

Proposed new garage building at Pixtonsgreen, Ashwicke

Statement of Significance

Background and position:

Pixtonsgreen is situated on the southern border of the Ashwicke Hall 'Park & Garden' and is now a separate dwelling in separate ownership with no legal connection to Ashwicke Hall.

Official list entry:

Heritage Category:	Park and Garden
Grade:	II
List Entry Number:	1001694
Date first listed:	03-Apr-2005

Location

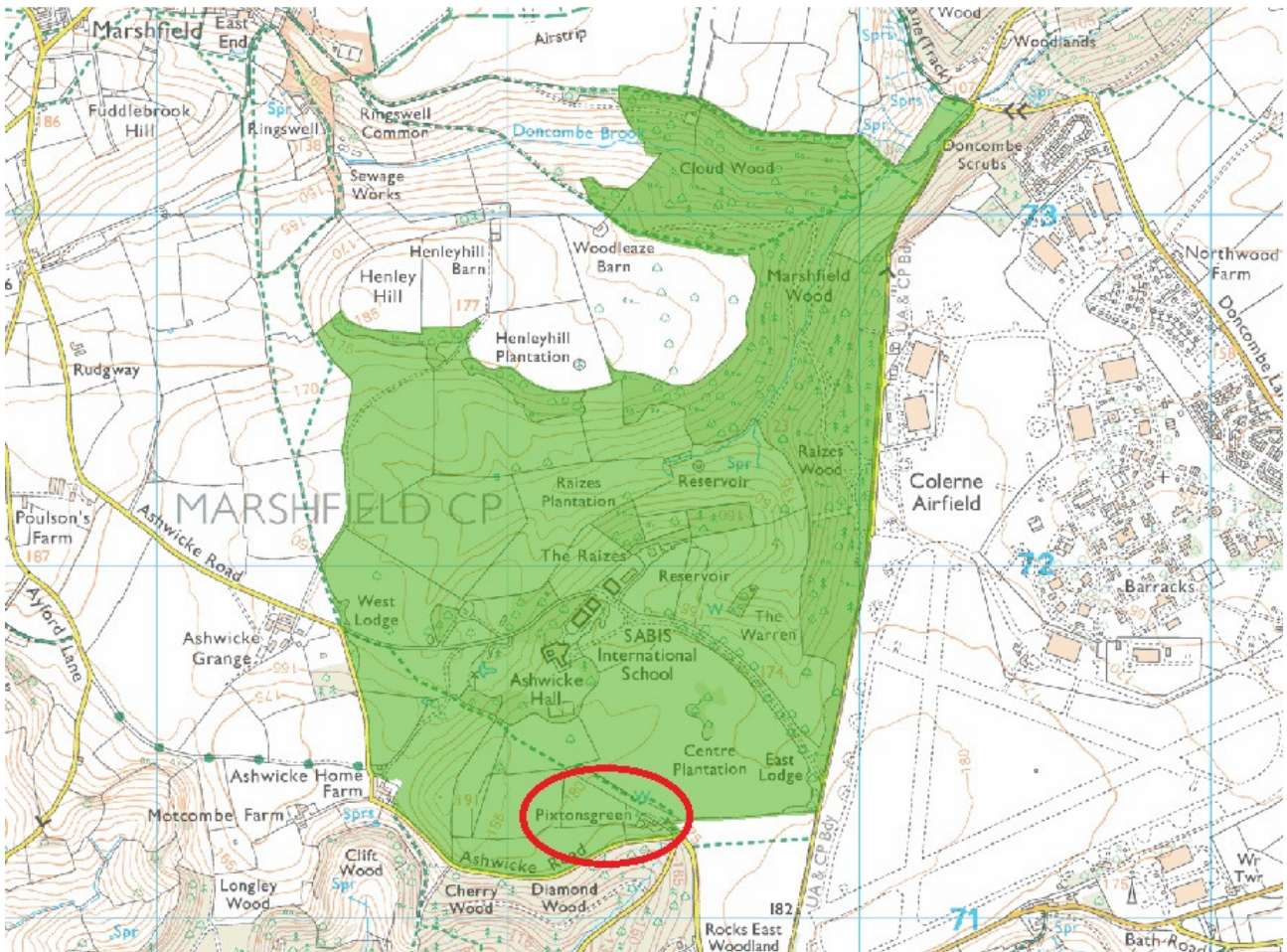
The building or site itself may lie within the boundary of more than one authority.

District:	South Gloucestershire (Unitary Authority)
Parish:	Marshfield
District:	Wiltshire (Unitary Authority)
Parish:	Colerne
District:	Wiltshire (Unitary Authority)
Parish:	North Wraxall
National Grid Reference:	ST 79389 71886

Ashwicke Hall, a site of c 275 ha, is situated in the rural parish of Marshfield. To the north and east the site is bounded by farm land. The southern boundary is defined by Ashwicke Road with beyond it to the south Diamond Wood and Bandywell Wood. The eastern boundary is defined by the Fosse Way with to its east Colerne Airfield. The site is mainly level, except to the east and north-east where the parkland slopes down into the wooded valley of the Doncombe Brook.

The main entrance lies in the far south-east corner of the site, and is flanked to its north by Fosse Lodge dated 1857 (listed grade II), a Gothic style lodge with a battlemented tower designed by Colling.

The second entrance lies to the west, and is flanked to the north by the West Lodge, battlemented and dated 1857.



A third minor entrance now (late 2004) no longer used, lies at Pixton Green (now, 2004, a private dwelling) along Ashwicke Road to the south. Here a set of mid C 19 gate piers with Gothic style iron gates (listed grade II), gave access to a c 800m long drive (now partly visible) that led in a north-westerly direction through the park and then curved around the pleasure grounds linking up with the drive leading from the West Lodge (see listed OS 1887).

There is no record of land use between Ashwicke Hall and Ashwicke Road but is now mostly farmland.

Our client purchased the property in 1996.

The proposal:

The proposal is for a small detached oak framed garage building to serve Pixtonsgreen.

This garage has been carefully positioned to be to the north of the original third entrance to Ashwicke Hall and so will not be on the actual original driveway.

The view through the listed gates to Pixtonsgreen is a special one, since this was the third entrance to Ashwicke Hall. Care has been taken to keep the garage some distance to the north of this sight line, so as not to interfere with this view.

The oak framed garage has been designed with natural stone walls with a clay tiled roof in a very traditional manner.

Impact:

The garage is a very small structure hidden from a view of Ashwicke Hall so it would be hard to see how such a structure will have any adverse effect on the listed 'Park and Garden' of Ashwicke Hall.