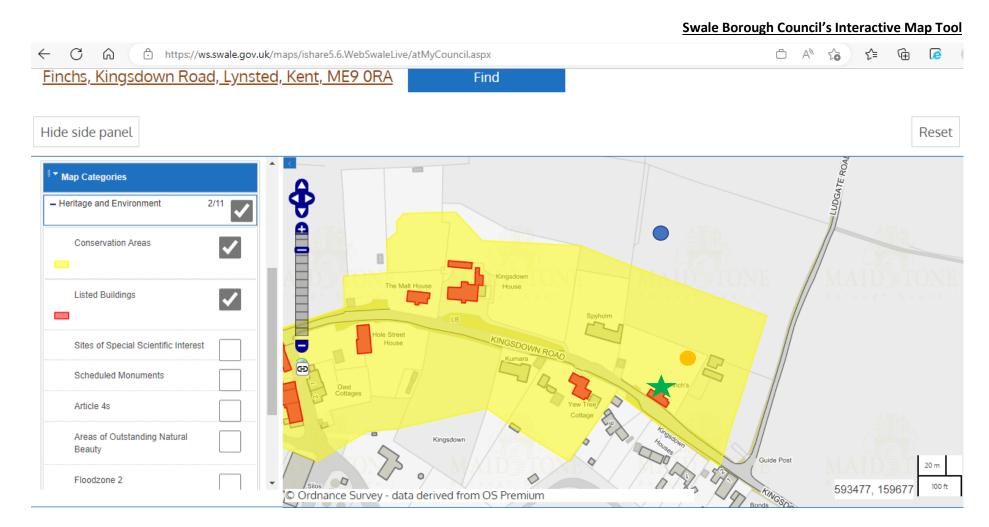


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For: Finch's, Kingsdown Road, Lynsted, Kent ME9 ORA

Finch's is a Grade II Listed Building dating from the 16th Century and marked on the map below with a green star. The proposed 150m2 lined wildlife pond creation site (blue dot on the map) is approximately 90m north of the house in an area of permanent pasture and is outside of the Conservation Area. A second proposed lined 20m2 (4m x 5m) garden pond is marked with an orange dot on the map and is approximately 25m away from the house.



Historic maps from 1871 to 1952 show that the land immediately surrounding Finch's including the field to the north had always been marked as a woodland or orchard.

Kent County Council's Heritage Maps show a total of 5 (including Finch's) Listed Buildings within the immediate area which are all marked on the map below. The only other historical feature marked are farmsteads which are shown as red triangles on the map. The one to the north-east is a post-medieval demolished farmstead known as 'Outfarm in Potter's Plain Wood'. Kingsdown House, two houses to the west of Finch's is Listed, but also marked as a 'dispersed plan farmstead'. The final post-medieval historical feature is Hole Street Farm (Oldstreet Farm) further west, which is recorded as 'a loose courtyard plan farmstead with buildings to four sides of the yard'. There are no other historical features of merit and none in particular in the areas for the proposed pond creations. In conclusion, neither pond will have an impact on any local historic building or feature.

Map from Kent Historic Environment Records website

