

SOMMERFIELD ROAD (AREA 5)

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This edge is the dramatic and contrasting boundary of Woodgate Valley from the housing estate. Woodgate Valley is a survivor of the 1930s move to protect rural areas around Birmingham that should never be built on with the valley bought by the council in 1937 and rented out for agriculture (<https://billdargue.jimdofree.com/placenames-gazetteer-a-to-y/places-w/woodgate/>).

Sommerfield Road is part of the 1970s housing development that replaced former farmland Nonsuch Farm and Wilderness Farm, <https://andyunderscore.com/2018/12/30/woodgate-valley-a-history/>, with the road forming a loop to Clapgate Lane. The road borders Woodgate Valley with shrubbery and trees providing a physical edge and barrier to accessing the country park with entry points limited to the point where the road turns to loop back towards Clapgate Lane heading south.

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