

Laughton Lodge Hospital

(Inset Map No.25)

23.1 The Regional Health Authority has declared Laughton Lodge Hospital, which lies to the west of the village, surplus to health service requirements and vacated the buildings.

23.2 In 1997 a planning application was submitted for the conversion of the brick built villas to residential use, the conversion of 'Shawfield' to ancillary residential accommodation, together with B1 use, and the construction of four new dwellings. The Council resolved that, subject to a planning obligation to secure the future management of the site, planning permission be granted.

23.3 In looking at alternative future uses, it is considered that the following would be appropriate:-

(1) another institutional use such as a private hospital, a clinic or a private education establishment;

(2) an office use, possibly a head office in a countryside location, or an office training and research establishment for an existing company;

(3) a hotel and restaurant use;

(4) appropriate leisure uses;

(5) the conversion of the three two-storey brick built villas to residential use, subject to appropriate safeguards concerning the remaining buildings and grounds. The remaining buildings should either be demolished or used for ancillary or appropriate associated purposes with the agreement of the Council.

23.4 The uses outlined above could be accommodated in the existing hospital buildings. It is considered inappropriate to intensify the built form within this rural location and further building within the site would be resisted. The Highway Authority may require improvements to the existing road network, depending on the proposed future use.

LA1 Following the cessation of the present hospital use at Laughton Lodge Hospital, west of Laughton, the Council will accept in principle the following uses in the existing hospital buildings:

(1) another institutional use;

(2) an office use, including training/research facilities;

(3) a hotel/restaurant use;

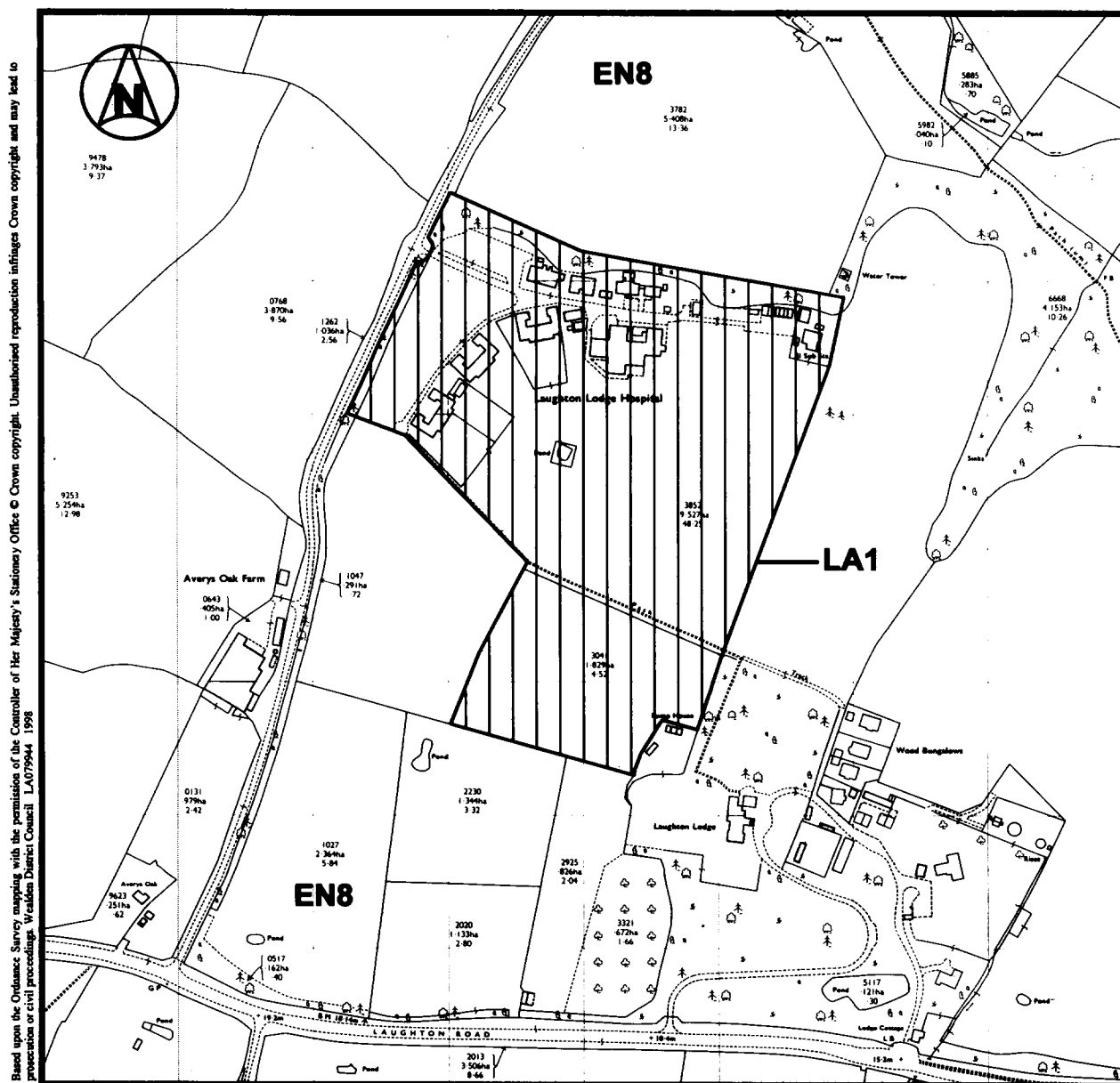
(4) appropriate leisure uses;

(5) the conversion of the three two-storey brick built villas to residential use, subject to

(i) the other buildings within the policy area either being demolished or, where appropriate, used for ancillary or associated purposes with the Council's approval; in this connection the continued use of Shawfield (the former Dorothy Stringer Block) for health care provision would be acceptable to the Council; and

(ii) an appropriate plan being agreed for the future maintenance of the grounds.

Proposals for redevelopment for residential purposes or the residential use of buildings, other than the three brick built villas referred to at LA1(5), will be resisted, as will proposals for further development within the site.



KEY

-  Inset Map boundary
-  Laughton Lodge Hospital policy area



Proposals Map

Plan wide policies are listed on the main Proposals Map.

