

New Park Street

A residential street of mostly modern buildings.

New Park Street is a quiet, mainly residential street, which runs east-west. The gable

ends of terraced houses on the main streets which cross it are a feature.

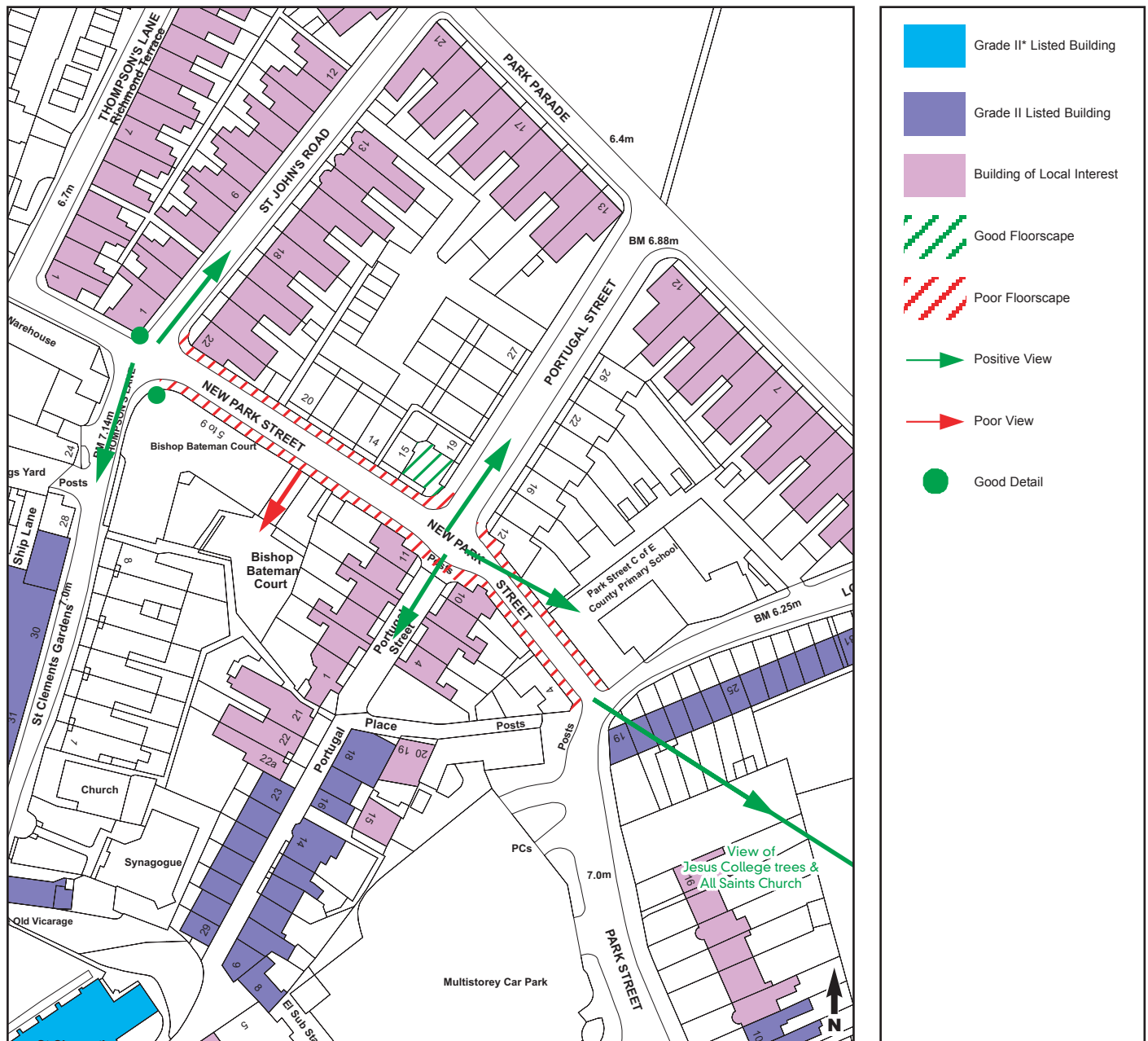


View along New Park Street

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General Overview

New Park Street is a predominantly residential street with minor commercial uses in a converted warehouse (south east corner of Thompson's Lane junction) and in the ground floor of Bishop Bateman Court. Despite traffic calming in the past the street still has a lot of parked cars.



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Townscape Elements

- > Buildings are back-of-footway except for the new housing (nos 14-20), which has railings around "areas".
- > View south east has a distant view of the spire of All Saints Church.
- > Nos 14-20 maintain the character of traditional terraced housing - Bishops Bateman Court contrasts sharply.
- > Interesting methods of buildings turning corners are a significant feature of the street.
- > Older terraces have different gable end treatments.



Turret on corner building

Streetscape Enhancement

The footways and the carriageway in patched bitmac are poor and need repairing. The precast concrete slabs in particular could be replaced in more traditional materials.

There are a number of redundant street sign poles which should be removed. The modern street lighting with galvanised columns and modern lanterns could be substituted with more appropriate replacements.



View north along New Park Street



Turret detail

Archaeology / Historic Topography

Anticipated deposit depth varies from 1.50m to 2.00m
 Potential for prehistory is low
 Potential for Roman is moderate
 Potential for medieval is high

Most of New Park Street runs along the line of the King's Ditch as it returns to the river. Occasional finds of medieval pottery have been made in the vicinity, but no detailed investigations made. It is likely that this area

was wet and remained largely rural in nature into the 18th century. A map of 1688 shows fish ponds and a dove house to the south of the New Park Street line belonging to the Master of St. John's College.

Building No. / Name	Status	Age	Height (storeys)	Wall Materials	Roof Form / Materials	Architect	Notes
5-9 Bishop Bateman Court	none	1980-82	3	brick & timber	tile	Cambridge Design	
14-20	none	1996	3 + basement	brick	barrel-vaulted / sheet metal	Barber Casanovas Ruffles	