

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

CONSERVATION AREA	Newton
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Conservation Area No.:-	CA:028

Notes:-

The village of Newton or “New Settlement” historically grew alongside Norton and Mumbles as one of three large villages making up the Oystermouth Parish. Located approximately 5 miles west of the city centre, it sits comfortably on an elevated site overlooking Underhill Park and Oystermouth, rising to 234 feet at its highest point.

The Tithe Map shows that by 1844 the village of Newton had become well established with a close packed huddle of houses and gardens on both sides of Newton and Nottage Road. Many of the key buildings around the historic nucleus of the village still remain. The Newton Inn was built around 200 years ago and was previously known as the Ship. The Rock and Fountain Public House is so named because of its location along side the spring that became the village pump. One of the oldest buildings still remaining is Owens Barn which was built over 300 years ago. It is believed that John Wesley preached to a full house in the barn because up until the completion of the impressive St. Peter’s Church in 1903, Newton had no church of its own. It was not until 1933 that Newton became a parish in its own right. The Old Newton School House built in 1863 has been refurbished in recent years.

Briefly stated the special character of Newton comprises the mixed use core of the village, its narrow streets fronted by picturesque natural stone boundary walls and many excellent terraced cottages. This interspersed with some fine individual buildings and beautiful mature trees.

Because of Newton’s location in Gower, the proximity of the City Centre and its attractive setting and fine buildings, it has become a much sought after residential area. The result is an intense pressure to develop within the village. Unsympathetic alterations and extensions which are scheduled as permitted development can provide a real threat to the character and appearance of the village. For this reason the protection of Conservation Area designation would be appropriate.