

Understanding Oxford's West End

A Statistical Profile

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West End area within Oxford City (Google Earth)

This report was commissioned the West End partnership which is overseeing the renaissance of Oxford's West End to inform a Community & Neighbourhood Cohesion Strategy (CNCS). The main objective of this project is to gather a wide range of statistics on the West End of Oxford to build an understanding of the social and economic make up of existing residents of the West End area. Two other reports provide further information on existing community identities and networks and the facilities that the existing community want or need.

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Understanding Oxford's West End

1 Key Findings

Many students

- Over 2,400 people live in the West End area (census 2001), and possibly as many as 3,500 (2007 modelled data).
- The population is relatively young, over 40% of people are aged between 15 and 29, and a quarter of the population are students.

Pockets of deprivation

- Most of the West End is very prosperous, dominated by professionals and students.
- Lower income groups, people living in council housing and people who are relatively deprived are clustered in small areas of the West End including part of Hinksey Park ward.
- The West End attracts a very high number of homeless people.

Rented housing

- The majority of housing is rented accommodation with a large proportion of residents living in shared or communal housing.

Inner city crime

- Crime in the West End accounts for almost 20% of the total crime in Oxford City, much of this associated with inner city antisocial behaviour.

2 Introduction to Oxford's West End

- Oxford's West End covers the south west quarter of Oxford City Centre. The West End area includes key city landmarks and facilities such as the railway station, Westgate Shopping Centre and Castle site.
- The West End is the gateway to Oxford for those who arrive by train and who reach the city centre from the west.
- The area covered by the West End project is defined as follows: the western boundary is formed by the railway line, the southern boundary by the River Thames (Isis), the eastern boundary follows the line of St Aldate's and Cornmarket Street and the northern boundary follows George Street and Hythe Bridge Street and takes in the areas of Gloucester Green and the railway station.

Figure 1 Map showing West End Area
(Source: Oxford City Council)



3 Population of Oxford's West End

3.1 Over 2,400 people live in the West End area, and possibly as many as 3,500

Figure 2 Population Numbers, 2001

(Source: 2001 Census, ONS Data)

Count/proportion	Total females	Total males	Total people	%Female	%Male
England	25,216,687	23,922,144	49,138,831	51%	49%
Oxfordshire	306,233	299,260	605,493	51%	49%
Oxford City	67,971	66,279	134,250	51%	49%
West End	1,096	1,322	2,418	45%	55%

Figure 3 Population Numbers, 2007 (Modelled data)

(Source: CACI, 2007) (See appendix for map of output areas)

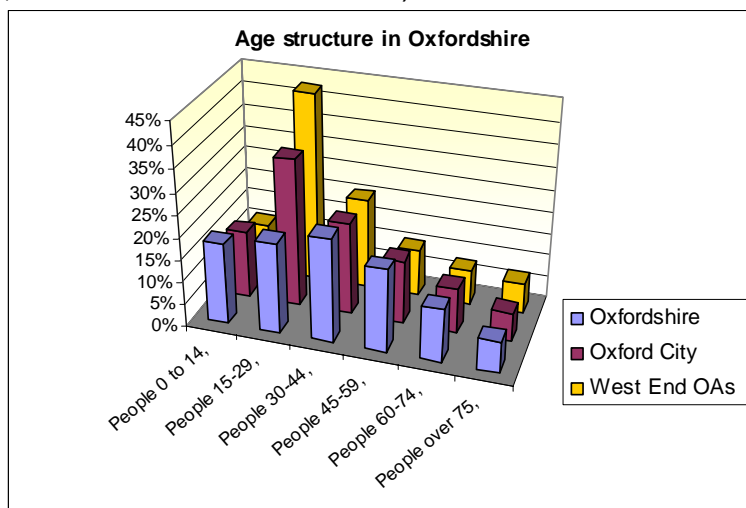
Output Area	Total Population, 2007
Carfax 02	340
Carfax 05	868
Carfax 06	475
Carfax 07	415
Carfax 08	530
Hinksey Park 07	318
Hinksey Park 08	247
Hinksey Park 09	264
West End	3,457

3.2 The West End's population is relatively young

- Over 40% of the residents of the West End are between 15 – 29 years old.

Figure 4 Age Structure

(Source: 2001 Census, ONS Data)



3.3 A large proportion of the population of the West End are students

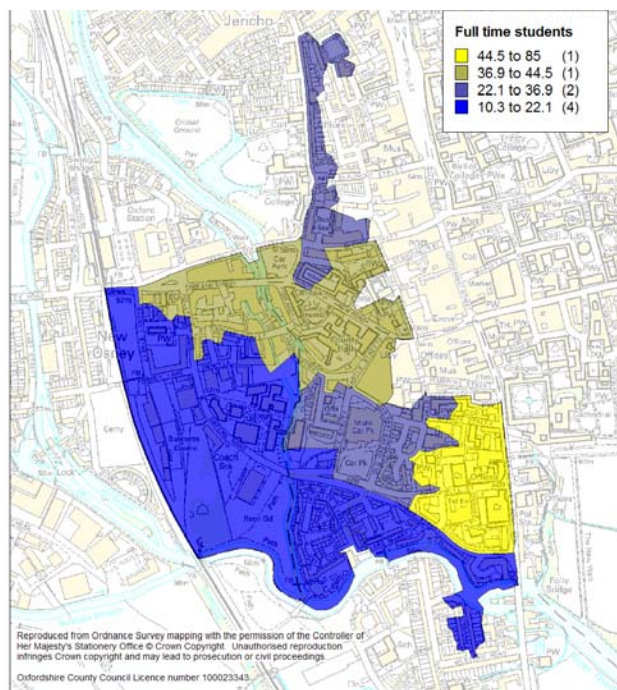
Figure 5 Numbers of students in the West End

(Source: ONS Census 2001)

	All people, 2001 Count	Full-time students and schoolchildren aged 18-74, 2001 Count
Carfax 02	246	72
Carfax 05	331	124
Carfax 06	199	30
Carfax 07	371	110
Carfax 08	447	166
Hinksey Park 07	305	12
Hinksey Park 08	231	43
Hinksey Park 09	247	30
Total in West End	2377	587

Figure 6 Proportion of full time students in the West End

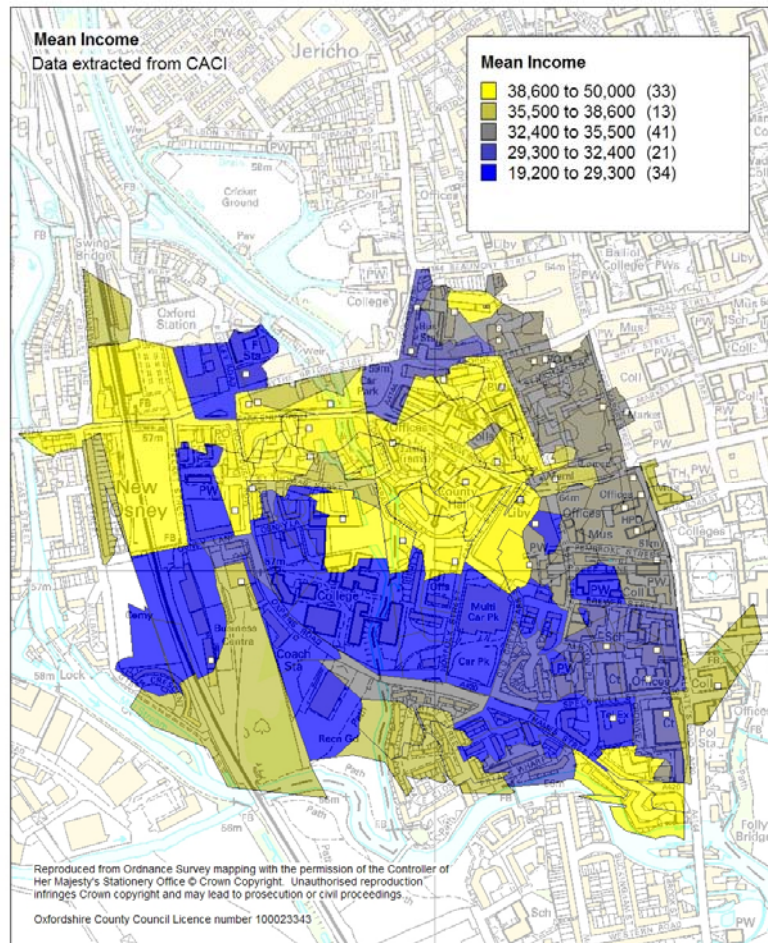
(Source: ONS Census 2001)



4 Pattern of Deprivation

4.1 Many residents of the West End are well off - those with the highest incomes are mainly located in northern areas of the West End

Figure 7 Mean Income
(Source: CACI Paycheck data 2008)

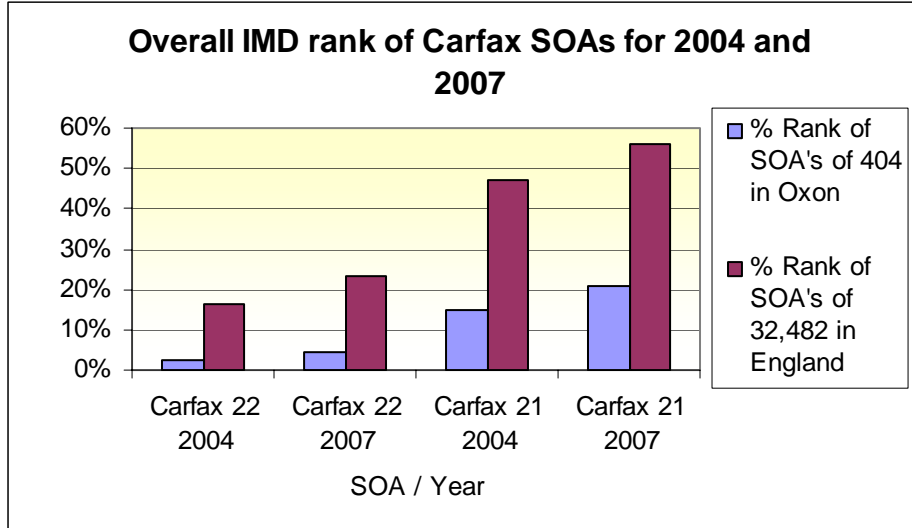


4.2 However, parts of the West End are relatively deprived

- Carfax 22 is in the 25% most deprived areas in England, whereas Carfax 21 is in the 50% least deprived.

Figure 8 Index of Multiple Deprivation

(Source: Department of Communities and Local Government, Indices of Deprivation 2007 and Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, Indices of Deprivation 2004)

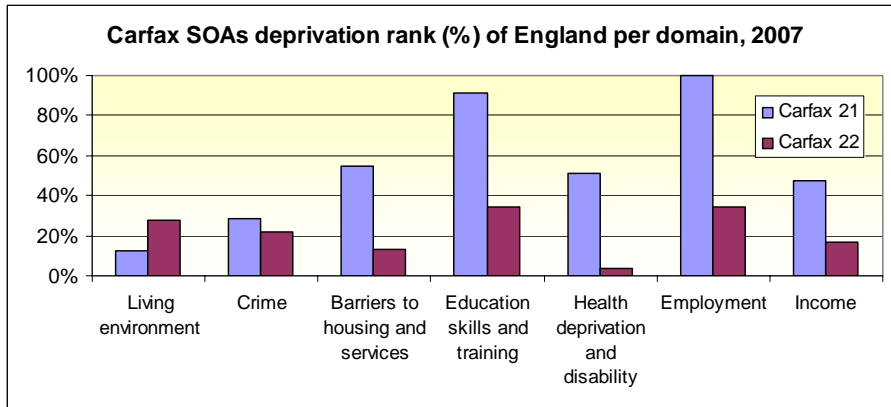


Note: Data from the Index of Multiple Deprivation 2007 is available at super output area level

4.3 Health Deprivation and Disability and Barriers to Housing and Services are particular problems in some parts of the West End

Figure 9 Deprivation in West End

(Department of Communities and Local Government, Indices of Deprivation 2007)

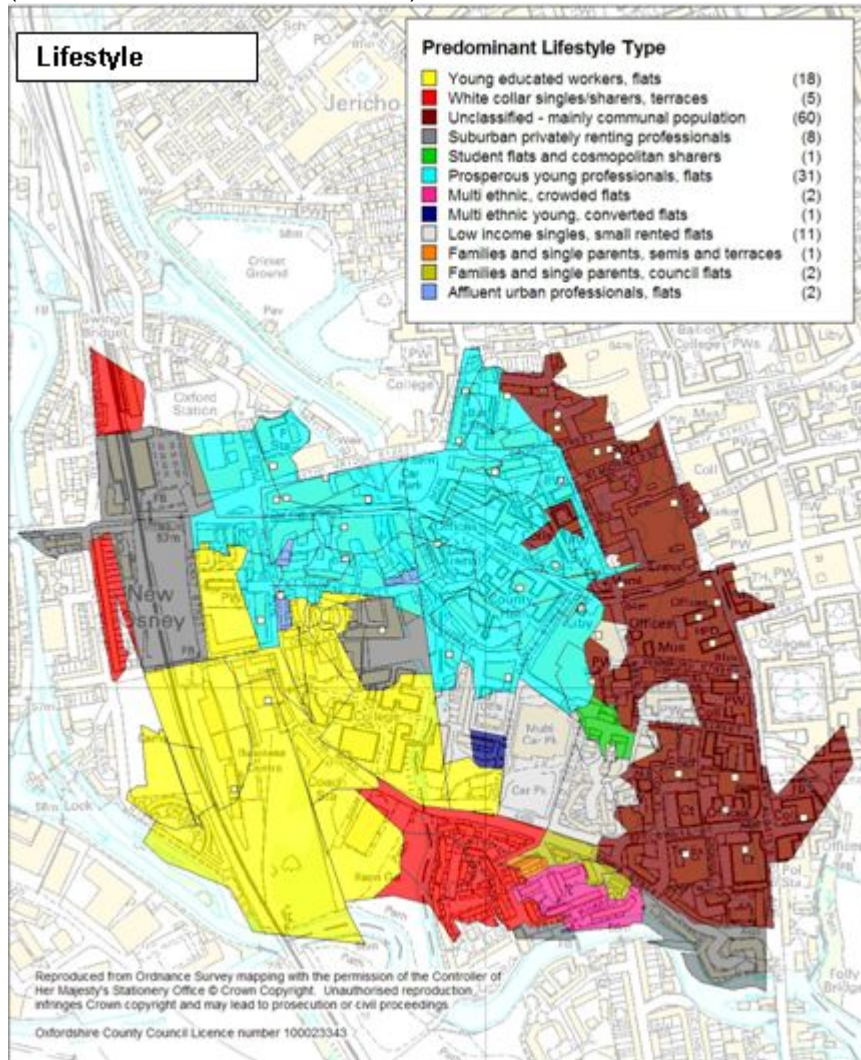


4.4 The more deprived residents are clustered in small areas of the West End

- Within much of the West End the predominant lifestyle types are educated professionals. However in parts of the area, particularly in the south, there are predominantly low income singles, families and crowded, multi ethnic flats.

Figure 10 Predominant Lifestyle Types

(Source: CACI ACORN data 2008)

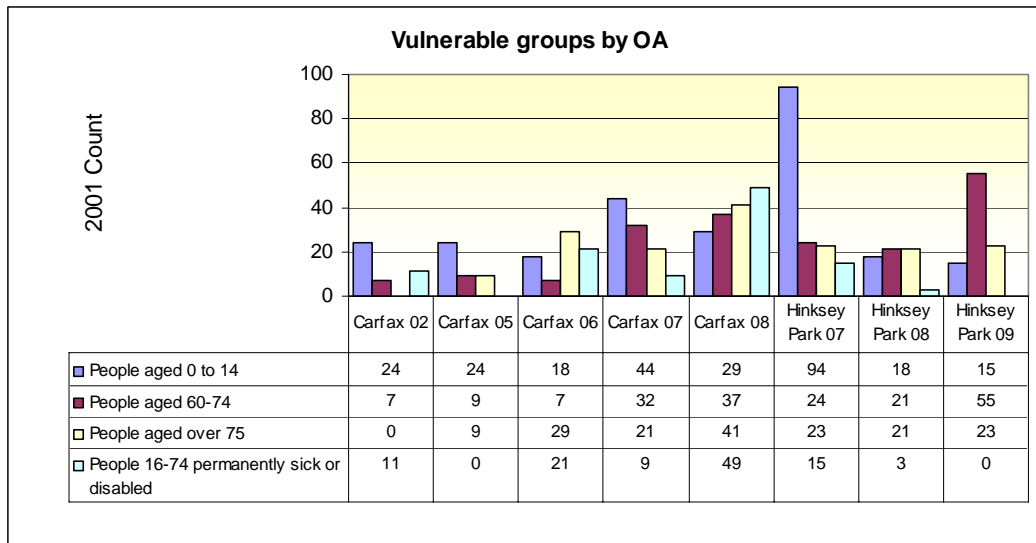


4.5 The very young and elderly are mainly located in the relatively deprived areas of the West End

- Hinksey Park 07 has a particularly high proportion of residents who are between the ages of 0 and 14.
- Carfax 08 has a relatively high proportion of residents who are over 75 and also who are aged between 16 – 74 and permanently sick or disabled.
- There are a relatively high proportion of people in Hinksey Park 09 who are between the ages of 60 and 74.

Figure 11 Vulnerable groups in the West End

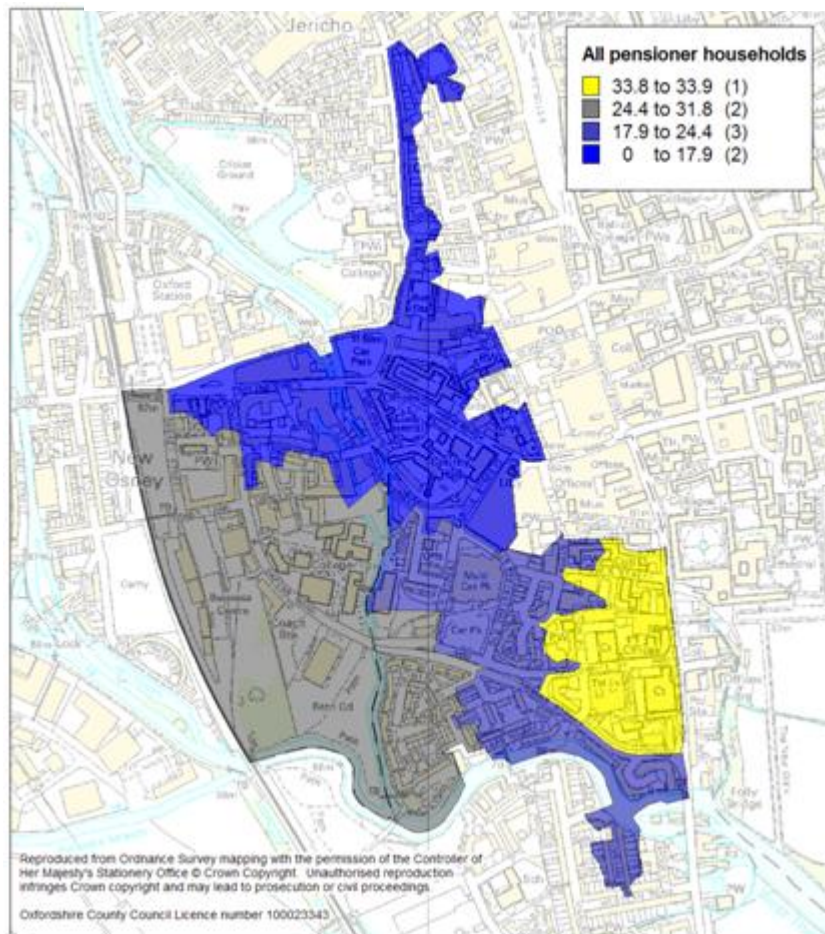
(Source: 2001 Census, ONS Data)



- There are a relatively high proportion of all-pensioner households in Carfax 06, 08 and Hinksey Park 09

Figure 12 All pensioner households within the West End

(Source: ONS Census 2001)



4.6 There are relatively high numbers of homeless people

- Oxford Night Shelter states that Oxford has the largest number of homeless people in England outside of London.
- Oxford Night Shelter provides emergency accommodation for 56 people every night at O'Hanlon House in the West End. They state that they often turn 12 others away and believe that approximately 20 more sleep rough each night in the city (source: Dewhurst, Oxford Night Shelter, 2008).

5 Education and skills

5.1 There are many schools in and around the West End which local children attend.

- The 127 children in the area in 2007 go to 20 different educational institutions.

5.2 The majority of schools are performing well

Figure 13 OFSTED Inspection Grades

(Source: OFSTED)

Inspection judgement Grade	Primary:			Secondary:		
	West Oxford Community Primary School (old grading out of 7) April 05	St Ebbe's Church of England Aided Primary School (new grading out of 4) Jan 08	Botley Primary School (old grading out of 7) March 05	Cheney (new grading out of 4) May 07	The Cherwell School (new grading out of 4) Jan 08	Matthew Arnold (new grading out of 4) Feb 08
The overall effectiveness of the school	Good	Good	Good	Good	Outstanding	Good
Overall standards achieved	Satisfactory	Good	Good	Good	Outstanding	Good
Pupils' attitudes, values and other personal qualities	Good	Outstanding	Good	Good	Outstanding	Good
The quality of education provided by the school	Good	Good	Good	Satisfactory	Outstanding	Good
The leadership and management of the school	Good	Good	Good	Good	Outstanding	Good

Key for inspection grades (2005)

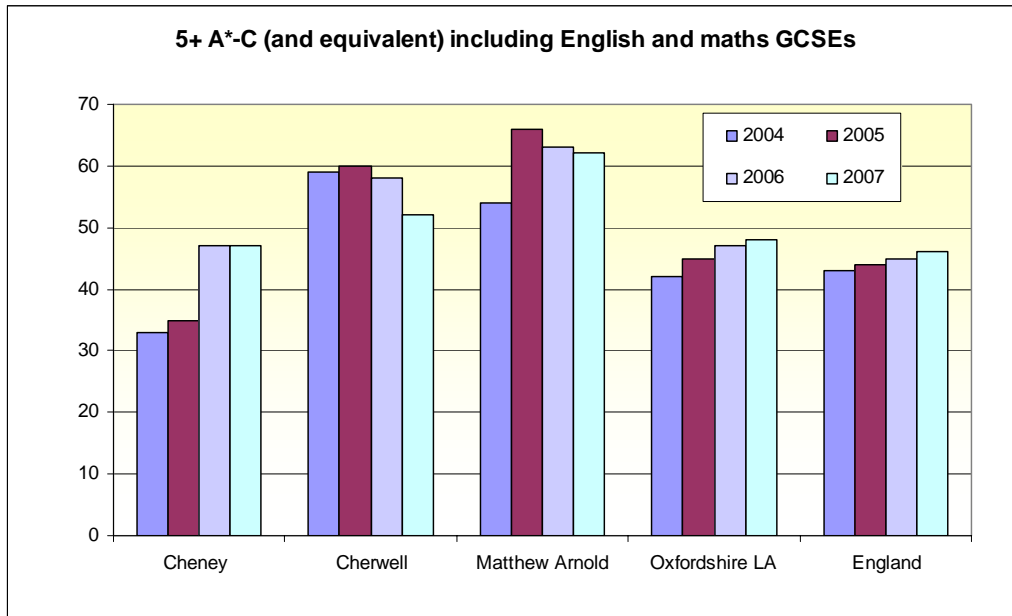
Grade 1: Excellent; Grade 2: Very good; Grade 3: Good; Grade 4: Satisfactory; Grade 5: Unsatisfactory; Grade 6: Poor; Grade 7: Very poor

Key for inspection grades (2007/08)

Grade 1: Outstanding; Grade 2: Good; Grade 3: Satisfactory; Grade 4: Inadequate

5.3 Pupils at Matthew Arnold and Cherwell Schools have particularly good GCSE Results

Figure 14 GCSE Results for local schools
(Source: DfES)



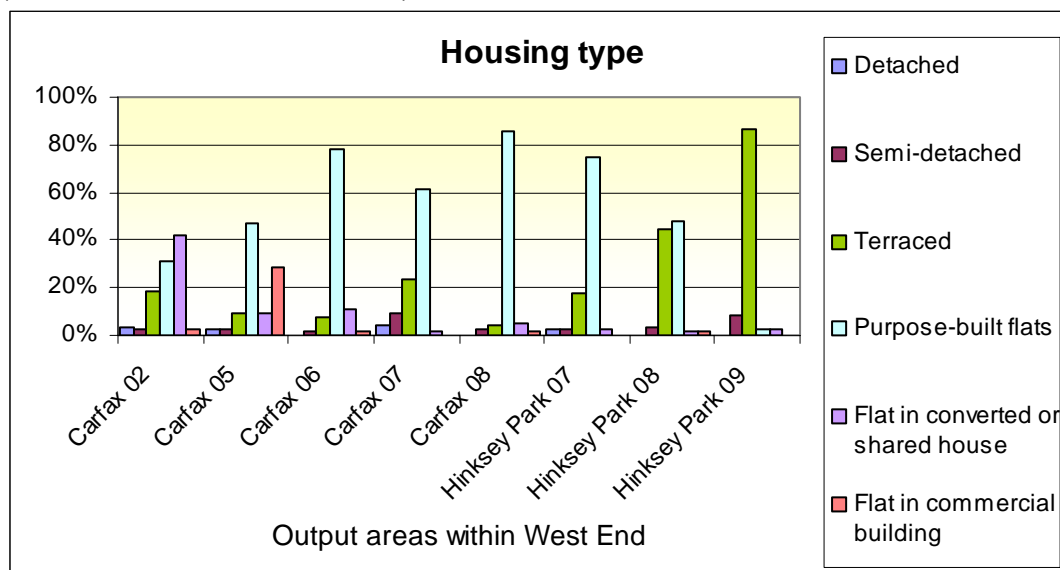
6 Housing

6.1 The majority of residents live in flats or shared houses

- Over 40% of Carfax 02's housing is flats in a converted house or a shared house. In almost all areas of the West End there are a large proportion of purpose built flats.

Figure 15 Housing Types in the West End

(Source: 2001 Census, ONS Data)



6.2 There are a large number of students living in communal establishments in the West End

Figure 16 Oxford University Students living in the West End (see appendix for map of college locations)

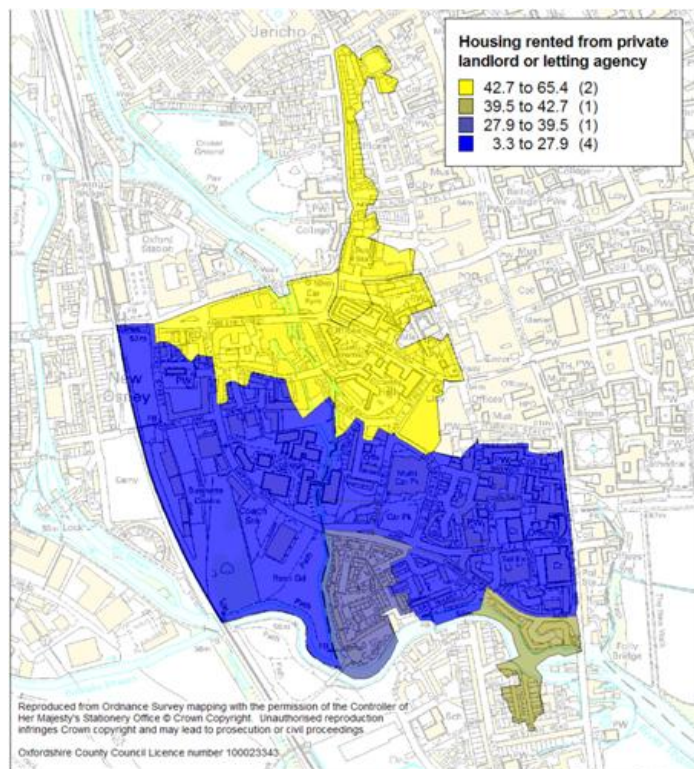
(Source: Oxford University, 2008)

Location	College				Total
	Campion Hall	Nuffield College	Pembroke College	St Peter's College	
In college	7	63	365	325	760
Private (within west end)		1	10	11	22
Students from other colleges living in west end					147
Grand total					929

6.3 The majority of residents live in rented accommodation

- In Carfax 05, over 60% of housing is rented from a private landlord or letting agency.

Figure 17 Percentage of housing in the West End which is rented from a private landlord/letting agency
(Source: ONS Census)



6.4 The proportion of non student residents living in housing rented from the council, housing association or social landlord is high in parts of the West End

- In Hinksey Park 07 and Carfax 07 there are a relatively high proportion of non student residents in housing rented from the council.
- A relatively large percentage of the non student population of Carfax 06 and Carfax 08 are living in housing rented from a housing association or social landlord.

Figure 18 Non student residents
(Source: ONS Census 2001)

	Non students, 2001 Count	% of Non students in Housing rented from Council	% of Non Students in Housing rented from Housing Association or Social Landlord
Carfax 02	174	8.0	3.4
Carfax 05	207	1.4	1.9
Carfax 06	169	2.4	38.5
Carfax 07	261	16.9	0.0
Carfax 08	281	5.7	20.6
Hinksey Park 07	293	31.7	1.0
Hinksey Park 08	188	1.6	0.0
Hinksey Park 09	217	3.7	0.0
Total	2066	9.3	6.9

7 Crime

7.1 Crime in the West End accounts for almost 20% of total crime in Oxford

Figure 19 All Reported Crime 2004 - 2007

(Source: All reported crime, Thames Valley Police, all years)

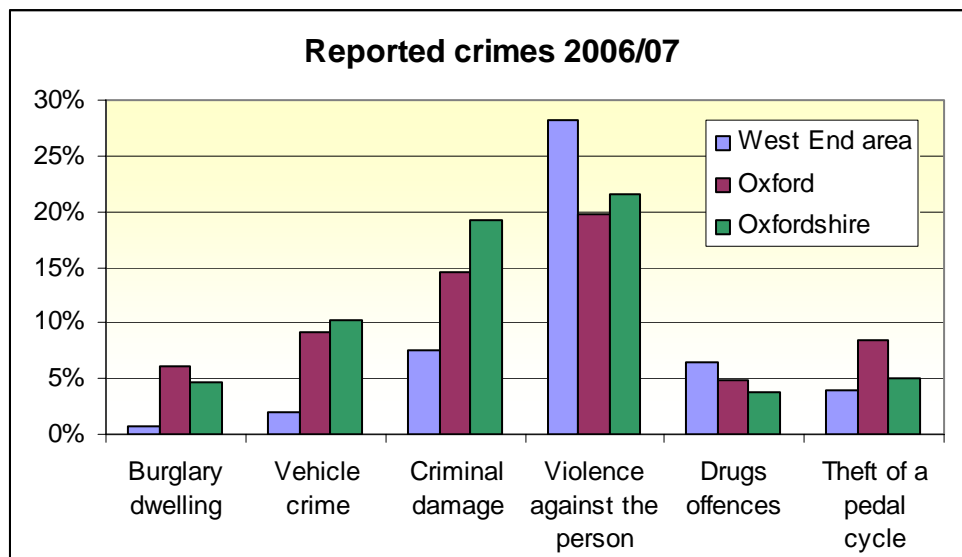
All crime	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
West End area	3854	3639	4065
Oxford	21745	21424	21618
Oxfordshire	48,539	46,923	48,124

7.2 Violence against the person is relatively high

- The West End has a higher proportion of violence against the person and slightly more drugs offences when compared to the city and county, but lower levels of other types of crime.

Figure 20 Reported Crimes

(Source: Thames Valley Police, 2006/07)



7.3 One of the main policing priorities in the West End is antisocial behaviour

Current neighbourhood policing priorities for the city centre Neighbourhood Action Group are:

- Antisocial behaviour - street drinking (daytime)
- Antisocial behaviour - night time economy
- Misuse of drugs

(Source: Oxford Safer Communities Partnership, 2008)

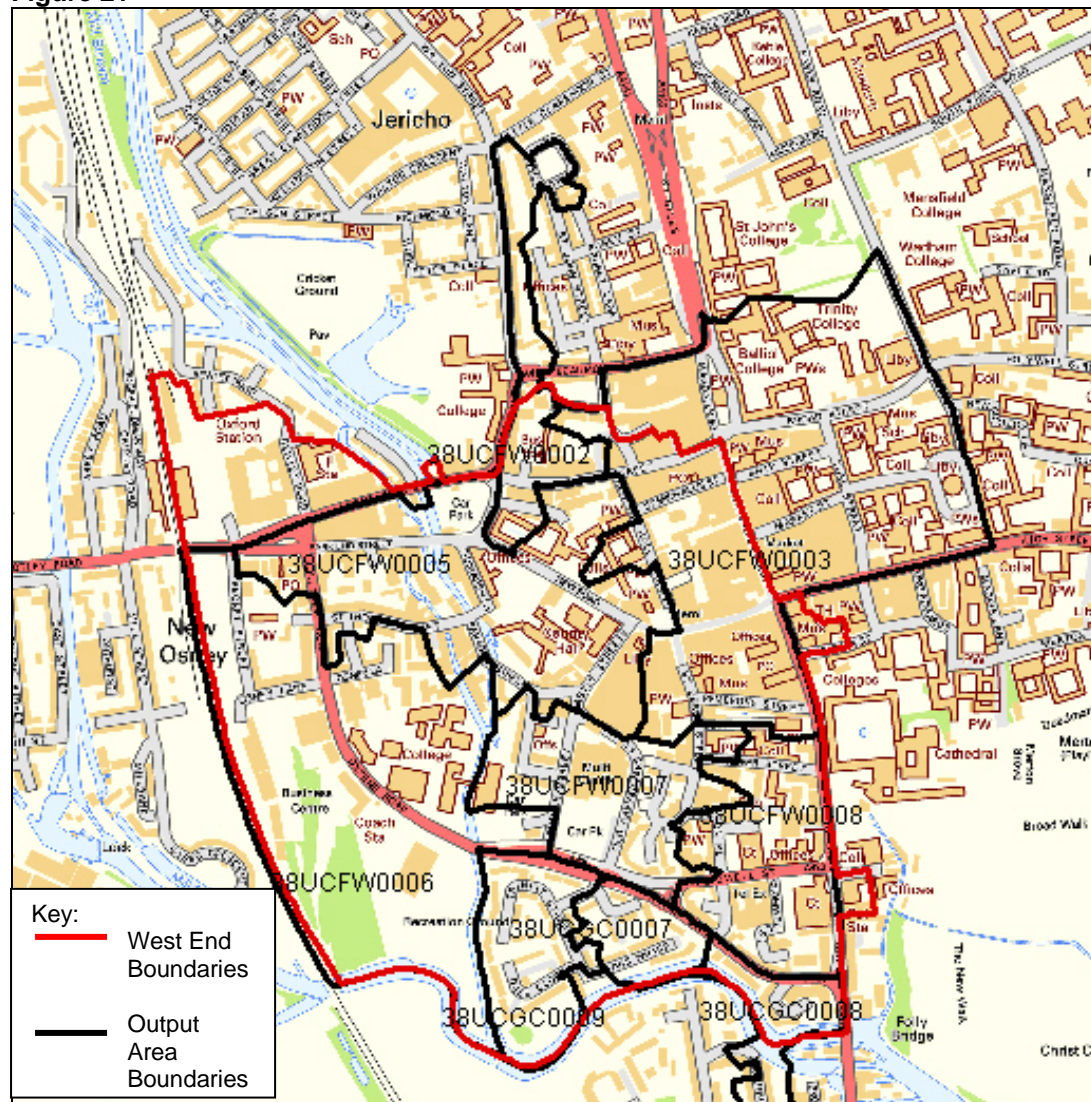
8 Appendix A – Area Maps

8.1 Geographic Areas

Datasets and statistics are available at different geographic levels. The information within this report is presented at either output area, super output area or post code level. Output area (OA) level information provides the closest approximation to the West End boundary but there is limited data at this level. For comparison, data for Oxford City, Oxfordshire County and England is included where available.

West End: Output Areas

Figure 21



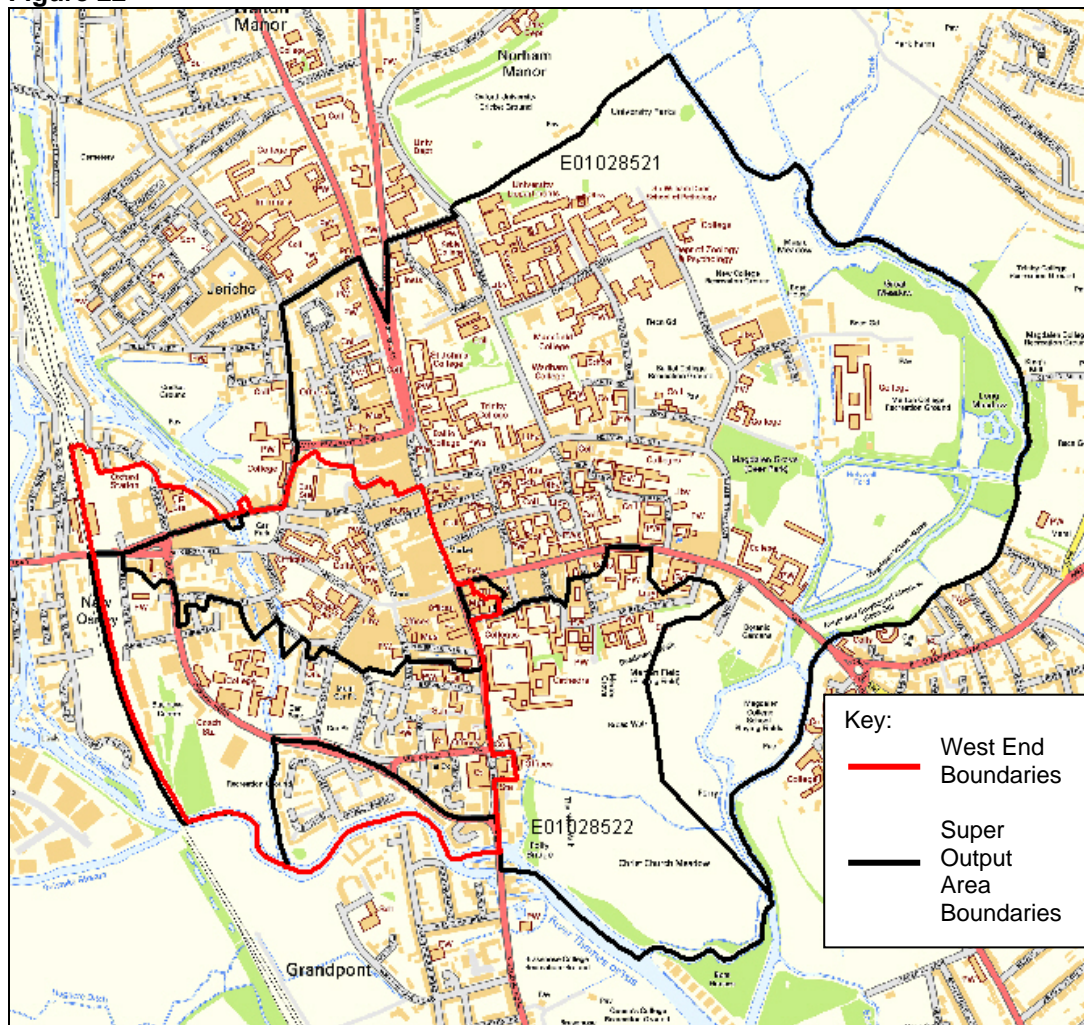
Output area code	Output area name
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38UCFW0003	Carfax 03
38UCFW0005	Carfax 05
38UCFW0006	Carfax 06

38UCFW0007	Carfax 07
38UCFW0008	Carfax 08
38UCGC0007	Hinksey Park 07
38UCGC0008	Hinksey Park 08
38UCGC0009	Hinksey Park 09

Output areas (OA) are the smallest area for which tables of results are published in the 2001 Census. The minimum OA size is 40 resident households but the recommended size is 125 households. (Source: National Statistics Website)

West End: Super Output Areas

Figure 22



Super output areas (SOAs) are a unit used for presenting statistical information. They are built up from groups of Output Areas. The two SOAs in the West End are E01028521 (Carfax 21) and E01028522 (Carfax 22). These areas do not fit particularly well within the West End boundary, but as this is the only geographic level that deprivation figures are available at some data at super output area level is included in this report.

West End: Post Code Sector OX1 1

Figure 23

