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Summary of the Stratton St. Margaret Conservation Areas (Extracts from Swindon Borough Council Appraisal & Management Plan.)

- 1)** The special interest that justifies Kingsdown Conservation Area derives from a number of factors including:
 - a. Good example of a mid/late 19th century brewery complex that expanded with Swindon's post-railway growth;
 - b. Grade II listed 'brewery house' capped by belvedere and weathervane;
 - c. Robust industrial architecture within an intact original layout;
 - d. Prevalent use of stone, red brick and slate;
 - e. Tall, landmark brick chimney built in the 1930s;
 - f. Victorian public house (The Kingsdown) connected with the brewery;
 - g. Stone built row of brewery workers' cottages (nos. 1-9 (odd) Hyde Road);
 - h. Small-scale roadside cottages in Hyde Road contrasting with the massive brewery buildings;
 - i. Nos. 3/5 Kingsdown Road, a well-preserved example of a pair of artisans' cottages;
 - j. Typical late-19th century lodge;
 - k. Trees within the grounds of a demolished Victorian mansion;

- 2)** The special interest that justifies Lower Stratton Conservation Area derives from a number of factors including:
- a. Location alongside part of a Roman road, Ermin Street;
 - b. Former rural village now incorporated into the urban fabric of Swindon;
 - c. St Margaret's Church, a grade I listed 13th century church;
 - d. Well-stocked churchyard with a semi-rural atmosphere containing notable 18th and 19th century tombs;
 - e. Architectural and historic interest of many of the area's historic buildings including parish church, Methodist chapel, farmhouses, Victorian school, public houses and cottages;
 - f. Five listed buildings: St Margaret's Church, Van Ecker churchyard tomb, Church Farm, The Wheatsheaf PH, No. 73 Swindon Road;
 - g. Mix of 18th and 19th century building with a large proportion of post railway development;
 - h. Prevalent use of local stone – post-railway buildings notable for red brick dressings;
 - i. Local details that add to local identity e.g. old stone walls, GR VI post box, street name signs and datestones;
 - j. Trees, especially in St Margaret's churchyard and individual specimens elsewhere.