

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER

This small site takes a corner of old an orchard. It is flat grassland set behind hedgebanks. Development offers an opportunity to reinforce the village form around the green and establish a stronger outer boundary. The site is significant in the approach to the village.

ENVIRONMENTAL CAPITAL

Asset: Established hedgebanks.
 Current value: Habitat for birds and small mammals.
 Proposal: Minimal gap for access, introduce new hedgebanks with native species to compensate.

SUSTAINABILITY INDICATORS

Resource minimisation.
 Enclosed courtyard enhances shelter. Terraced housing to minimise heat loss from external walls. Sustainable drainage to safeguard water quality. Parking area should have permeable surfaces.


Design quality.
 Local distinctiveness preserved through:


- simple massing and detailing to improve quality of approach to village;
- stone to north western elevations and gables, elsewhere rendered finishes in typical local colours.

Opportunity and equity.
 House types to meet local affordable needs.

DEVELOPMENT PRINCIPLES

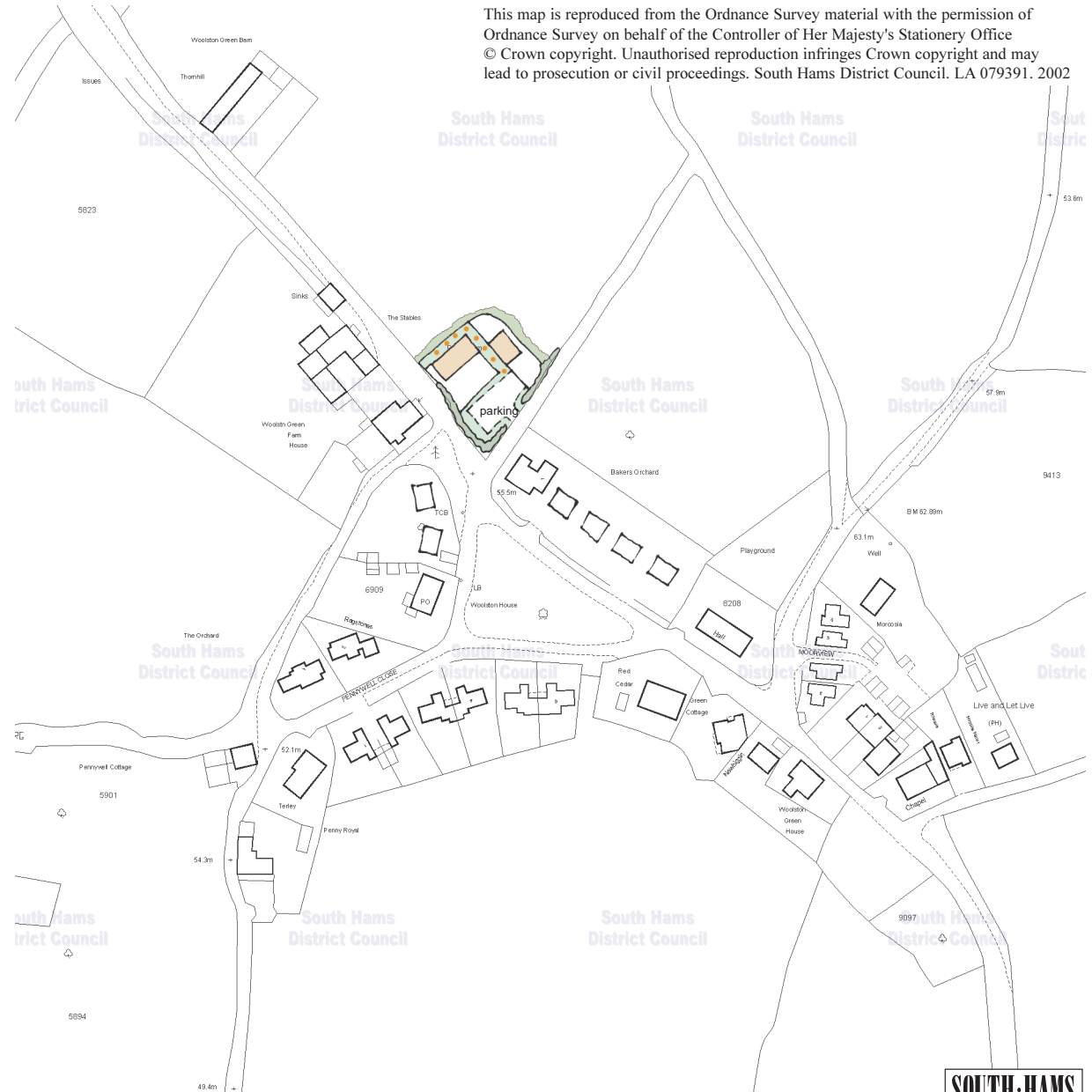
The buildings form an enclosed courtyard, sheltered by hedgebanks that conceal parked cars, washing, sheds, etc., in the view from the surrounding countryside. The short terrace has private gardens set within the courtyard and the elevations to the countryside should have simple details similar to small farm buildings of the area. A narrow footpath access for maintenance and window cleaning is all that is needed along the outer edges.

 5 - 6 TWO STOREY TERRACED HOUSES WITH SHARED PARKING. HEDGEBANKS AND SIMPLE ELEVATIONS TO OPEN COUNTRYSIDE. PRIVATE GARDENS WITH LOW WALLS WITHIN THE COURTYARDS.

 NEW PLANTING AND SHARED OPEN SPACE. FOOTPATH ACCESS FOR MAINTENANCE.

 EXISTING HEDGES RETAINED.

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