The tiny settlement of Fosters Booth is located on the A5 trunk road approximately 6km (4 miles) north of Towcester. The name Fosters Booth derives from "Foresters" Booth and the present Peggotty's Restaurant may well have been the inn where hunters refreshed themselves when Whittlewood to the south was an important royal forest. Apart from the restaurant, Fosters Booth has a public house and a scattering of stone and brick houses either side of the A5, plus a small group of modern houses on one side of Banbury Lane which branches off to the west.

The village of Pattishall, a short distance to the east of the A5, is now linked to Fosters Booth by a large modern housing estate. The estate is generally contained by two roads running eastwest off the A5, Fosters Booth Road to the north, which leads directly into the centre of Pattishall, and Butchers Lane to the south, a part of Banbury Lane (an old cross-country drovers route) which skirts the old core of Pattishall.



The estate comprises a mixture of private and local authority housing in detached, semi-detached and terrace form, constructed in a variety of facing brickwork and concrete roofing tiles.

On the east side of the housing estate lies the compact old core of Pattishall. At its heart on a small limestone plateau is the parish church with 11th century origins, and close by are groups of old pale limestone and dark ironstone houses with linking walls and outbuildings close to the road edge along Church Street and The Crescent, creating an intimate character to the area and a good sense of enclosure. Within this core is the local village post office and a small triangular green which provides an attractive contrast to the enclosed streetscape beyond. On the other side of the churchyard there is a small development of modern detached houses (The Beeches) incorporating a number of fine mature trees. Pattishall's primary school is located at the end of a short limb of modern ribbon development mainly on one side of the road, south east of the old core in the direction of Eastcote.

## Planning Background

Fosters Booth has a single listed building, the 17th century Peggotty's Restaurant (grade II). Pattishall has two listed buildings, the grade II\* parish church already mentioned, and No 22 Church Street (Kirkholme), a grade II limestone house with a 1648 datestone in its gable end. Both settlements are designated as Restricted Infill Villages in accordance with policies set

down in the Local Plan. Residential policies in the Plan make provision for appropriate small scale development within the village confines.

## Future Development

- Infill development around Church Lane or The Crescent should be in a matching buff limestone or ironstone, with Welsh bluegrey slate roofing.
- Elsewhere individual infill developments may be in a suitable buff or red-brown brick, to complement the local stone colour, the choice of walling and roofing materials being guided by those of the immediate neighbours.
- Small groups of new houses should share a single facing and roofing material.

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