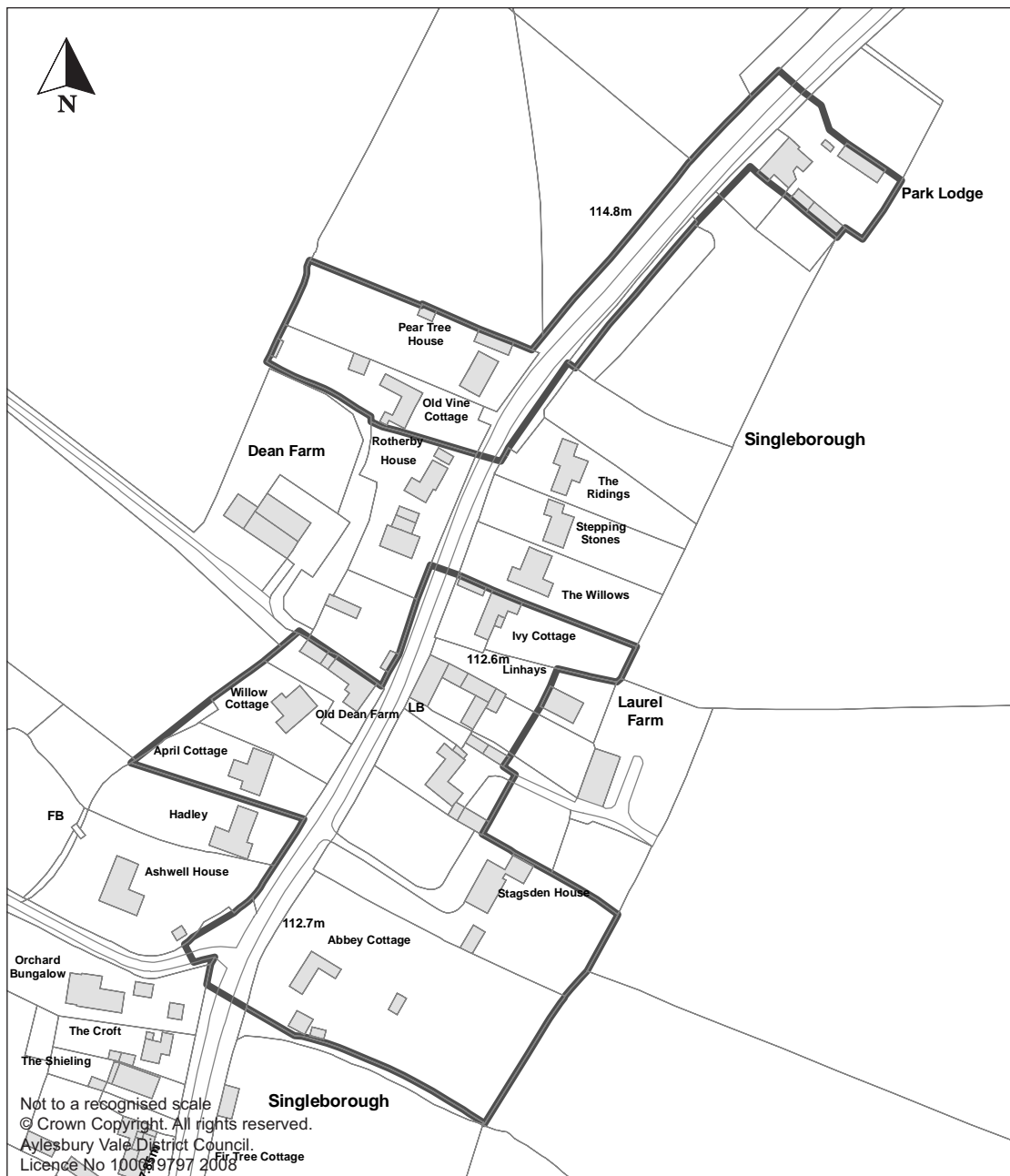


SINGLEBOROUGH CONSERVATION AREA

Designated 16th October 1991

The tiny hamlet of Singleborough in the Parish of Great Horwood is situated just south of the A421 Winslow to Leighton Buzzard road.



It is a linear settlement with no clear centre and probably owes its inception to an earlier Medieval settlement and Chapel to the south of the existing settlement. Of the twenty one properties which together comprise Singleborough, the oldest is Ivy Cottage, a fifteenth Century thatched cottage listed Grade II, on the eastern side of the road. Four other properties have a similar listing; they are Park Lodge at the northern end of the hamlet, Old Vine Cottage

and The Old Cottage on the western side of the street, and Abbey Cottage at the hamlet's southern end. All four houses are timber framed, use whitewashed brick infill, rubble stone and weatherboarding in their construction, and with the exception of Park Lodge which has a tiled roof, have thatched roofs.

The cottages do not abut the roadside; instead, they are sited back from the road in fairly large and, on the whole, extensively landscaped plots.

Other properties, built in more recent years, have tended to follow the same scale, siting and form established by the older properties and, because of the preponderance of frontage hedgerow and the occasional section of brick or stone walling have tended to blend with and complement their surroundings.

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