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Wilmslow: Area of Archaeological Potential

1 Introduction

1.1 An area of Archaeological Potential (AAP) has been identified in Wilmslow comprising two Archaeological Character Zone (ACZ). Each Zone is identified by its defining archaeological or historical characteristics, or *Primary Characteristics*. For example, in the Medieval Core (Character Zone 1) the defining characteristics include the medieval church of St Bartholomew, and medieval settlement.

1.2 Each Character Zone may also include sites and features which are not characteristic of the Zone but are nonetheless of archaeological and historical importance, and these are identified as *Secondary Characteristics*. For example, Character Zone 1 potentially includes the site of an early medieval church, and this has therefore been identified as a Secondary Characteristic.

1.3 The list of characteristics is not exhaustive, and it is possible that other types of important archaeological remains and features exist within each Character Zone. The boundaries of the AAP and the Character Zones, and the list of Primary and Secondary Characteristics are intended as a guide for planners and developers. They are based on current knowledge, and are therefore subject to change as new information is revealed.

2. Existing Designations (Figure 1)

Scheduled Ancient Monuments	None
Listed Buildings	Grade I – St Bartholomew’s Church Grade II* - Dean Row Unitarian Chapel, Pownall Hall and Hawthorn Hall. Grade II – 29
Conservation Areas	Three – Bollin Hill, Hawthorn Lane and St Bartholomew’s Church.

3 The Archaeological Character Zone (Figure 2)

Zone 1: Medieval Core

Primary Characteristics	
St Bartholomew's Church and Churchyard	The church is first documented in 1246, although the date of its foundation is not known. The fabric of the present church dates from 16th and 19th century remodelling
Medieval Settlement	Although little evidence survives above ground, medieval settlement is likely to have occurred in the vicinity of the church and along Chancel Street and Church Street. There may have also been a market place associated with this, perhaps at the head of Church Street, in front of the church gates.
Corn Mill	It is likely that the 19th-century mill north of Bollin Walk was the site of a medieval corn mill.
Bollin Hall	Bollin Hall, the 13th-century medieval manor house, was demolished when the railway was built in the 1840s.

Secondary Characteristics	
Early Medieval Church?	St Bartholomew's churchyard has been identified as the potential site of an early medieval church.
Early Medieval Settlement?	The elevated area of St Bartholomew's churchyard has been identified as the potential site of early medieval settlement.

Post Medieval Settlement	This Zone was the focus of settlement in the post medieval period, although few buildings of this date survive.
Industrial Sites	A number of industrial sites were located in this Zone, including mills and fustian cutting workshops.

Zone 2: Post Medieval Core

Primary Characteristics	
Post Medieval Core	This Zone, along the present Green Lane, was probably the first area of expansion from the medieval core. Prior to 1775 Green Lane was the original north-south route through the town leading to Church Street and Chancel Lane.

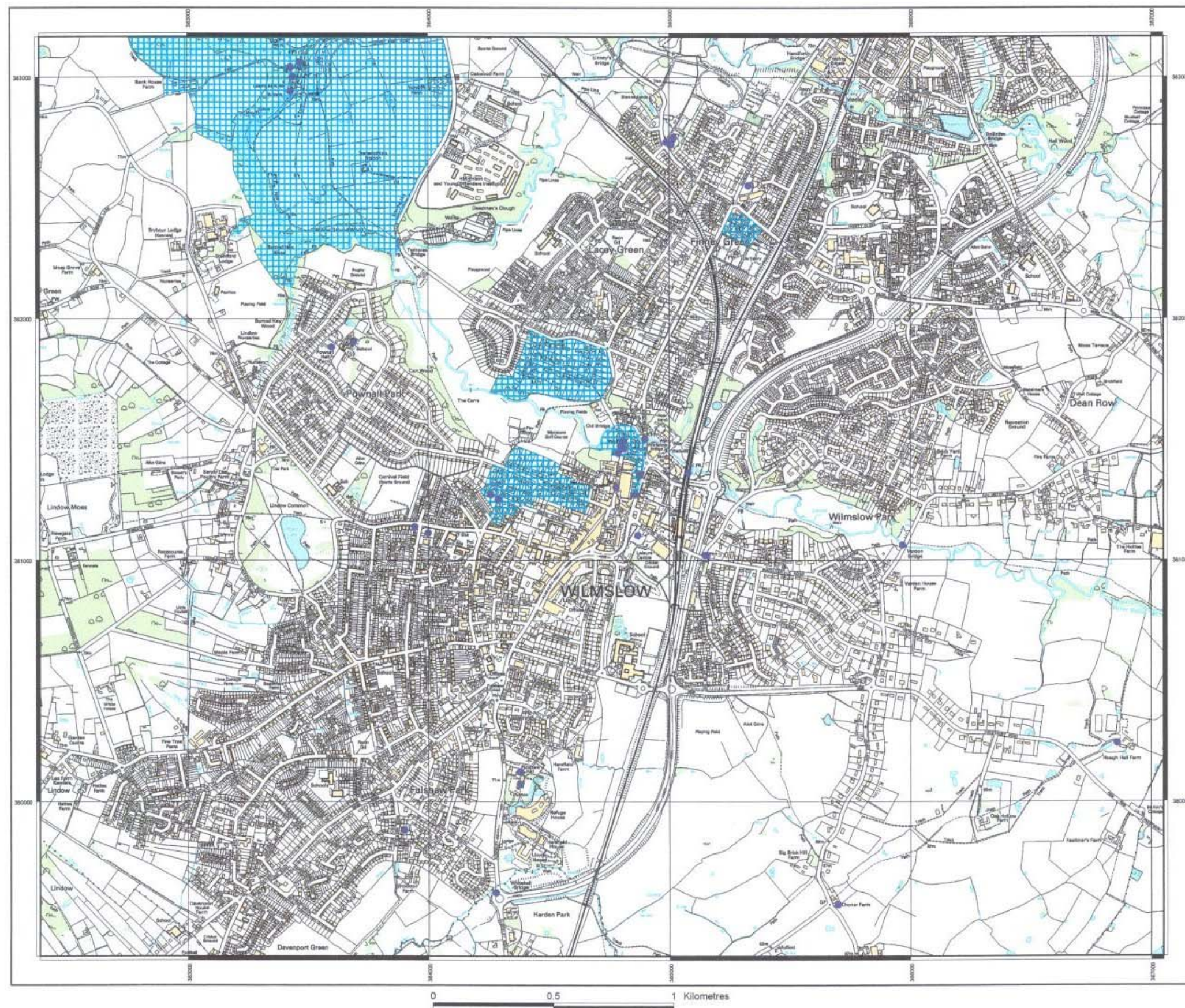


Figure 1: Wilmslow Existing Designations

- Listed Building
- Conservation Area

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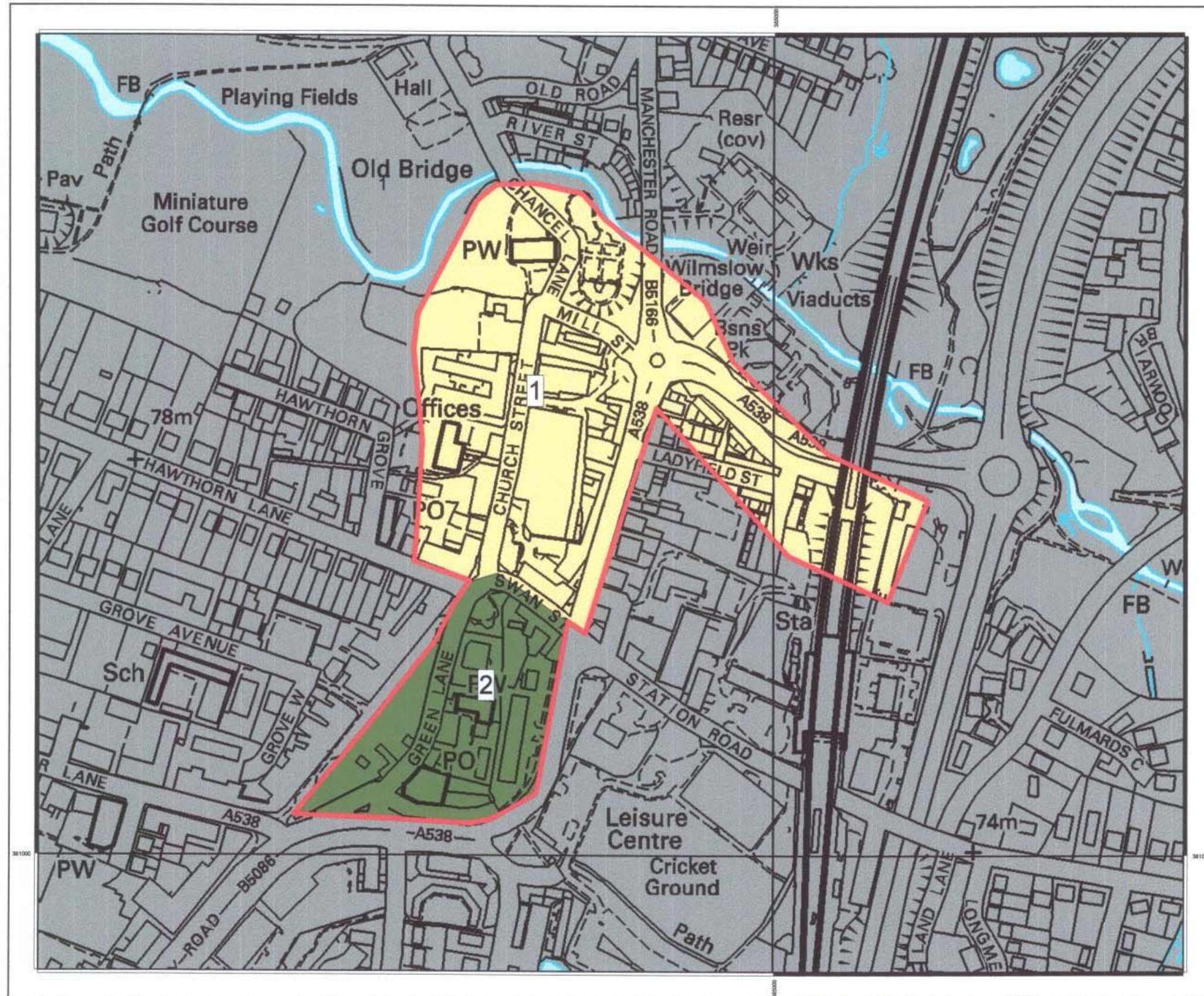






Figure 2: Wilmslow Area of Archaeological Potential and Archaeological Character Zones

 Area of Archaeological Potential
 ACZ 1: Medieval Core
 ACZ 2: Post Medieval core
 Area Outside The Historic Core

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