotonous and enclosed

The significance of the corner plot should be better embraced through The current proposal makes better use of the corner, with the heights and massing. The opportunity to have the highest part of the building having greater massing and height at its north-western building at the corner and dropping down as it joins the rest of the corner where Between Towns Road meet St Luke's Road. street should be explored. Careful site analysis should be undertaken Please refer to site analysis massing diagrams and long views in to ensure that such an approach appropriately addresses the site section 2 of D&A context.

The proposed stepping down of the elevation of St Luke's Road helps The St. Luke road South West elevation has had extensive to provide a transition in scale towards the residential dwellings. redesign work and has been divided into five elements However, the St. Luke's Road elevation remains problematic both in (pavilions), three protruding brick blocks which house bedroom terms of its massing and design. Site sections should be provided to accommodation and the two recessed metal clad elements help demonstrate this relationship. Additionally, the proposed which accommodate the stack of kitchen / common room treatment of the fenestration provides no sense of hierarchy for this accommodation. The hierarchy of the elevation has been further elevation, or an adequate response to the site. The single sized reinforced by the window type which relates to internal function. squares contribute to an elevation that feels monotonous and

The applicant is encouraged to explore further the notion of the 'three pavilions', with 2 or 3 different treatments, as a way to better break up the building elevations. Addressing the internal spaces to allow more permeability across the ground floor as described below, provides the opportunity to express this on the elevation which could help bring interest and a sense of hierarchy here

to provide a transition in scale towards the residential dwellings. revisited and site sections provided with the application. However, the St. Luke's Road elevation remains problematic both in See comments above terms of its massing and design. Site sections should be provided to help demonstrate this relationship. Additionally, the proposed treatment of the fenestration provides no sense of hierarchy for this elevation, or an adequate response to the site. The single sized squares contribute to an elevation that feels monotonous and oppressive.

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The proposed stepping down of the elevation of St Luke's Road helps The pattern of fenestration across all elevations has been

### **Pre-application Application Response**

#### Pre-application response dated 23rd October 2020

### Towns Road and the more modest, suburban scale of development Road elevation. along St Luke's Road.

The addition of new landscaping and planting within the public realm along the St Luke's Road frontage is a notable improvement and would be an enhancement compared with the existing quite harsh public realm along St Luke's Road.

It is noted that the principal entrance to the building has been With the amendments to reduce the north courtyard and reduce relocated to the St Luke's Road frontage, previously this entrance footfall to St. Likes Road. faced Between Towns Road. It is understood the frontage has been The entrance from St. Lukes has been abandoned in favour of whilst St Luke's Road is a secondary residential side road. It would be reduces the potential for disturbance along this street. expected that the main entrance to the building would be sited on the primary frontage of the building which faces Between Towns Road. One of the key design principles should be to ensure that there is an active frontage to the Between Towns Road elevation and siting the main entrance in this location help to achieve this. The majority of students living in the development would use Between Towns Road to access public transport or when walking or cycling to other parts of the city or to access shops in the primary district centre. The siting of the entrance along St Luke's Road would also increase disturbance for residential occupiers along this street as this would increase activity along St Luke's Road. My view is that the entrance should be re-sited to face Between Towns Road. The entrance to the building could be sited in the corner if this assists with circulation.

#### **Design Response**

The general amendments to the elevation facing St Luke's Road are This relationship has continued to be developed since the prean improvement in terms of the scale and massing, which is less application, with greater consideration given to massing, the setoppressive and dominant and achieves a more sensitive transition back of individual elements within the elevation and materials. It between the larger scale of the existing development on Between is agreed that the inclusion of planting softens the St Luke's

relocated principally on the basis that this would improve internal relocating the principal entrance back to the Between Towns circulation and movement and would provide a linkage with the Road frontage. However, relocating the exhibition/function space adjacent development at Between Towns Court. Notwithstanding this, to the corner seeks to reactivate the frontage to Between Towns siting the principal frontage onto St Luke's Road does not appear Road, particularly at the corner of the building. This also takes logical in my view. Between Towns Road is a main thoroughfare, reduces pedestrian movement along St Luke's Road which

The design of the building responds to the adjacent Between Town's We do not consider that rotation of the building mass is - regeneration and improvement works are taking place in the area, sunlight. so it is even more important high-quality design is demonstrated in It is to be envisaged that as Cowley is an area which is to show some consideration to this.

heavy and monotonous. Though the proposal takes significant cues turning towards Between Towns Court. from Between Towns Court, this building is animated with the stair cores which the application proposal does not incorporate.

We would like to see a better response to this being a corner plot - It is agreed that the most positive response possible should be the public realm and provide the opportunity to create a welcoming corner. and strong entrance to the building and should be explored further.

Court, in rhythm, scale and massing however, being a corner plot, the appropriate - this would bring the eastern part of the building development plot has a more complex set of constraints and closer to Between Towns Court, which does not appear opportunities, which we are still not seeing acknowledged in the latest desirable in terms of the relationship between the two buildings set of proposals. Between Towns Road is a significant area of change and may result in adverse impacts in terms of daylight and

the proposals so they contribute to the overall uplift of the area. The envisaged for significant regeneration, then the site on the other orientation of the footprint of the building is not responding to the side of St Luke's Road (Knights Court) may also be redeveloped gentle curve of Between Towns Road, this should be rotated slightly in the fullness of time. Our building follows the general building line along Between Towns Road and aligns well across the St. Lukes Road Junction. It does not seem desirable, therefore, for The elevation facing Between Towns Road also appears somewhat the development on this site to turn its back on that site in

> Greater animation has been offered to the Between Towns Road frontage with inclusion of the main entrance to the building and the landscaped entrance courtyard. The selection of materials projecting bays to each flank and elevational treatment generating greater interest.

whether through materiality or massing. We would suggest an made to acknowledge that this is a corner plot. The choice of increase to the overall height of the building could be achieved in this massing and materials seeks to make the corner element on the corner. Another suggestion would be to recess the building further at junction between Between Towns Road and St Lukes Road the this corner, so the facade is asymmetric, as well as being a way to most dominant element of the building, with the use of acknowledge and celebrate this corner, this would also help improve fenestration to achieve a stronger vertical emphasis on the

There are still concerns regarding the depth of the front courtyard The dimensions of the entry (North) courtyard has been reduced space is proposed to be used.

which is likely to suffer from significant overshadowing as well as to 10m and now this courtyard is our primary entrance to the noise from the main road. We have concerns that this space will be site. The depth is a similar dimensions to the amenity space unwelcoming and unused. A reduction in the depth of this space provided for the adjacent Between Towns Court (9.5x9.5m). The would be encouraged in addition to a thorough analysis of how this width of our courtyard is 65% wider equaling 16m meaning our north court will mean more sunlight will penetrate our space due to increased sky component. Also with the repositioned main access this elevation has greater purpose and the North courtyard will have activity and is no longer simply an amenity space

The landscape design and planting was stated to have been copied. The scheme shows a line of ornamental pear trees to the from Between Towns Court. While the courtyard at Between Towns Road frontage to match those of Between Court has the same orientation as the development site, it is Towns Court, as proposed by OCC in earlier application important to note that some daylight is penetrating the stair core here consultations. which is likely to have an impact on biodiversity. We would encourage the proposed landscape strategy to take into account the unique Whilst this is a close-grained urban context, the frontage characteristics of the development proposal itself

planting proposals provide a softening of the streetscape and the tree to building distances are in excess of those found at the approved scheme at Between Towns Court.

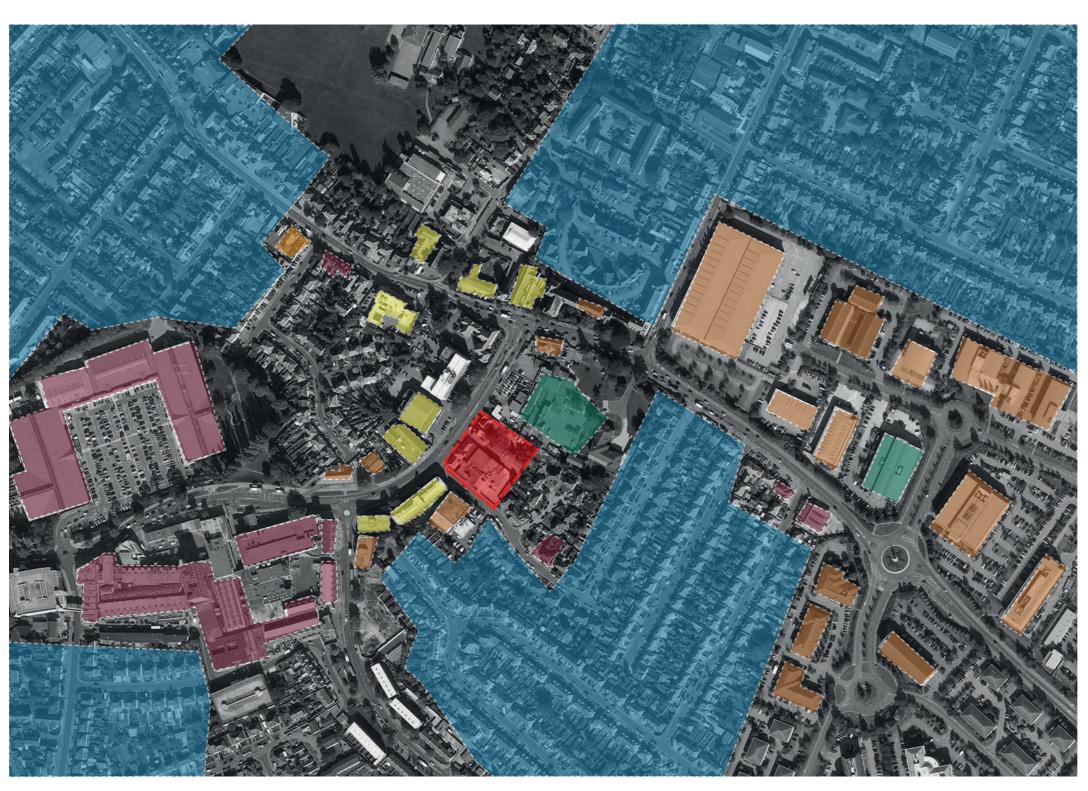
The frontage courtyard accommodates further trees, with opportunities for shade tolerant shrub planting further softening the aspect and emphasising the depth of the street frontage building articulation.

The St Luke's Road landscape aspect seeks to reflect a change of character and more domestic scale than Between Towns Road, with hedge planting softening railings and with garden scale trees to the frontage. The new entrance and courtyard onto St Luke's Road further breaks the scale of the development and landscape frontage, with hedge, tree, shrub planting, lawn and railing proposals providing connection to the adjoining residential area to the south.

The scheme omits the hard, eastern boundary to Between Towns Court, through common management of both sites. This allows improved articulation of street frontage 'corner' treatment, and for internal planted areas to provide soft boundary treatment to benefit both sites.

Other elements of the landscape scheme continue to support the functional and amenity needs of the proposed student accommodation, as well as contributing to wider landscape structure and local townscape character.

### **Contextual Response - Land Use**



#### Site Location & Description

The surrounding context of the site is largely made up of residential and retail uses. Between Towns Court, the newly constructed 155 bedroom student accommodation is to the immediate north of the site along Between Towns Road. There are also several homes to the South of the site along Coleridge Street and St. Luke's Road. Temple Cowley shopping centre and Templars Square are both located further down Between Towns Road.

There are also several commercial and central / public use buildings in the area. To the South West of the site there is the Oxfordshire County Council's Knights Court office building and directly opposite to the site to the North West are two public buildings, a church known as the New Testament Church of God and the Cowley Workers Social Club.

#### Contextual Response - Land Use

The square-shaped site is bordered in all 4 sides by Between Towns Road to the north, Between Towns Court to the east, residential property to the south and St. Luke's Road to the west.

The land uses found in this areas varies significantly. Between Towns Court is a newly constructed 5-storey development accommodating 155 student bedrooms. Our Lady's Roman Catholic Primary School is situated further to the northeast of the site.



Retail

Commercial

Central / Public

Education

Proposed Site

# 2 1 Urban Design Analysis - Development Context



Our proposals seek to respond to this changing environment and establish a sustainable development to take Cowley forward. The surrounding context to the site has had several projects recently constructed or permission granted for new developments.

#### **Development Context**

This area of Cowley has had several projects constructed or recently had permission granted for new developments. This includes Between Towns Court that has just been completed (September 2019).

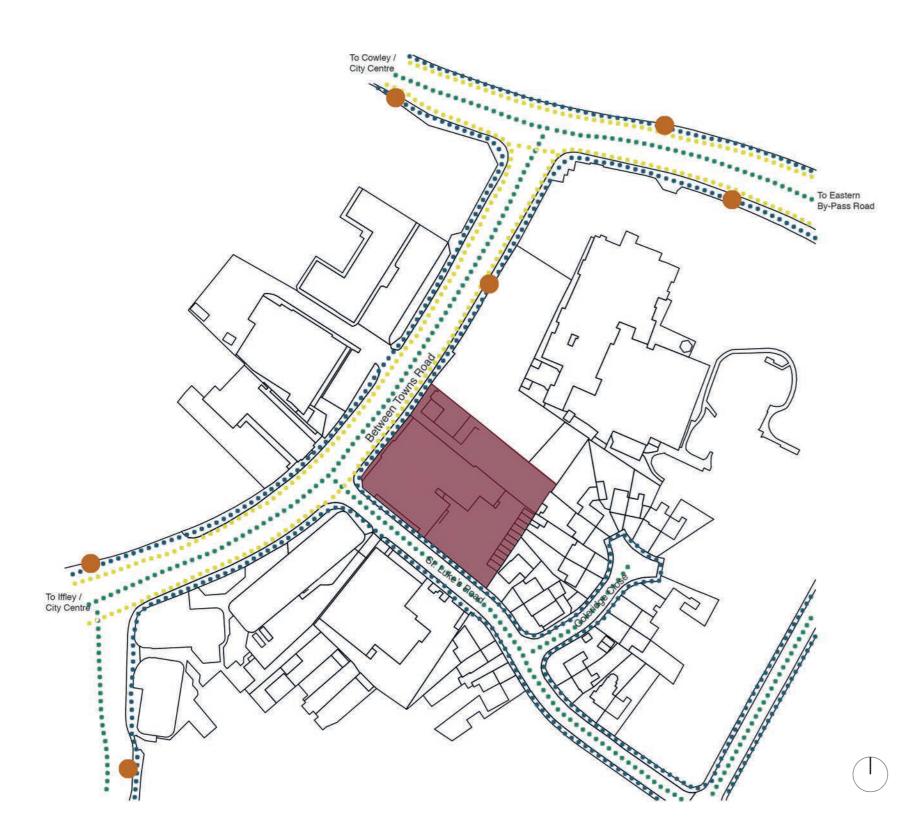
Oxford City Council has recently granted permission for the development of 35 residential flats and 3 town houses on a site opposite to 17a, 17b & 19 Between Towns Road.

The 330,000 sqft regeneration project for Templars Square shopping centre is the largest proposed scheme. This will include over 200 new homes.

A number of properties along the road have become redundant and are likely to be redeveloped within the short to medium term. Our proposals seek to respond to this changing environment and establish a sustainable development to take Cowley forward.

- 17a, 17b & 19 Between Towns Road
- 40 new homes with retail ground floor constructed
- 35 residential flats and 3 townhouses (OCC)
- Between Towns Court
- Proposal for 330,000sqft regeneration including 200+ new homes, 71 bed hotel, restaurant, new and improved car park and public realm improvements

## 2.2 Transport links



#### **Pedestrians**

The site is easily accessible on foot, with pedestrian crossings at the junction of Between Towns Road and Oxford Road. There are pavements on both sides of the road surrounding the site (Between Towns Road and St. Luke's Road).

#### Bus

There are bus stops on the same side of Between Towns Road as the site, which serves destinations around south Oxford.

would take traffic away from the city centre towards South Oxford. Another bus stop is located within 200 metres of the site with several buses travelling frequently towards the city centre.

#### Cyclists

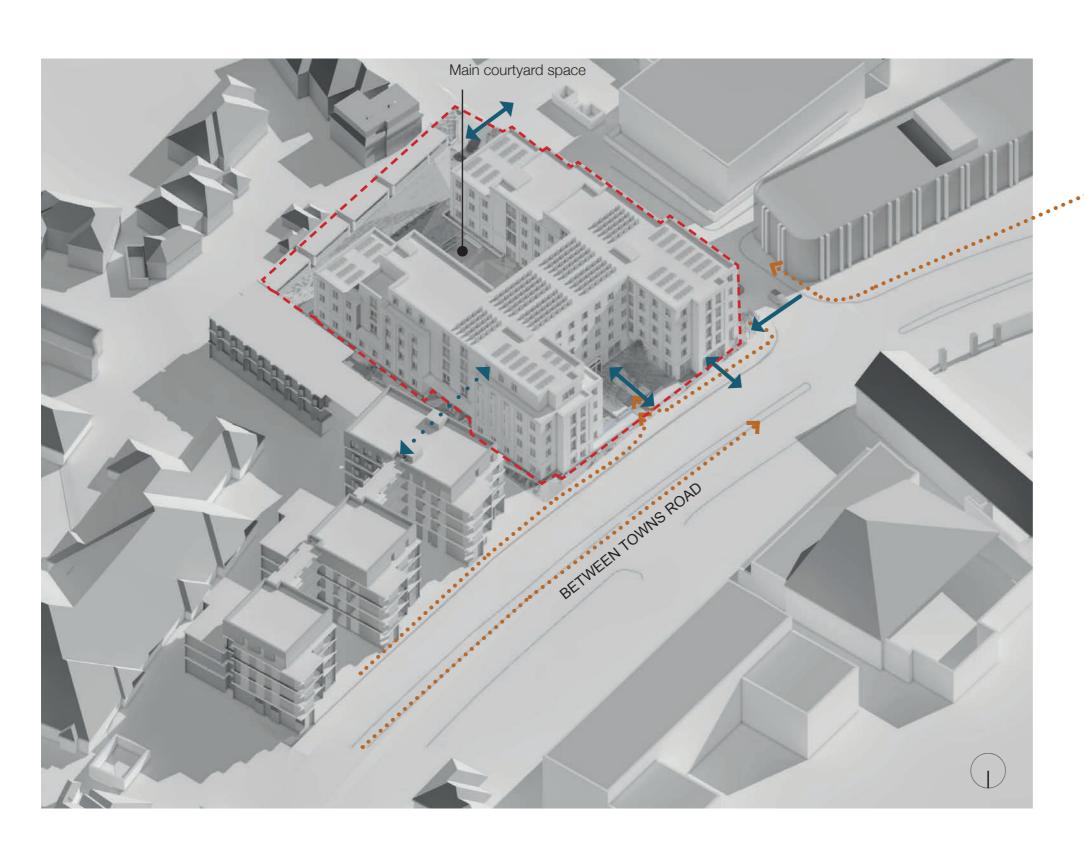
Both sides of the road have designated cycle lanes marked out.

#### Car

The site is well connected given its proximity to Oxford Road which leads directly towards the City Centre. The ring road is within a 5 minutes drive from the site. There is limited parking available in the surrounding area, with most spaces allocated for shopping.



## 2.3 Urban Grain

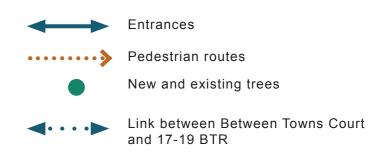


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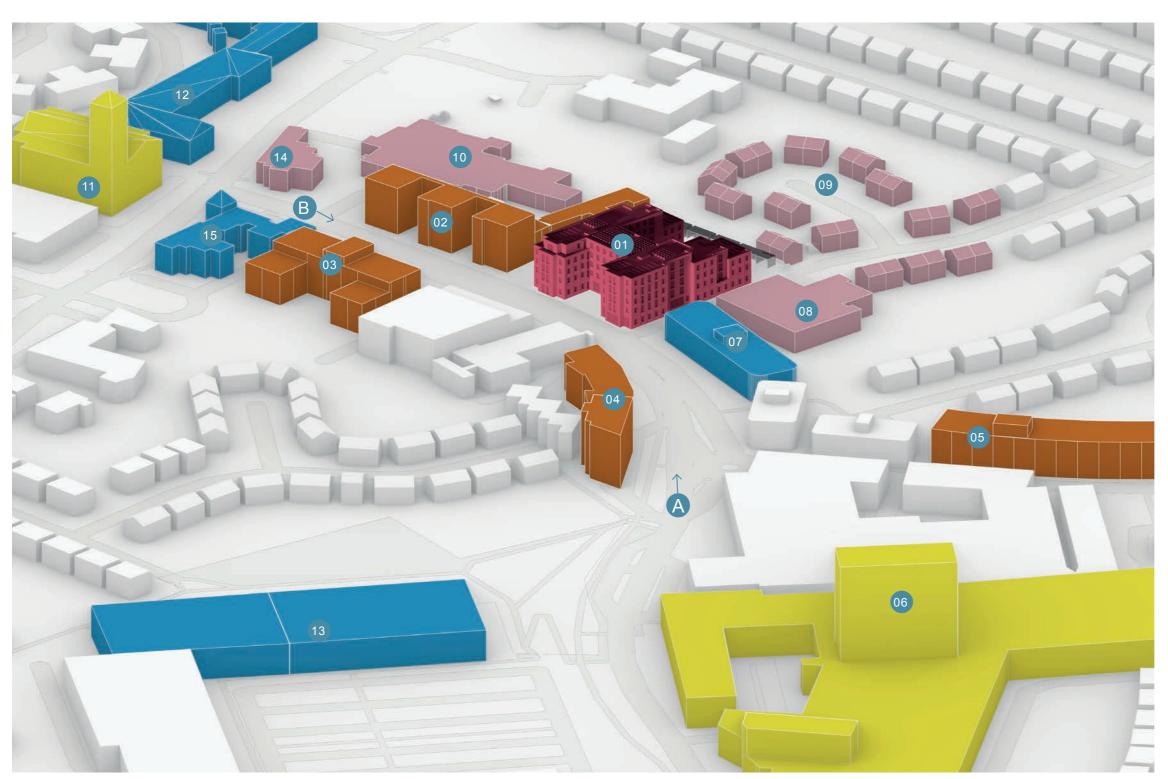
Between Towns Road does not display a clear urban grain. As a result the proposal seeks to respond to its immediate context by identifying the Between Towns Court development and establishing a regular rhythm along the street. Two blocks of similar scale to the blocks introduced by the Between Towns Court scheme are positioned to form bookends to the site. As well as a continued rhythm along the street, this orientation also maximises views and provides improved daylight to all rooms across the site.

The central section is set back from the Between Town Road forming entrance courtyard garden.

The building reduces in levels stepping down towards the southern boundary, reducing the mass to these two residential wings.



# 2.4 Context - Height

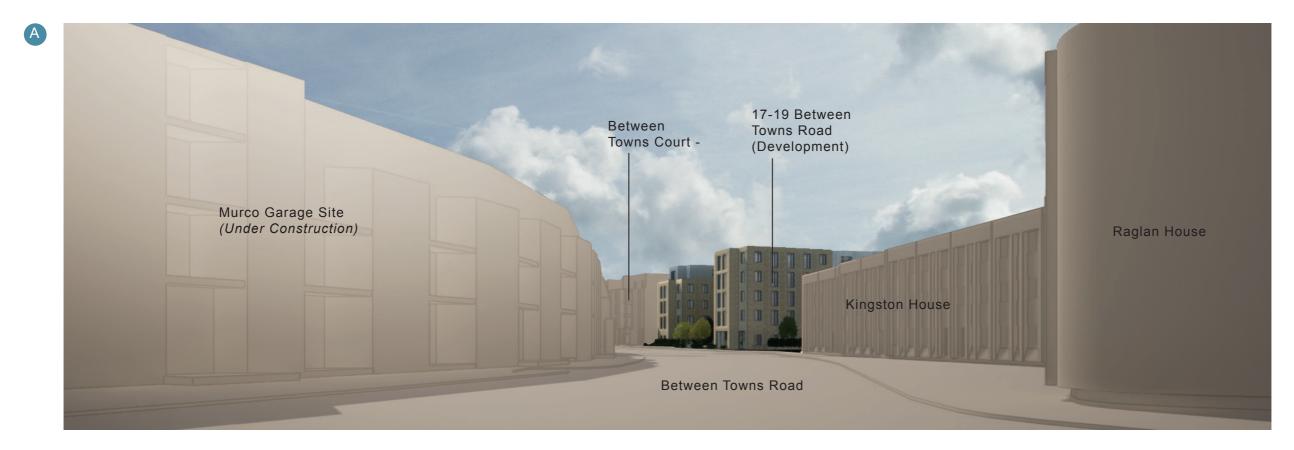


#### Height

There are several buildings of a significant height within Between Towns Road and the surrounding area. The proposal will be in-keeping with the existing scale of recent developments. Between Towns Court is a 5-storey student accommodation building which is located immediate to the east of the site. Opposite the site is Broadfield House which has 4 storeys of accommodation. The Oxford Military school building comprises three industrial-sized storeys, up to 16 metres in height. St. Luke's church is one of the landmarks in the surrounding area with a spire reaching over 28 metres tall. Oxford City Council's proposed development opposite (04) will also be 5-storeys high. The proposed Templars Square redevelopment includes a 15 storey tower.

- 01 Development Site
- 02 Between Towns Court 5 Storeys
- 03 Trinity House 4 Storeys
- Murco Garage Site 4/ 5 Storeys (Under Construction)
- 05 Habokus Building 4 Storeys
- 06 Templars Square Tower 11 Storeys
- 07 Kingston House 3 Storey
- 08 BT Exchange 3 Storeys
- 09 Coleridge Close 2 Storey
- 10 Primary School 2 Storey
- 11) St Lukes Church 25m Tower
- 12 The Jackson Building 4 Storeys
- 13 Templars Retail Park 11m
- 14 The Original Swan Pub 2 Storey
- 5 Cedar Court Residential 4 Storeys

### Long Views - Height





### **Access Green Spaces**

