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It is thought that the house could have been built as early as 1681 though the appearance is more in the style of Queen Anne (1702-14). It has had many owners over the years and has been used as both a private home and restaurant and hotel. Its most famous resident is of course Sir Norman Angell. He was born in the Marion house in 1872 and attended the Grammar school a few doors further down the High St. Angell's *The Great Illusion* was published in 1909 and at first was not a best seller however it went on to be translated into more than 20 languages and has sold millions of copies. In 1933 it led to him receiving the Nobel Peace Prize for the principles expressed in the *Great Illusion* which had been republished that year to reflect 1930s conditions.



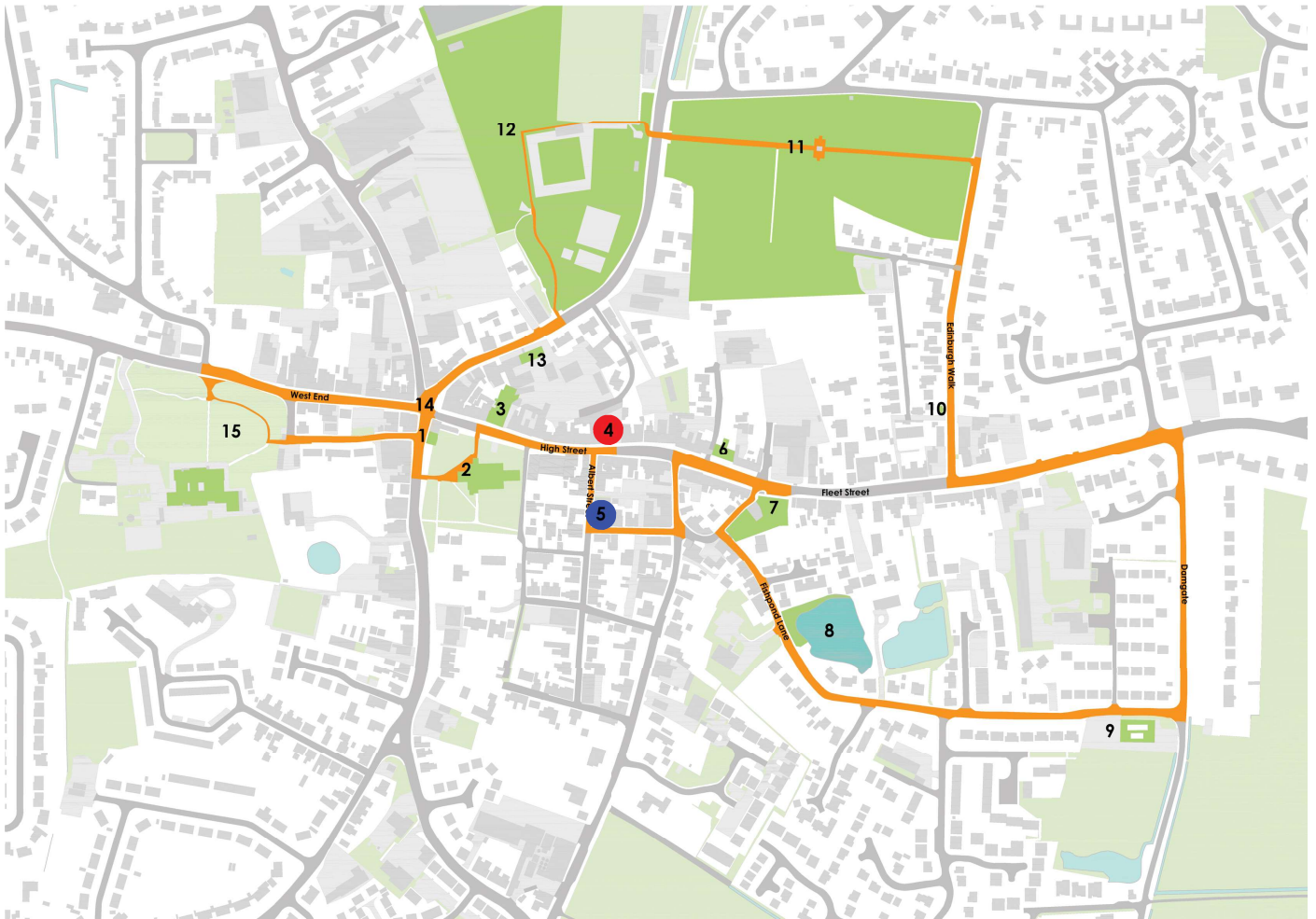
He became an MP in 1929 but become disillusioned with parliament and resigned in 1931 the year he received his knighthood. He returned to Holbeach in 1937 to give a lecture to the Holbeach Literacy Society on the subject 'from Holbeach to Geneva' but this was a rare visit as his busy schedule did not allow him much time to return. He continued to lecture until the age of 90 and he died 4 years later in 1967.


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