



Wyke Hall

Address:	Wyke Hall, Gillingham, Dorset SP8 5NS				
District:	North Dorset District Council	Parish:	Gillingham		
Map Series:	Landranger	Map Sheet:	183	Grid Reference:	791 268
Area (ha):	2 ha				
Site owner(s):	Split private ownership				
Designation:	Dorset Gardens Trust Local List				
Site designers:	Not known				

Brief description of site:

Wyke Hall is on the western edge of Gillingham a mile from the centre. It is a relatively flat site with roads adjacent to all the boundaries. The property is lozenge shaped with the house in the south west corner with the main garden front facing south east. There are fine trees and a pond with a small island and weir on the southern boundary. The main front door is currently approached from the west with walled kitchen gardens further to the west of the house.

Brief history of site:

Wyke Hall is believed to date from the 14th century and was held by Richard de Wyke and his wife. In the Tudor period the property belonged to the Cresbyns and then the Frekes. From the early 19th century to the early 20th the property remained within the same family of the Mortimers and Wheildons. It changed hands several more times until the 1970's when it was acquired by a property company and split into ten apartments. The owners of these apartments, together with the owners of two new residences built within the grounds, maintain the gardens.

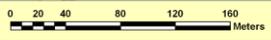
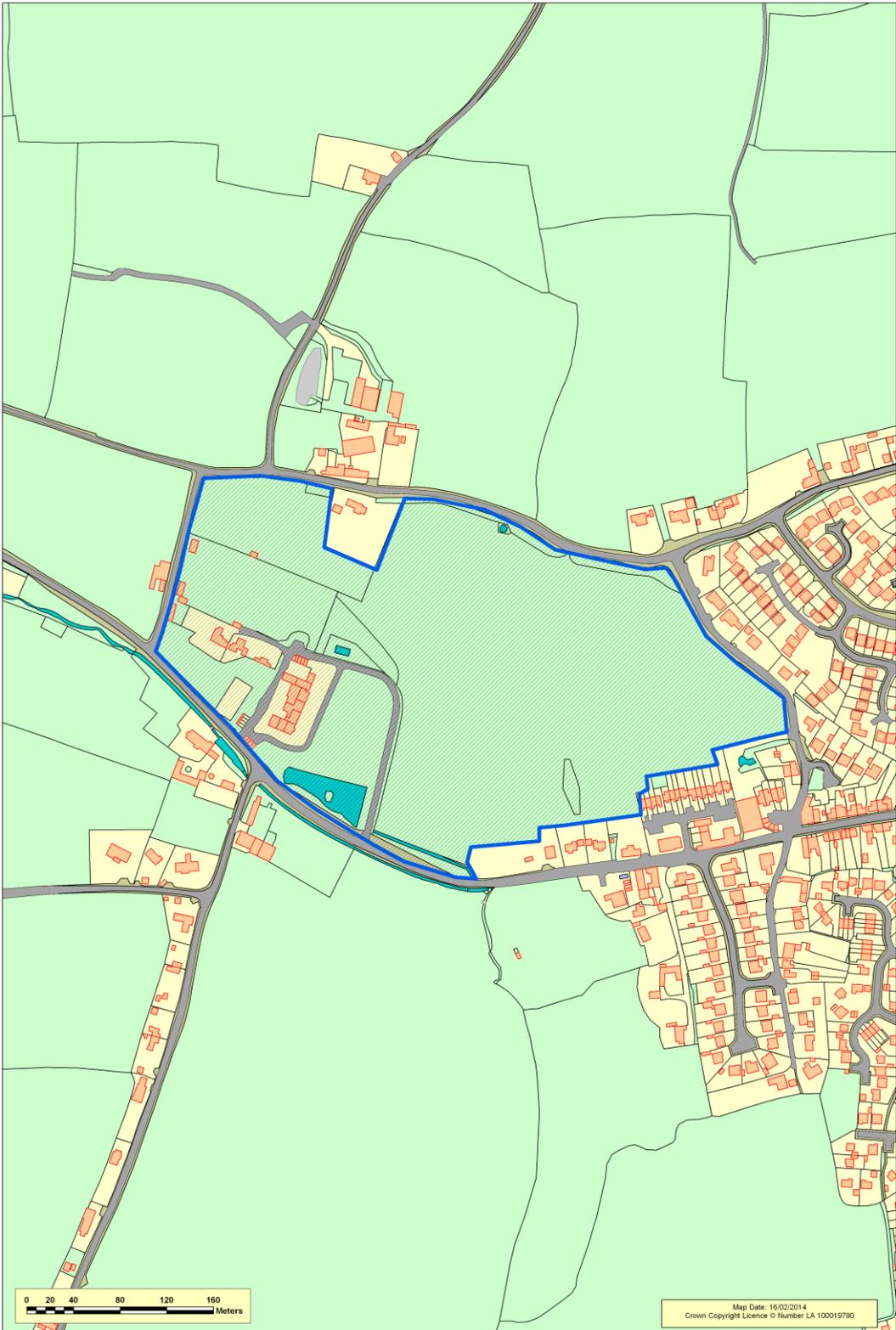
Significance:

Remnants of a 19th century parkland setting providing a buffer from encroaching urban development. Former summer house and walled garden.

Sources:

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