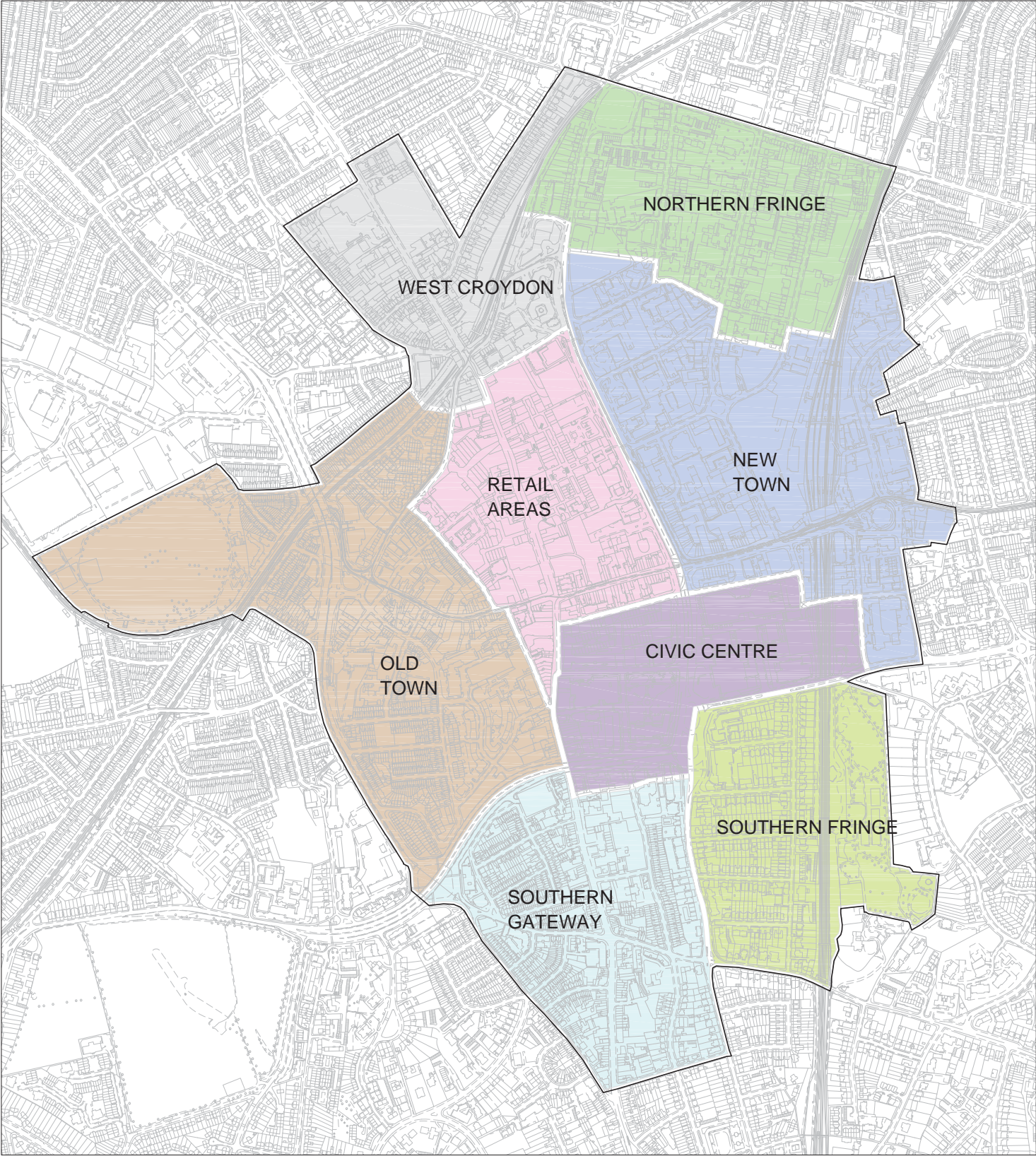


3.0

UNDERSTANDING THE CMC


3.1 CHARACTER AREAS

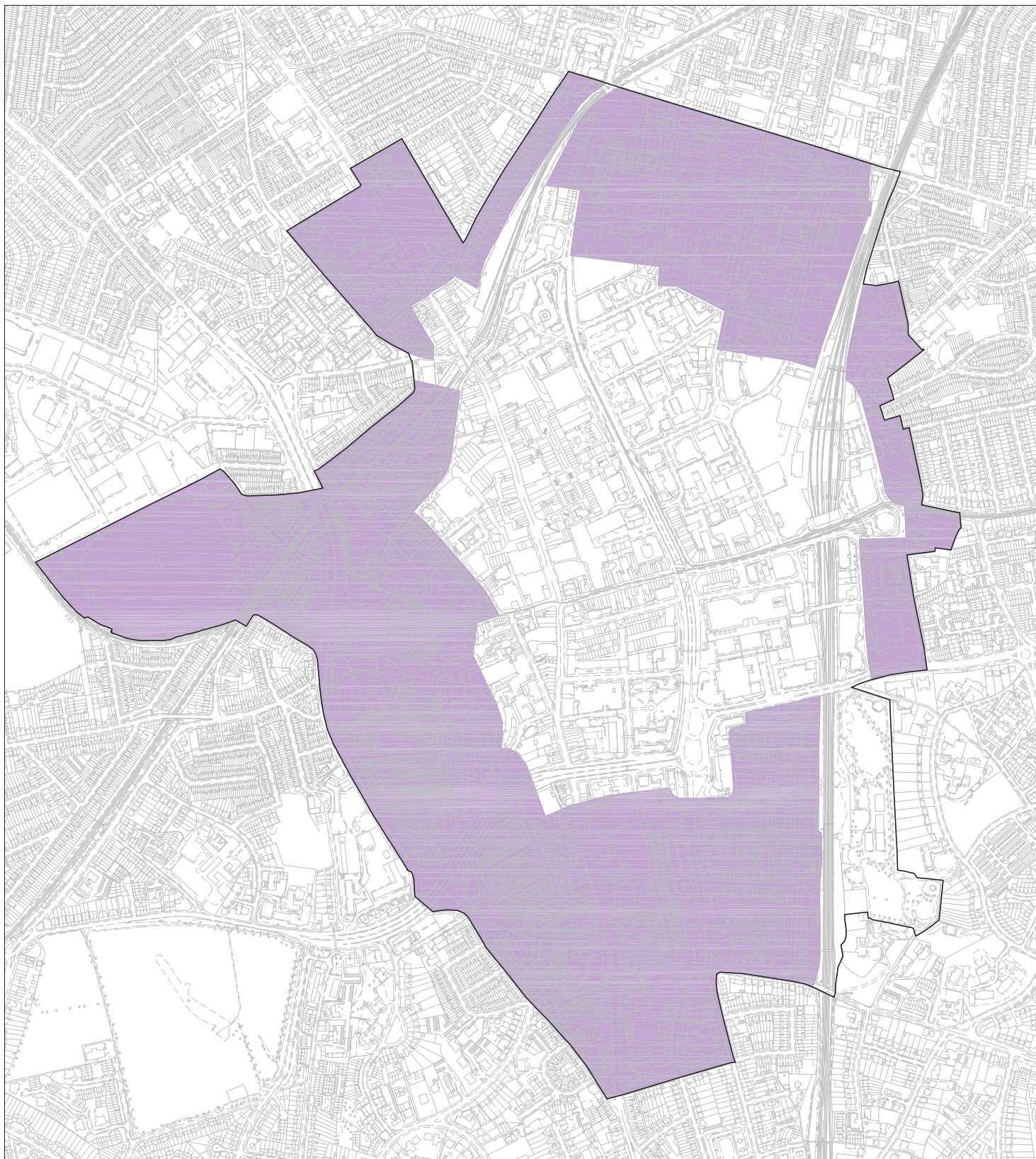
The CMC is best understood not as a single entity but as series of character areas. Each of these character areas is different encompassing alternative building types and differing streetscapes.



3.2 AREAS ATTRACTIVE TO FAMILIES

The natures of the periphery and the core of the CMC are very different. Whilst the core areas (primarily the New Town, Retail Area and Civic Centre) are all very busy with little or no housing, many of the areas at the edge of the CMC are residential in scale and character. These parts of the CMC are already attractive as family housing neighbourhoods.

 Current residential areas
attractive for family housing

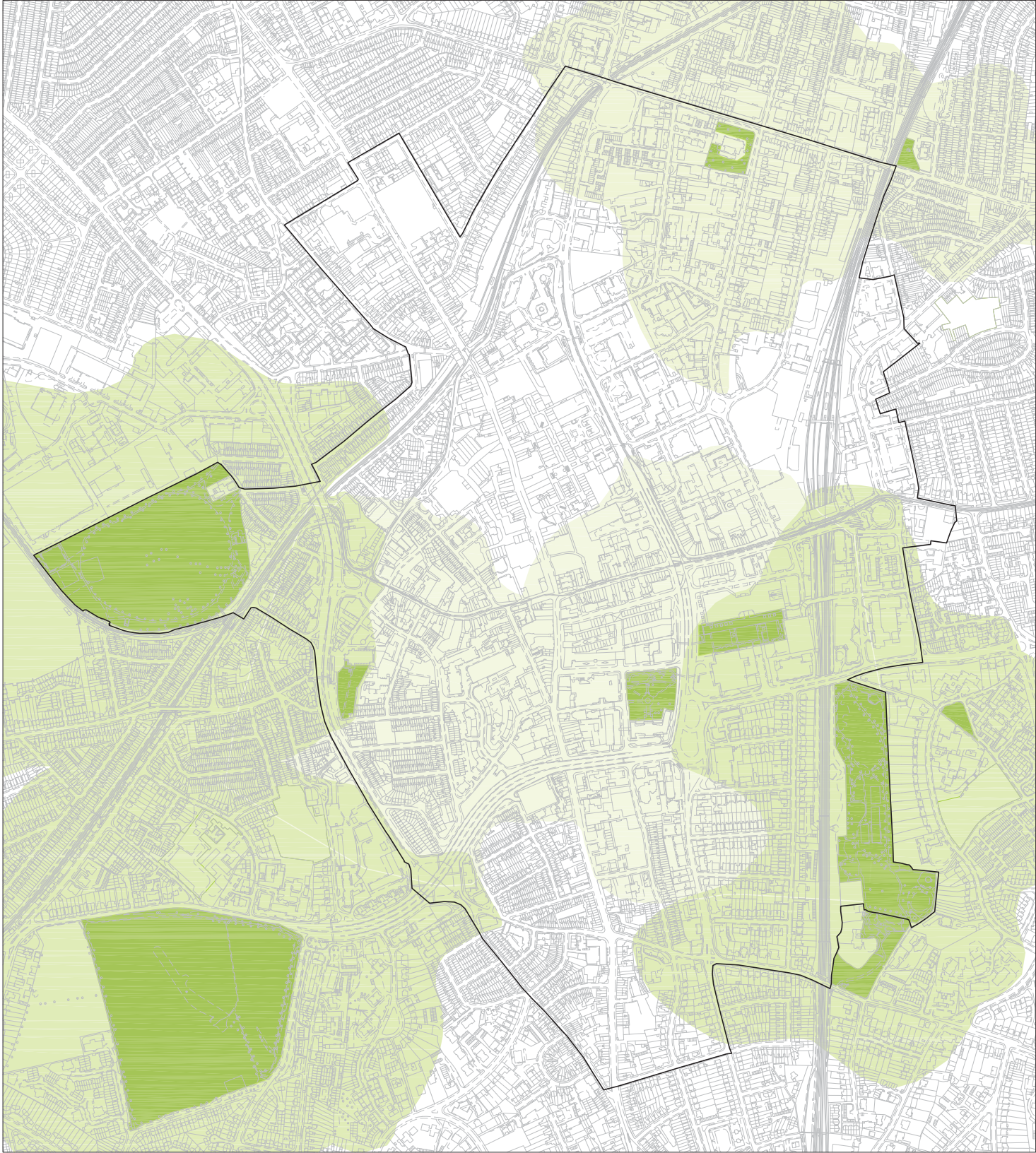


3.3 PUBLIC OPEN SPACE

There is currently a shortage of public open space in the CMC with large parts of the area beyond 5 minutes walk of any public open green space. Links to surrounding parks are poor and compromised by major infrastructure links.

Public open space:)

- Public green space
- a space within 400m (5mins walk) of significant green space
- a space within 400m (5mins walk) of minor green space



3.4 CONSERVATION AREAS AND LISTED BUILDINGS

The CMC has many areas and buildings that are of historical value or that offer a specific, pleasing character. As such, they provide CMC with sense of cultural continuity with the past that could be said to be lacking in some of its neighbourhoods. These are varied in type and scale, some defined by local policy and some listed nationally.

- Protected buildings and places:
- Local Areas of Special Character
 - Conservation areas
 - Locally listed buildings
 - Grades 1 / 2 listed buildings

