

## Character Area: Ockford Ridge and Aarons Hill

Topography	Land Uses	Layout	Roads, streets, routes
<b>Landscape setting/gradient of the local area (flat, sloping, valley, plateau, hilltop, etc)</b>	<b>Residential, Retail, Leisure and Recreation, Commercial, Employment, Community, etc</b>	<b>Relationship between buildings, spaces and routes, and how these elements are arranged in relation to each other. Building plots (wide narrow, long, short, etc)</b>	<b>Vehicular routes, pedestrian pathways, cycle paths, shared surfaces, rights of way, bridleways, alleyways, etc</b>
Flat land, approached by fairly steep roads (Eashing Lane and Primrose Ridge) from the Portsmouth Road, bordered by farmland to north and on edge of the Green Belt. Effectively two settlements each side of Eashing Lane.	Almost entirely residential (including some sheltered housing in Aarons Hill), social club, one shop, one church/ community centre, scout hut and a school.	<p>The 1930s, predominantly social housing, is in irregular closes off the main Ockford Ridge road, some have significant gardens. In addition off Primrose Ridge private housing was developed in the 1960s and 70s.</p> <p>The Aarons Hill development probably built mainly in the 1960s.</p> <p>All developments well spaced with green areas. Car parking not well provided for and causes problems in some of the narrower roads.</p>	Hard surfaced. Very narrow roads in the 1930s area, virtually one way traffic. There are a number of alleyways and footpaths connecting the area and pedestrian routes to the main road.

<b>Spaces</b>	<b>Buildings</b>	<b>Landmarks</b>	<b>Green and natural features</b>
<b>Parks, playing fields, allotments, cemeteries, village greens, car parks, market squares, etc</b>	<b>Building heights, arrangement (detached, semi-detached, terraced or apartments), materials, construction era, roof types, distinct/predominant architectural features, window types, condition, etc</b>	<b>Distinct and instantly recognisable local features (including buildings, statues and monuments, and other locally significant features of the local area, both built and natural)</b>	<b>Trees, hedgerows, streams, rivers, ponds, lakes, woodland, landscaped areas etc.</b>
<p>There is a small children's play area on the 'village green' in the Ockford Ridge area. There is another larger green on the boundary with Aarons Hill.</p> <p>The main active cemetery for Godalming is at the edge of the area with its own chapel and green burial area.</p> <p>There are some allotments which are presently under used.</p> <p>The school has a smallholding with a variety of animals and an allotment and polytunnel.</p>	<p>A mix of detached, semi-detached and terraced houses with a number bungalows in all areas. Nothing more than two storeys.</p> <p>Mainly social housing built in 1930s and 1960s brick (varies in colour) and tile. Market housing also predominantly brick, render and tiled.</p> <p>The Local Authority is regenerating some of the 1930s housing. About 60 houses are due to be demolished in phases and replaced by 90 new dwellings. Other dwellings are being refurbished.</p>	<p>Extremely old oak tree opposite school.</p> <p>Distinctive 1930s social housing.</p> <p>Some Bargate Stone Victorian terraced housing in Eashing Lane.</p> <p>The cemetery is significant area of green and calm space.</p>	<p>The farmland on the edge of the area is open and sometimes rather bleak. Hedges and some green space within the built environment.</p> <p>Cemetery surrounded by woods with farmland beyond.</p>

Streetscape	Views	Summary of Key defining characteristics/other observations
Lamp posts, benches and seating, street surfacing materials, signage, boundary treatments, etc	Important views in and out of the character area (record location of viewpoint, and direction and extent of view)	
There is nothing extraordinary in the area and the streets are traditional, there are seats around the bus stops.	View from cemetery across fields.  View across farmland (Guildford Borough) from Aarons Hill	It is rather an isolated community, with limited facilities close by and therefore not used by wider community.

## Character Assessment: Ockford Ridge and Aarons Hill Photos



Eashing Lane including Victorian cottages



Primrose Ridge



Social Club



St Mark's Church and Community Centre



View across fields to Aarons Hill Estate



General photo of Aarons Hill



School from across the green area at the edge of Aarons Hill



Ancient Oak tree, Scout Hut behind





Examples of pedestrian routes



1930s housing



'Village green' in Ockford Ridge with play area



The first pair of semi-detached houses in the redevelopment



1960/70s market housing at the edge of Ockford Ridge



View towards cemetery across farmland from Miltons Crescent





View from cemetery across farmland



Cemetery Chapel



Woodland behind cemetery



View across cemetery to houses (Miltons Crescent)