

IBC Response to the Red House Park Issue raised by SOCS on the 26 November Session 2 and 3 regarding the strategic Humber Doucy Lane Allocation

1. Issue raised

The SOCS representative claimed that Red House Park was one of five parks that were in Ipswich. Four had been bequeathed to Ipswich Borough Council and had been well maintained and kept by Ipswich Borough Council. The fifth Red House Park was not bequeathed and over time had deteriorated but was still of historic importance and this had not been taken account in the allocation of the Humber Doucy Lane site. In addition, there were remnants of historic trees that were part of the parkland which could be negatively impacted upon.

2. Council Response

The Council has investigated the location of the Red House Park, a map of the location of the historic park is outlined below, along with the Monument Record Data.

Monument record IPS 459 - The Red House, Redhouse Park, Redhouse Farm, Ipswich.



Please read our [guidance about the use of Suffolk Historic Environment Record data.](#)

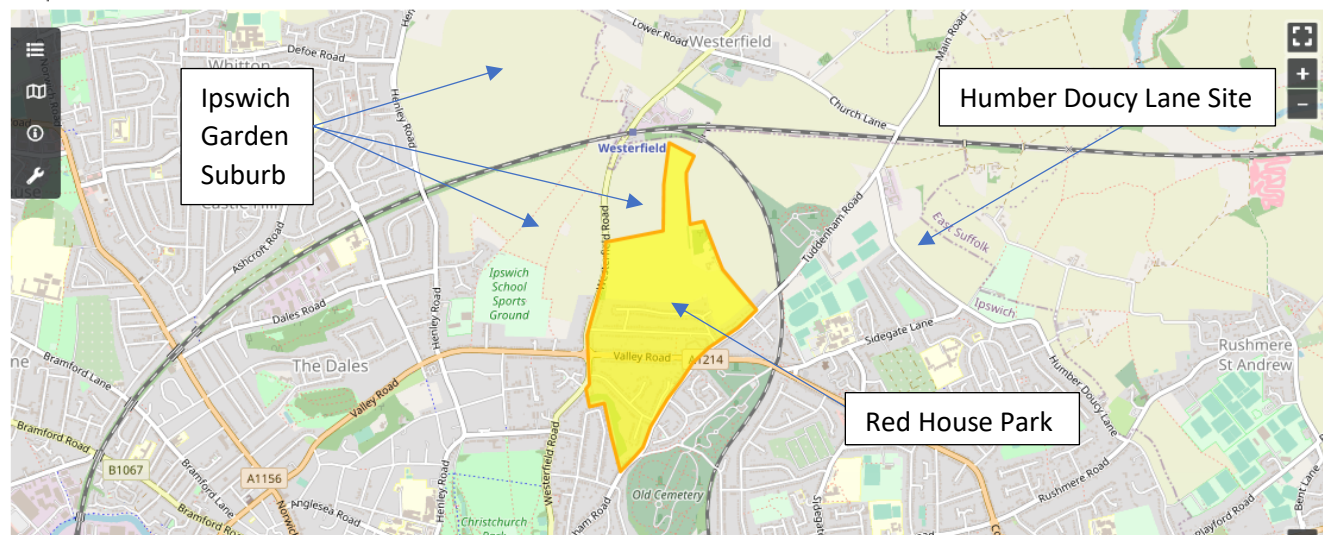
Summary

The Red House and park to south, shown on Hodskinson's Map of Suffolk in 1783.

Location

Grid reference	Centred TM 17259 46395 (833m by 1630m)
Map sheet	TM14NE
Civil Parish	IPSWICH, IPSWICH, SUFFOLK

Map



'Type and Period (4)

GREAT HOUSE (18th century to Unknown - 1783 AD)

PARK (18th century to Unknown - 1783 AD)

AVENUE (LANDSCAPE FEATURE) (Post Medieval - 1540 AD to 1900 AD)

FARM (Post Medieval - 1540 AD to 1900 AD)

Full Description

The Red House and park to south shown on Hodskinson's Map of Suffolk in 1783 (owned by M Edgar Esq) (S1). Extensive landscape park surrounding mansion (at TM 1729 4635) shown on 1880s OS map. Redhouse Farm to north (part of estate?). HER mapping after 1880s OS map. Southern part of park and mansion built over by 1970s (OS map). Farm survives. Further details not checked.

See details in Lost Country Houses of Suffolk by WM Roberts.'

It is clear from the above that the site location of Red House Park and the farmhouse are located some significant distance from the strategic allocation of Humber Doucy Lane and by implication will not be impacted upon through the allocation and development of the site to the north of Humber Doucy Lane for housing and related other uses.

Red House Park has however, been considered in the Ipswich Garden Suburb SPD and this will inform the layout and landscape strategy of that development.

In the section relating to 'Landscape and Open Space' in the Ipswich Garden Suburb SPD it states the following:

'4.7 Critical to the success of achieving garden suburb character, the landscape and green infrastructure strategy (Figure 10) is a fundamental component of Ipswich Garden Suburb. It incorporates the following site features:

- Existing trees and woodland, including those remnants of the historic parkland attached to Red House Park. The 18th Century house no longer remains, although Red House Farm, including the farmhouse and outbuildings, are still present on site. Together with adjacent woodland they are an important landscape feature. Tree canopy cover across the site is illustrated on the plan overleaf (Figure 9). It should be used to inform the layout and landscape strategy of the proposed development, to ensure that the trees are adequately protected and maintained;.....'*



3. Conclusion

There will be no impact on the Red House Parkland through the development of the strategic Humber Doucy Lane site and it does not represent a material constraint in relation to the Humber Doucy Lane allocation.

In addition, it has adequately been considered and recognised in the Ipswich Garden Suburb SPD and must be taken account of through planning applications submitted in the vicinity of the Red House Parkland.