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Wolvercote with Godstow Conservation Area

Designated 23 February 1981

Extended 21 Oct 1985

Wolvercote with Godstow Conservation Area, No.13

An ancient settlement taking its name in the 12th century from a Saxon named Ulfgar (or Wulfar), who had a cottage here, Wolvercote is situated to the north-west of Oxford. It contains three distinct areas, Upper Wolvercote with the Church of St Peter, 19th century school and houses standing above and along Wolvercote Green, with Lower Wolvercote terminating Port Meadow with the former Paper Mill. Godstow Abbey beyond the Trout riverside inn, was largely destroyed by fire in 1645, with only the unroofed remains of the post 15th century stone building, with wall and earthworks now surviving in the water meadows to the west, on the Thames.

In order to safeguard the special character and appearance of these village settlements, the City Council at first designated two separate conservation areas, known as Upper Wolvercote and Lower Wolvercote with Godstow on 23rd February 1981.

Later these were amalgamated by the inclusion of open land consisting of The Lakes and Goose Green, up to Joe White's Lane in an extension on 21st October 1985, when they were renamed Wolvercote with Godstow conservation Area.