# **Granta Place**

## A street with attractive views over the River Cam and Laundress Lane.

Granta Place was once the home of the Granta Brewery, which was one of many breweries that located to this area after the coming of the railway to Cambridge in 1845. The fine barley and suitable water supply made the area particularly attractive to the breweries. Today Granta Place is little more than an access

road with only a few buildings directly addressing it. It does contain the remains of the mill which stood by the river for several centuries.



View along Granta Place

## **SIGNIFICANCE - SIGNIFICANT**

#### **General Overview**

Granta Place continues Laundress Lane southwards and provides vehicular access to The University Centre, a Grade II Listed Building, and the DoubleTree Hilton Hotel. The area of river adjacent to the street accommodates a punt hire business with a large number of moorings and a boat shed.



The University Centre - Grade II Listed Building



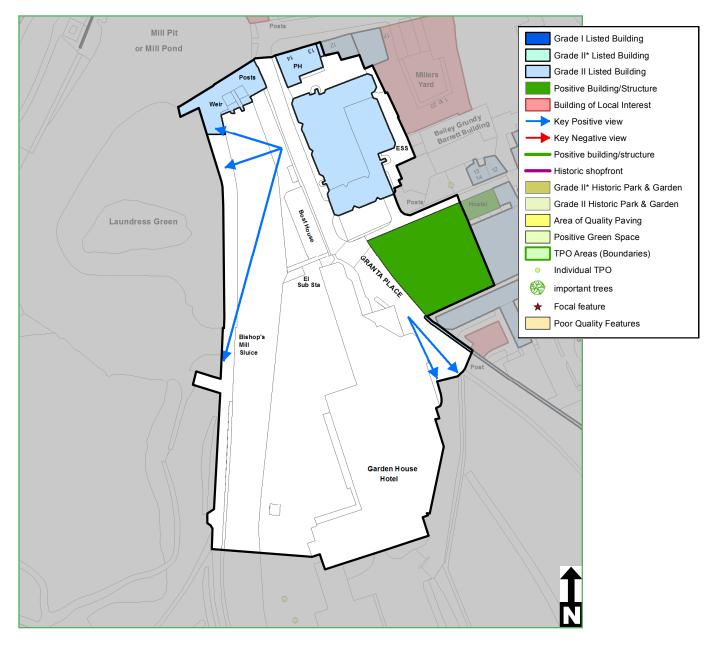
View from Granta Place along Little St Mary's Lane



Ward Library, Peterhouse



DoubleTree Hilton Hotel



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## **Townscape Elements**

- The University Centre is set back slightly from the footpath edge, unlike the other buildings.
- Beside the river is grassland interspersed with a mix of trees.
- Street itself not most aesthetically pleasing, but provides views into very attractive green spaces.
- The mill bridge is an attractive place to linger and watch the activities on the river in the summer.

## **Enhancement Opportunities**

There is some particularly ugly ducting painted red at the rear of The University Centre which could be improved. Reducing traffic would enhance the street, though access to The Graduate Centre and the Double Tree Hilton Hotel would need to be maintained.

Building No./ Name	Status	Age	Height (Storeys)	Wall Materials	Roof Form / Materials	Architect	Notes
14 Mill Lane, The Mill Public House	Listed Grade II	late C18	2	brick, upper storey to Mill Lane plastered	clay tile		Nos. 12 to 14 Mill Lane form a group
The University Centre	Listed Grade	1967	4	pre-fabricated concrete with Portland stone cladding on the upper storeys	flat	Howell, Killick, Partridge & Amis (HKPA)	
Ward Library	none		1 + basement + attics	gault brick	parapet / slate	Champneys	formerly Museum of Classical Archaeology
Fen Court at Peterhouse (Trumpington Street)	Listed Grade II	1939-40	3 + basement	gault brick, in situ and precast concrete	flat with glazed lantern	Hughes and Kicknell	
West boundary wall of the Grove, Peterhouse College	Listed Grade II	C16 or earlier	N/A	stone and rubble built, patched with brickwork			
Double Tree Hilton Hotel	none		2-3	brick	shallow / artificial slate		
Boat House (Scudamore's)	none		1	red brick & timber panels	pantiles		
The Mill Bridge & paved surround	Listed Grade II		N/A	gault brick, stone capped walls; cobblestones; granite setts & 2 millstones			only remains of mill that stood on site for several centuries; 2 shutes where mill wheels stood