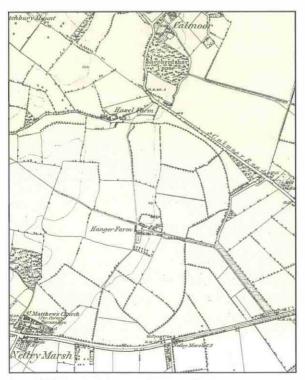
This leaflet explains what a conservation area is and how it may affect you. It shows the boundary of two of the 33 conservation areas and points out some of the features which make them special.

Hanger Farm, Hazel Farm



New Forest Conservation Areas

Both these farms are important historic sites that are gradually being surrounded by new housing as the edge of western Totton advances across their former farmland towards the bypass. Hanger Farm, designated in 1986 as new housing close by was being built, contains two important listed buildings. The farmhouse is an intriguing, valuable house of the seventeenth century, and the 9-bay barn is equally impressive. Hazel Farm dates from the nineteenth century with a substantial brick farmhouse and a yard with brick and timber-framed barns and cowsheds. It sits in a shallow valley with many mature trees around a sunken lane. Both areas were designated, knowing that the historic buildings would, as development gradually closes around them, be seen as familiar and highly valued reference points for the community.



Early Ordnance Survey map of the two farms



Early photograph of Hazel Farm, circa 1930

There has been a settlement at Hanger Farm since at least the time of the Domesday Survey. The farm is the last remnant. The farmhouse is a substantial timber-framed building suggesting that its builder was a person of considerable wealth. Both farms formed part of the Tatchbury Estate which was broken up earlier this century. The early editions of the Ordnance Survey maps show the two farms linked by footpaths across the fields leading to Netley Marsh. As Totton grows, the Greenroute - a spacious and safe footpath and cycleway - through west Totton will link with and develop the existing paths.