

Winnersh Meadows, Williamson Close, Winnersh



Site reference	LGS034
Site name	Winnersh Meadows
Site address	Williamson Close, Winnersh
Site size	14.8ha
Site Description	<p>Winnersh Meadows is around 15-hectares of green open space located along the northern boundary of Winnersh, south of the A329(M).</p> <p>The site is bounded to the north-west/west by Winnersh Triangle, an allocated employment and commercial site in Policy CP15 of the Core Strategy (2010). Existing housing surrounds the southern and eastern boundaries of the site. To the north, the site is also bounded by the A329(M).</p> <p>This area of public open space is predominantly open, but part of the site comprises an orchard and a pond. The site is considered to be particularly used as a formal/informal recreation space by employees at Winnersh Triangle (according to the Winnersh Triangle website; 2017) and the existing residents of Winnersh.</p>
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve?	<p>Yes. The site is in close proximity to the community it serves, as the site is accessible to residents to the north of Winnersh parish. The northern boundary of the site is situated on the route of the proposed Emmbrook Riverside Footpath, identified in Policy CC03 of the Managing Development Delivery (MDD) local plan.</p> <p>The site can be accessed publicly by pedestrians from Williamson Close, Primrose Lane, Bluebell Meadow, Arbor Lane or at the southern end of Winnersh Triangle.</p> <p>A significant area of open space can be found at Dinton Pastures Country Park, immediately to the north of the site but is severed by the A329(M), and access is difficult via walking/cycling. There are no other immediate areas of open green space towards the south of the A329(M), and therefore Winnersh Meadows is the only recognisable area of open green space in close proximity to the community.</p>
Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	<p>Yes. The site occupies a large area, but it is not considered to constitute an extensive tract of land as it is relatively well contained and has clearly defined boundaries. The site is designated countryside but is adjacent to the Major Development Location of Winnersh and the Winnersh Triangle Core Employment Area. To the south, the site is bounded by a recreation ground off Arbor Lane and to some extent the railway line. The site is also bounded to the east and west by existing housing, notably along Arbor Lane, Merrill Drive and Snowdrop Grove. The site is separated from Winnersh Triangle by a distinct and strong line of trees and hedgerows.</p> <p>The course of the Emm Brook runs along part of the northern boundary of the site and provides a linear open space that creates an</p>

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	attractive green corridor, connecting the rural environment with the urban core.
Does the site have a particular local significance? Can the site be shown to be demonstrably special to a local community?	<p><u>Recreational value:</u></p> <p>The site can be separated into two key elements: Winnersh Triangle/Winnersh Meadows, and Winnersh Triangle/Bluebell Woods. The Open Spaces Assessment (2012) classifies Winnersh Triangle/Winnersh Meadows as amenity greenspace, and Winnersh Triangle/Bluebell Woods as natural and semi-natural greenspace. Both areas of greenspace are recognised as being of high quality and high value to the local community in the Open Spaces Assessment (2012).</p> <p>There are no immediate areas of open green space to the south of the A329(M), therefore Winnersh Meadows is the only recognisable area of open green space in close proximity to the local community. A significant area of open space can be found at Dinton Pastures Country Park but access to the site is severed by the A329(M).</p> <p>Winnersh Meadows provides a recreational resource for the employees at Winnersh Triangle and serves the residents of Winnersh.</p> <p>Running and walking routes exist around the surrounding area which run through the centre of Winnersh Meadows. The site also includes Winnersh Meadows Play Area, which provides play and recreation facilities such as agility units, fitness equipment, picnic table and a basketball net.</p> <p>A new boardwalk was recently opened in October 2020 at Winnersh Meadows to improve the connectivity between Winnersh Triangle business park and the local community. The new boardwalk improves pathways between the site and residential area, as well as improving access for employees to the business park.</p> <p><u>Historical value:</u></p> <p>The site does not hold any particular historical value and has no known associations with an historic event or figure.</p> <p><u>Ecological value:</u></p> <p>Winnersh Meadows consist of a wildflower meadow, native fruit trees and a selection of ponds. The north of the site contains several Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) priority habitats including lowland fens and ponds. The southern part of the site is predominantly amenity greenspace consisting of neutral/semi-improved grassland and scrub, but also comprises an area of broadleaved woodland plantation.</p>

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	<p>Parts of the site are also located within a Great Crested Newt Consultation Zone.</p> <p><u>Tranquillity value:</u></p> <p>The site does not hold any particular tranquillity value, predominantly due to its proximity to Winnersh Triangle railway station and the Core Employment Area at Winnersh Triangle. The A329(M) runs along the northern boundary of Winnersh Meadows and therefore disturbs any sense of tranquillity in the area according to the Landscape Character Assessment (2020).</p> <p><u>Local significance:</u></p> <p>The area of greenspace was rejuvenated in 2011 by members of the Winnersh Neighbourhood Action Group, with the assistance of a National Lottery Grant and funding from Wokingham Borough Council and parish councils. The site was renamed Winnersh Meadows.</p> <p>The promotion of Winnersh Meadows for continued recreational use is a strategic aim identified by Winnersh Parish Council.</p>
Recommendation for Local Green Space designation	Yes. Winnersh Meadows is considered to be demonstrably special to the local community as this is the only recognisable area of open space / amenity greenspace south of the A329(M) that provides significant opportunities for recreation and amenity value.

Bearwood Recreation Ground, Bearwood Road, Winnersh



Site reference	LGS035
Site name	Bearwood Recreation Ground
Site address	Bearwood Road, Winnersh
Site size	4.17ha
Site Description	Bearwood Recreation Ground comprises an area of amenity greenspace, a play area and a pavilion for recreation, situated in the village of Sindlesham. This area of greenspace forms a triangular field bounded by New Road, Bearwood Road and Mole Road.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve?	Yes. The site is in proximity to the community as it serves the residents of Arborfield and Winnersh wards. Bearwood Recreation Ground is the only recognisable and significant area of recreational space in Sindlesham. Access to the site is provided along the B3030 (Mole Road), New Road and Bearwood Road.
Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	<p>Yes. The site is designated as open countryside, adjacent to the development limits of Sindlesham village.</p> <p>The site is entirely local in character as it is situated in the heart of the Sindlesham Conservation Area and within proximity to several listed buildings, notably Berkshire Masonic Centre and Bearwood County Primary School. The site is also adjacent to Bearwood College, which is designated as a Grade II* Listed Building and Registered Park and Garden.</p> <p>The site is not considered to constitute an extensive tract of land as it is well-contained with clearly defined boundaries formed by the local road network.</p>
Does the site have a particular local significance? Can the site be shown to be demonstrably special to a local community?	<p><u>Recreational value:</u></p> <p>Yes. Bearwood Recreation Ground is considered to be the only recognisable and significant area of open, recreational space in Sindlesham. The site is classified as amenity green space, which is recognised as being of high quality and high value to the local community in the Council's Open Spaces Assessment Report (2012).</p> <p>The recreation ground provides facilities such as play equipment, grass playing pitches, outdoor gym, basketball and volleyball courts. The sports pavilion also forms part of the recreation ground and provides changing facilities for Winnersh Rangers Football Club. The Winnersh Community Centre comprises a village hall, bar, and meeting rooms for private hire.</p> <p>Bearwood Recreation Ground also hosts frequent local events, most notably Winnersh Parish Fete and Community Fun Day.</p> <p><u>Historical value:</u></p> <p>The site is considered to hold a degree of historical value, predominantly as the recreation ground is situated in the heart of the</p>

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	<p>Sindlesham Conservation Area and is adjacent to several heritage assets, notably Bearwood College, a Grade II* Listed Building and Registered Park and Garden.</p> <p><u>Ecological value:</u></p> <p>Bearwood Recreation Ground contains several tree species, including coppiced sweet chestnut, oak, silver birch, Yew, Horse Chestnut and felled beech trees which provide a habitat for some ecological species.</p> <p><u>Tranquillity value:</u></p> <p>The site is considered to hold limited tranquillity value, predominantly due to its close proximity to existing residential and major transport routes, including the M4. This is supported by CPRE's Tranquillity Composite Weighted Score (April 2007) where the site scores very low compared to the tranquillity offered by other areas of green space in the surrounding area.</p>
Recommendation for Local Green Space designation	Yes. Bearwood Recreation Ground is considered to be the only recognisable and significant area of open, recreational space at Sindlesham. The site also holds some local significance as the recreation ground hosts a number of local events including Winnersh Parish Fete and is the home of Winnersh Rangers Football Club.

Winnersh Farms, Watmore Lane, Winnersh



Site reference	LGS037
Site name	Winnersh Farms
Site address	Watmore Lane, Winnersh
Site size	19.3ha
Site Description	<p>The site comprises piggeries farm and several large fields. The course of the Emm Brook runs through this area of green space. The nominated area is situated to the east of the settlement of Winnersh, with the A329(M) running along the northern boundary of the site. To the east, is the junction of the M4 and A329(M).</p> <p>The site is proposed as an allocation for residential and education uses (Special Educational Needs school) in the Draft Local Plan. A full application for the construction of a new 150 place SEN school was submitted on 20 May 2021 (ref: 211772).</p>
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve?	Yes. The site is in proximity to the community as it is surrounded by existing housing development in the Winnersh ward. Winnersh Farms is in private ownership and therefore does not provide a form of public access.
Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes. The site is not considered to constitute an extensive tract of land. It is relatively well self-contained, bounded to the east by the Emm Brook and to the west by existing housing. To the south and east, the site is bounded by the junction of the M4 and A329(M).
Does the site have a particular local significance? Can the site be shown to be demonstrably special to a local community?	<p><u>Recreational value:</u></p> <p>The site is considered to hold only limited recreational value, predominantly as this area comprises active commercial/agricultural uses and several large fields which are in private ownership. However, it is acknowledged that the western boundary of the site does follow the route of the proposed Emmbrook Riverside Footpath.</p> <p><u>Historical value:</u></p> <p>The site does not hold any particular historical value and has no known associations with an historic event and figure.</p> <p><u>Ecological value:</u></p> <p>The western boundary of the site follows the course of the Emm Brook but does not hold any particular ecological value.</p> <p><u>Tranquillity value:</u></p> <p>The site is considered to hold some degree of tranquillity value, as despite the site being in close proximity to the A329(M) and existing residential properties, commercial and community uses, the eastern part of the site features the course of the Emm Brook, which hold some tranquillity value. This is supported by CPRE's Tranquillity Composite Weighted Score (April 2007) where the western part of the</p>

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	site scores relatively low compared to the tranquillity offered by other parts of the site, notably to the east.
Recommendation for Local Green Space designation	No. The site has limited recreational or ecological value and does not have particular local significance. In addition, the site is proposed as a mixed-use site allocation for 287 homes and a Special Educational Needs school in the Draft Local Plan, and a Local Green Space designation would be inconsistent with planning for sustainable development and meeting the Borough's identified development and educational needs.

Land surrounding the west of Old Forest Road, Old Forest Road, Winnersh

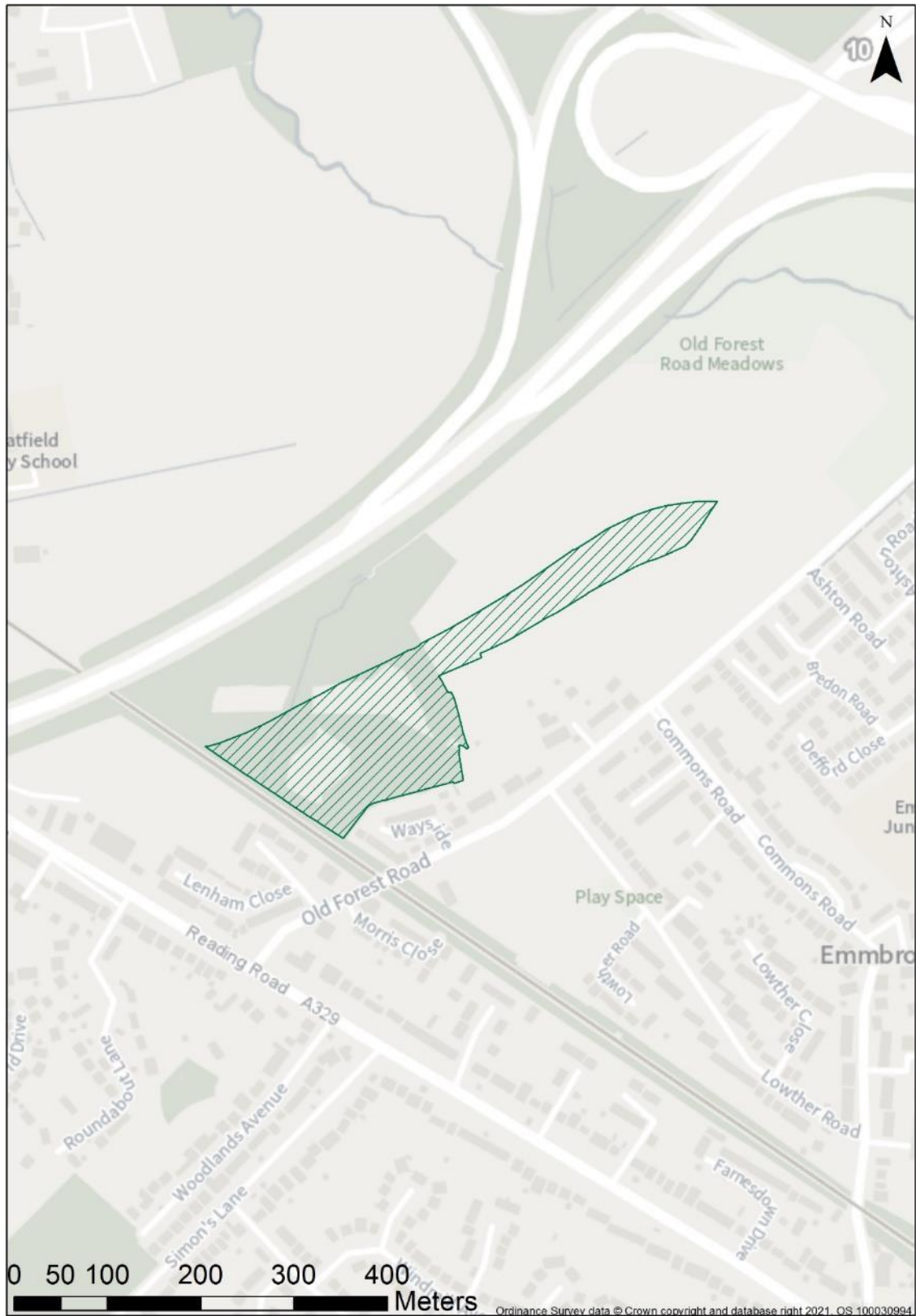


Site reference	LGS050
Site name	Land surrounding the west of Old Forest Road
Site address	Old Forest Road, Winnersh
Site size	18.12ha
Site Description	<p>An area of green space in the north of Wokingham that comprises Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG), ancient woodland and the Millennium Arboretum. The route of the North Wokingham Distributor Road (NWDR) cuts through the centre of the site and is currently under construction.</p> <p>The central and eastern part of the site includes an area of land proposed for housing (Land on the north-west side of Old Forest Road; 36 dwellings and Land to the rear of Toutley Hall, north-west of Old Forest Road; 15 dwellings) in the Draft Local Plan. The western part of the site includes an area of land promoted for leisure / public open space through the Draft Local Plan.</p> <p>The site is bounded to the north-east by the Old Forest Road Meadows SANG and to the north-west by the M4 motorway. The main railway line forms the south-west boundary, and to the south and south-east, the site is bounded by existing housing along Old Forest Road.</p> <p>The site was developed as SANG to provide informal recreation for new and existing residents of the Borough.</p>
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve?	<p>Yes. The site is in close proximity to the community as it serves the existing residents of Emmbrook and Winnersh wards. Current access to the site is restricted due to the construction of the NWDR. Once completed, pedestrian access and cycling will be via the Old Forest Meadows SANG immediately north of the site or the Millennium Arboretum to the south of the site.</p> <p>The route of the proposed Emmbrook Riverside footpath also falls within the site, which will provide improved connectivity from south of Wokingham to Dinton Pastures in Woodley.</p>
Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	<p>Yes. The site is not considered to constitute an extensive tract of land as it is relatively well self-contained, with clearly defined edges, bounded by the main railway line and the M4 motorway to the south-west and north-west of the site. The southern and eastern parts of the site are defined by housing and the north-east boundary is defined by Old Forest Meadows SANG.</p> <p>The site is local in character as it comprises the Berkshire Millennium Arboretum woodland, which was planted in 2000 by Wokingham Borough Council. The area of green space also comprises several tree species and an area of ancient woodland which contribute towards the character of the area.</p>

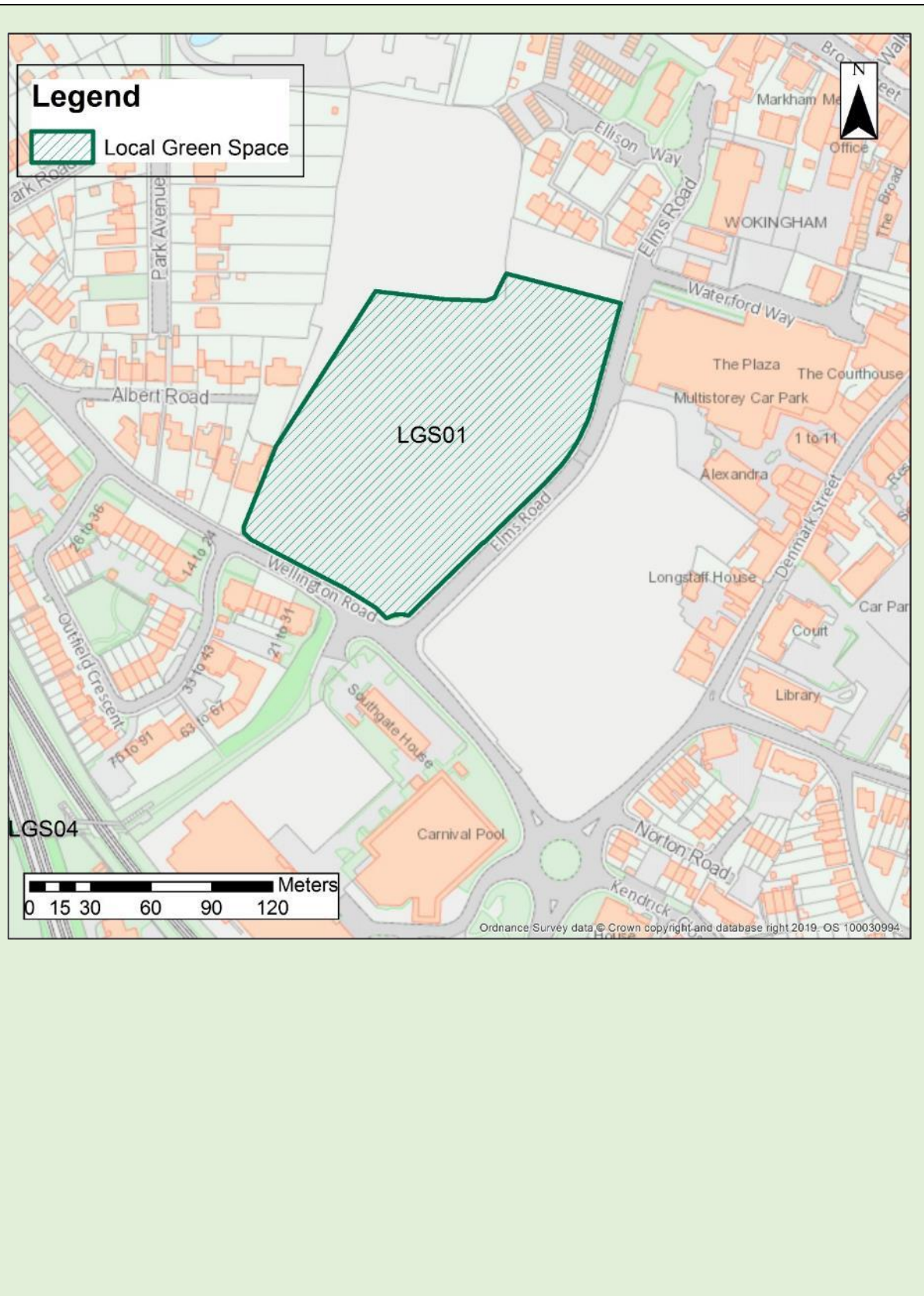
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<p>Does the site have a particular local significance? Can the site be shown to be demonstrably special to a local community?</p>	<p><u>Recreational value:</u></p> <p>Part of the nominated area includes Old Forest Meadows, an area of natural and semi-natural greenspace and an extension to a designated Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG), which provides informal recreation for new and existing residents. This is one of few recognisable areas of green space that serve the residents in the southern part of Winnersh ward (south of the M4 motorway).</p> <p>The site also falls within the proposed Emmbrook Riverside footpath, which will provide wider pedestrian connectivity to south Wokingham and Dinton Pastures.</p> <p><u>Historical value:</u></p> <p>Toutley Hall, a recognised Building of Traditional Local Character, is situated to the east of the site, but the nominated area does not hold any particular historical value and has no known associations with an historic event or figure.</p> <p><u>Ecological value:</u></p> <p>The site holds some ecological value due to the presence of ancient and semi-natural woodland which contains several veteran tree species, notably English Oak. The site also includes the Berkshire (Millennium) Arboretum, which is classified as public open space and natural/semi-natural greenspace with mixed habitats. The Arboretum was recognised as being of high quality and high value to the local community in the Council's Open Spaces Assessment Report (2012). The nominated area is also a known habitat for Great Crested Newts.</p> <p><u>Tranquillity value:</u></p> <p>The site is not considered to hold any particular tranquillity value, predominantly due to the site's proximity to the main railway line and M4 motorway and housing. This is supported by CPRE's Tranquillity Composite Weighted Score (April 2007) where the site scores fairly low compared to the tranquillity offered by other areas in the locality. Further, according to the Council's Landscape Character Assessment (2019), major transport routes, such as the M4 <i>'introduce noise and traffic flow and the proposed Northern Distributor Road will further fragment the landscape'</i> and <i>'disturb any sense of rurality or tranquillity in the area'</i>.</p>
<p>Recommendation for Local Green Space designation</p>	<p>Yes, partially. The nominated area which comprises the Millennium Arboretum and Old Forest Meadows is one of few recognisable areas of open, recreational space that serve the residents in the southern part of Winnersh ward. To an extent, this area of green space also serves new residents in the northern part of the North Wokingham</p>

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	<p data-bbox="603 237 1436 409">Strategic Development Location, which is further east of the site. However, the inclusion of the North Wokingham Distributor Road and the land identified for proposed housing site allocation in the Draft Local Plan will not be appropriate and is therefore recommended to be excluded from the boundary of the LGS.</p> <p data-bbox="603 450 1436 622">As a result, it is recommended that the boundary of the proposed Local Green Space for Land surrounding the west of Old Forest Road is divided into two separate areas (North and South), which excludes the area covered by the route of the NWDR and land proposed as a housing allocation in the Draft Local Plan.</p> <p data-bbox="603 663 1436 728">There is further merit in extending the northern boundary to include the wider area of SANG at Old Forest Meadows.</p> <p data-bbox="603 768 1436 833">The two proposed Local Green Space designations are set out in the map below.</p>

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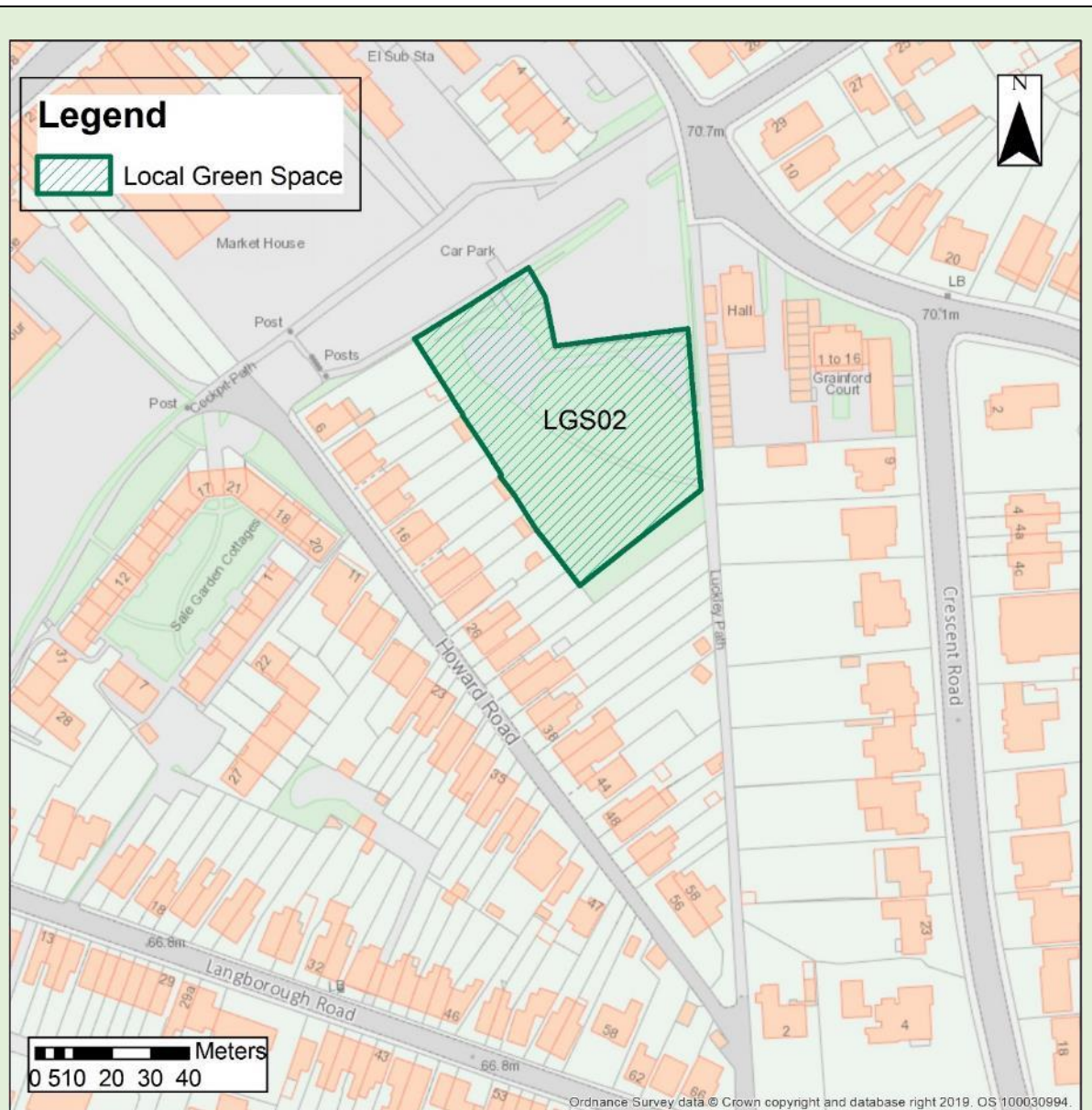
Elms Field, Wellington Road, Wokingham



Site reference	LGS01
Site name	Elms Field
Site address	Wellington Road, Wokingham
Site size	1.71ha
Site Description	The site is a town park located within Wokingham Town Centre. The site is currently Public Open Space in the form of a park and garden and new housing, retail and leisure uses front on to the park as part of the wider town centre regeneration. The site is used as a recreational space for children and a civic space for community events such as the Wokingham May Fayre.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve?	Yes. The site is located immediately adjacent to Wokingham Town Centre within easy walking distance for existing residents and visitors.
Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes. The site area is not considered to be an extensive tract of land, as it relates well to the local area, within close proximity to Wokingham Town Centre. The site is considered by the community to provide a 'green lung' for the Town Centre. The site is clearly self-contained, surrounded by residential and commercial uses and has clearly defined edges.
Does the site have a particular local significance? Can the site be shown to be demonstrably special to a local community?	<p><u>Recreational value:</u></p> <p>The site holds recreational value as a new play area and open space has been created to provide a variety of other recreational activities in the surrounding area, including for children. The site has frequently been used to host a range of public events such as the Wokingham May Fayre and the annual food and drink festival. The site is regularly used by local residents for a range of other informal and formal recreation activities.</p> <p><u>Ecological value:</u></p> <p>This site is not considered to hold any particular ecological value that would warrant further consideration for Local Green Space designation; however, it is acknowledged that there are several veteran trees present on the site.</p> <p><u>Historical value:</u></p> <p>The site is not considered to hold any particular historical value and has no known associations with an historic event or figure.</p> <p><u>Tranquillity value:</u></p> <p>Although this site has relatively low tranquillity, due to it being characterised by predominantly urban development, it is considered by the local community to act as a 'green lung' for Wokingham Town Centre.</p>

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	The site has been improved as part of the regeneration of Wokingham Town Centre.
Recommendation for Local Green Space designation	Yes. The site is demonstrably special to the local community because of its recreational value, including for special events and because it forms a 'green lung' for the Town Centre.

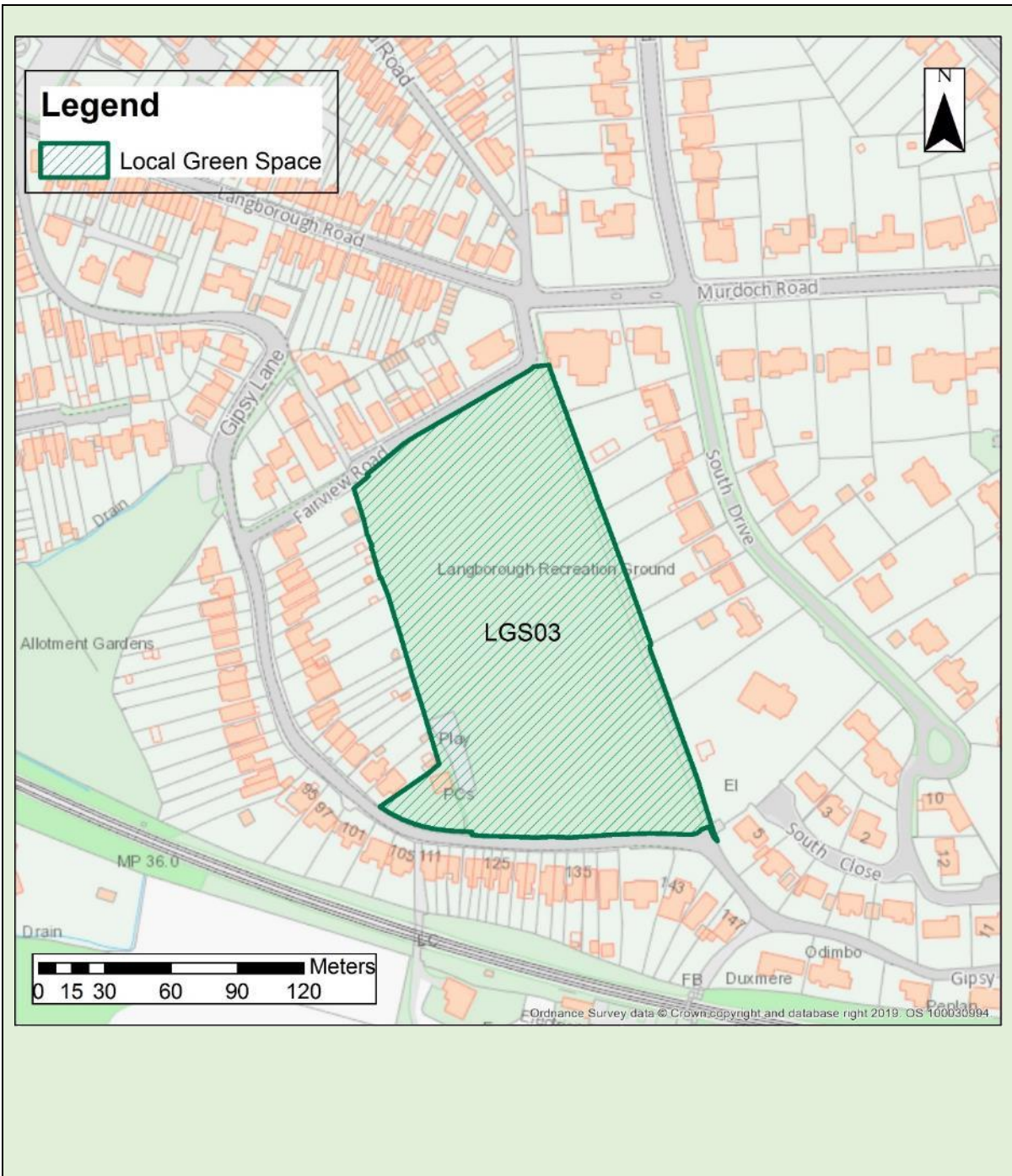
Howard Palmer Gardens, Cockpit Path



Site reference	LGS02
Site name	Howard Palmer Gardens
Site address	Cockpit Path, Wokingham
Site size	0.32ha
Site Description	A small park located behind the Cockpit Path car park in Wokingham Town centre. The site is currently Public Open Space in the form of a park and garden and is situated within the Wokingham Town Centre Conservation Area.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve?	Yes. The site is located immediately adjacent to Wokingham Town Centre and is within 140m walking distance of Wokingham Town Hall.
Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes. The site is recognised by the local community as a civic space and a park and garden and is not considered to constitute an extensive tract of land. It is well contained and surrounded on all sides by residential development.
Does the site have a particular local significance? Can the site be shown to be demonstrably special to a local community?	<p>Recreational value:</p> <p>Howard Palmer Gardens is classified as a park and garden and area of civic space, which was recognised as being of high quality and high value to the local community in the Council's Open Spaces Assessment Report (2012).</p> <p>The site has also hosted a range of community and charitable events, including the Wokingham Walk which starts and ends at Howard Palmer Gardens.</p> <p>Ecological value:</p> <p>This site is not considered to hold any particular ecological value that would warrant further consideration for Local Green Space designation.</p> <p>Historical value:</p> <p>Howard Palmers Garden is situated within the Wokingham Town Centre Conservation Area, which contains a number of buildings that have a varied scale and colour and make the area rich in character.</p> <p>The site is managed by Wokingham Town Council, having been transferred as a Deed of Gift in 1968 to remember Mr Howard Palmer, who was a prominent local resident of Wokingham and Chairman of Huntley & Palmers, the biscuit makers for Reading.</p> <p>Tranquillity value:</p> <p>Although the site has a low level of tranquillity due to the influence of busy roads and commuter routes into and out of Wokingham, it is located within the Wokingham Town Centre Conservation Area, one of the first to be designated in Berkshire in 1970 to preserve the qualities</p>

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	<p>of the townscape. The Conservation Area contains a number of buildings that have a varied scale and colour which make the area rich in character.</p> <p>Local significance:</p> <p>The site also features a sundial which was specifically designed by pupils at Emmbrook School and defines a local identity and distinctiveness to this area.</p>
Recommendation for Local Green Space designation	Yes. The site is demonstrably special to the local community because of its recreational and historical value. The site is locally significant, due to its association with a prominent historic figure in Wokingham and its location within the Wokingham Town Centre Conservation Area, the first to be designated in Berkshire (1970).

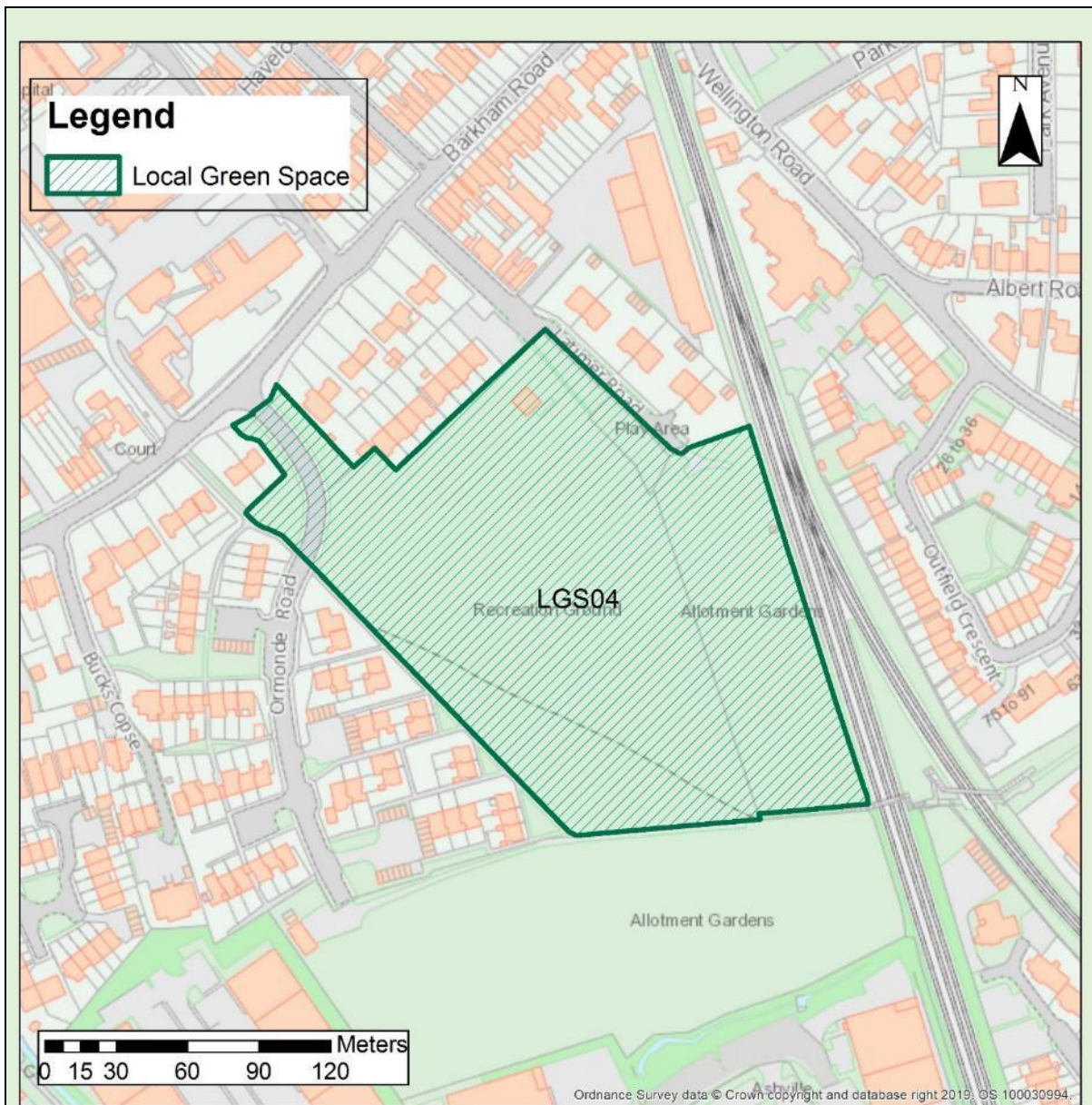
Langborough Recreation Ground, Gipsy Lane



Site reference	LGS03
Site name	Langborough Recreation Ground
Site address	Gipsy Lane, Wokingham
Site size	2.17ha
Site Description	A recreation ground located south of Fairview Road, within the Langborough Road Conservation Area and in close proximity to the Murdoch Road Conservation Area. The site is currently Public Open Space and part of the site is also registered as a village green.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve?	Yes. The site is located within close proximity to existing residents of Murdoch Road and Langborough Road, and is within easy access to Wokingham Town Centre.
Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	<p>Yes. The site is not considered to constitute an extensive tract of land as it is well contained and bounded by residential development along Gipsy Lane and Fairview Road. The site is located within the Langborough Road Conservation Area and in proximity to the Murdoch Road Conservation Area, entirely local in character. The Langborough Road Conservation Area has distinct characteristics, separate to the Wokingham Town Centre Conservation Area. The area is associated with Victorian development characterised by large ornate villas and small artisan cottages which are attractive in their character and appearance, giving the area distinct character and a unique identity.</p> <p>The area to the south of Langborough Recreation Ground, and towards the fringes of Wokingham form a sense of openness associated with open views to the countryside across a flat landscape and a lack of enclosure.</p>
Does the site have a particular local significance? Can the site be shown to be demonstrably special to a local community?	<p>Recreational value:</p> <p>The site is owned by Wokingham Borough Council and is partly registered as a village green under section 29 of the Commons Act 1876. Langborough Recreation Ground comprises a children's play area and recreation ground, which are well used by the existing residents. Both the play area and recreation ground were recognised as being of high quality and high value to the local community in the Council's Open Spaces Assessment Report (2012).</p> <p>Historical value:</p> <p>The site is situated in the Langborough Road Conservation Area and within the wider setting of the Murdoch Road Conservation Area.</p> <p>Ecological value:</p> <p>The site is not considered to hold any particular ecological value.</p>

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	<p>Tranquillity value:</p> <p>The site is considered to hold limited tranquillity value, as supported by CPRE's Tranquillity Composite Weighted Score (April 2007) where the area around the recreation ground scores relatively low.</p>
<p>Recommendation for Local Green Space designation</p>	<p>Yes. This site provides important recreational and amenity value, including for the existing residents of Murdoch Road and Langborough Road and is located within two Conservation Areas. Although part of the site is designated as a village green under section 29 of the Commons Act, and provides an element of protection under legislation, it is considered that the distinctive local and historic character of the site warrants designation as a Local Green Space.</p>

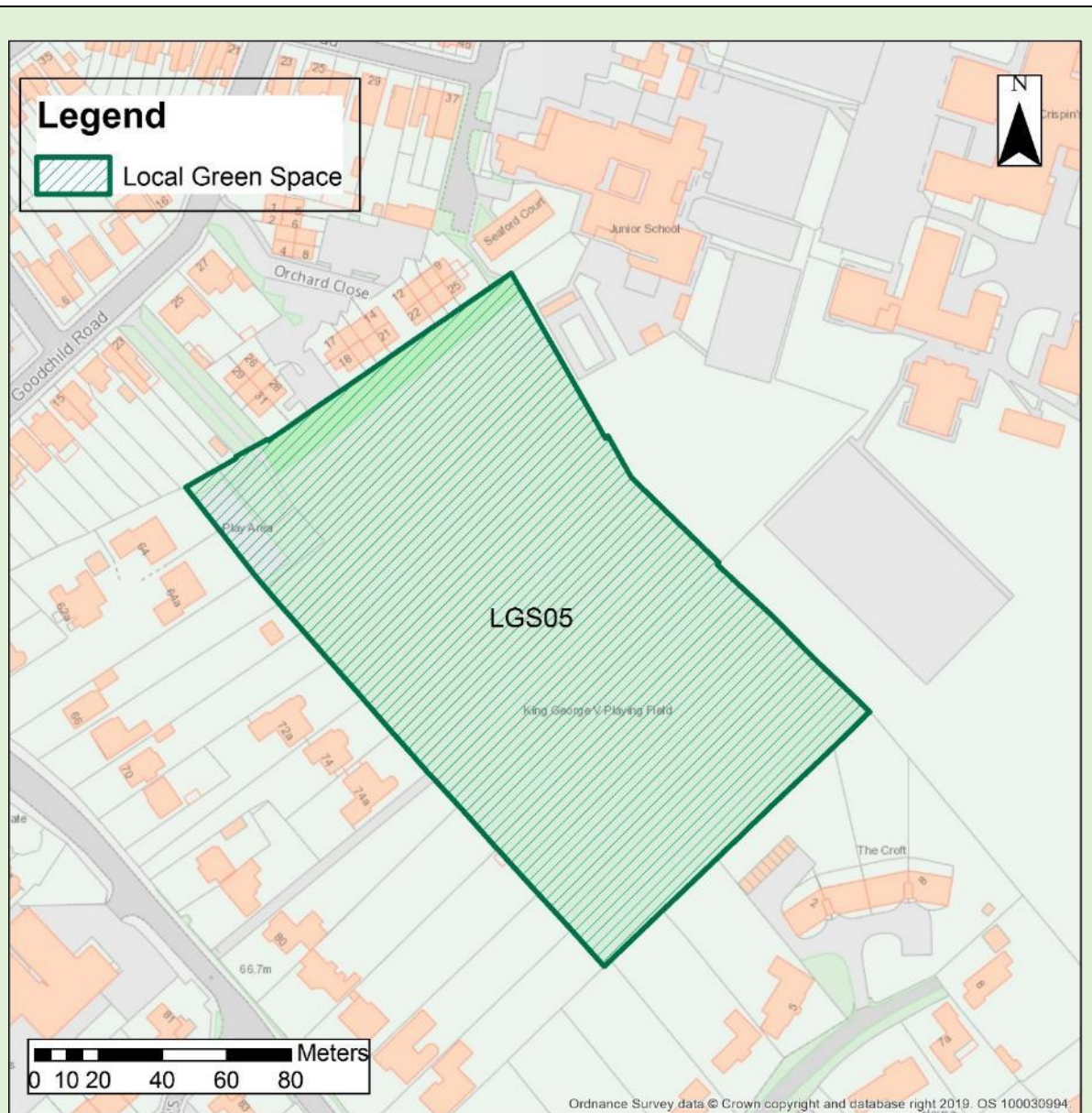
Barkham Road Recreation Ground, Latimer Road, Wokingham



Site reference	LGS04
Site name	Barkham Recreation Ground
Site address	Latimer Road, Wokingham
Site size	2.34ha
Site Description	A recreation ground located west of the main railway line. The site contains an allotment and a community garden and is used for leisure and recreation activities for children and teenage/youth provision. The site is bordered by an avenue of veteran lime trees. An existing Public Right of Way runs across the site providing access to Wokingham Town Centre.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve?	Yes. The site is located within close proximity to existing residents of Barkham and within reasonable distance for residents towards the south of Wokingham Town Centre via Barkham Road. Barkham Recreation Ground is accessible from Barkham Road and Ormonde Road. An existing Public Right of Way also runs across the site along the southern boundary, providing access to Wokingham Town Centre.
Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes. The site is not considered to constitute an extensive tract of land as it is well contained and surrounded by residential development along its western and northern boundaries, for instance Ormonde Road and Latimer Road, Molly Millars Industrial Area to the south and the railway line to the east. The site also contains an allotment for 60 plots and a community garden which are very popular with residents of the town of Wokingham and the parishes of Arborfield and Barkham.
Does the site have a particular local significance? Can the site be shown to be demonstrably special to a local community?	<u>Recreational value:</u> The site currently holds recreational value due to the presence of existing play provision which is well used by children. Barkham Recreation Ground offers recreational provision in the form of a Local Equipped Area of Play (LEAP) and children/teenage provision. The site also contains two football pitches which are for community use, but also used regularly for senior matches. Both the recreation ground and play area were recognised as being of high quality and high value to the local community in the Council's Open Spaces Assessment Report (2012). Wokingham Town Council hold, in conjunction with the Wokingham Horticultural Association (WHA), their annual allotments open day, which has run for seven consecutive years in support of National Allotments Week. The latest event was held on Saturday 10 August 2019 and provided an opportunity for visitors to explore the allotment sites as well as participating in a range of activities and listening to local live music.

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	<p><u>Historical value:</u></p> <p>The site is bordered by an avenue of veteran lime trees planted to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of King George V in 1935 and gives the area a local identity and distinctiveness.</p> <p><u>Ecological value:</u></p> <p>The site is not considered to hold any particular ecological value.</p> <p><u>Tranquillity value:</u></p> <p>Although the site has relatively low levels of tranquillity primarily due to its proximity to local highways and the main railway line, the site is bordered by an avenue of veteran lime trees planted to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of King George V in 1935, and gives the area a local identity and distinctiveness. This is supported by CPRE's Tranquillity Composite Weighted Score (April 2007) where the site scores very low in tranquillity.</p>
Recommendation for Local Green Space designation	<p>Yes. The site is demonstrably special to the local community because of its recreational, historic and ecological value. The site has an important visual amenity value and functions as an allotment site that is valued by the local community. The site is also bordered by an avenue of veteran trees associated with the celebration of King George V Silver Jubilee, giving the area local identity and an element of distinctiveness, worthy of Local Green Space designation.</p>

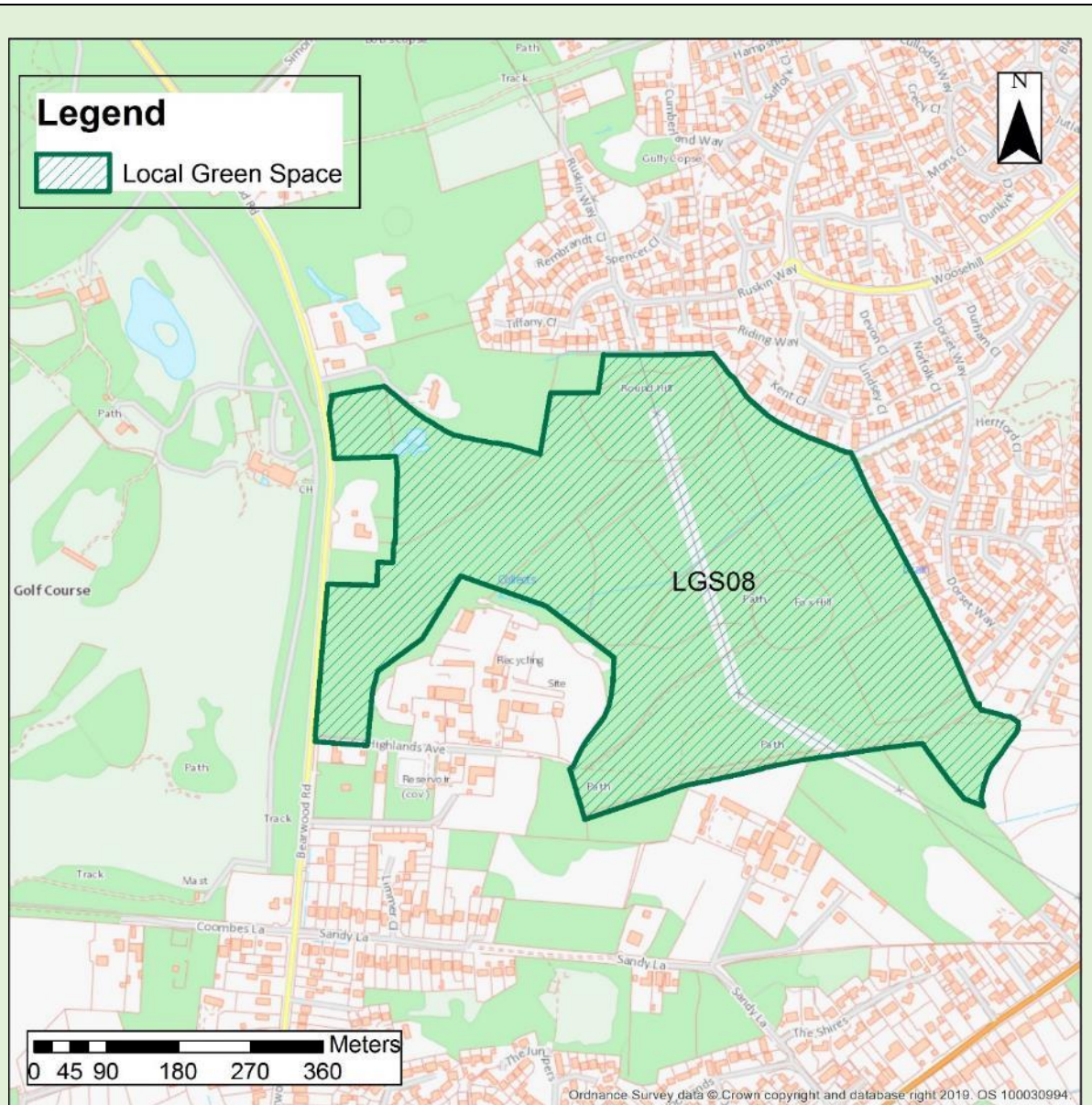
King George V Playing Field, Goodchild Road, Wokingham



Site reference	LGS05
Site name	King George V Playing Field
Site address	Goodchild Road, Wokingham
Site size	2.02ha
Site Description	King George V Playing Field is located off Goodchild Road, adjacent to St Crispin's School playing field. The site is Public Open Space and is also a Fields in Trust protected space. The site is used for leisure, sport and recreation activities for younger and older children.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve?	Yes. The site is located within close proximity to the residents of Goodchild Road and within easy walking distance to the eastern part of Wokingham Town Centre.
Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes. The site is considered not to constitute an extensive tract of land as it is well contained and surrounded by residential development to the north, south and west along Goodchild Road and Easthampstead Road and St Crispin's School to the west.
Does the site have a particular local significance? Can the site be shown to be demonstrably special to a local community?	<p><u>Recreational value:</u></p> <p>The site currently holds its recreational value as a playing field adjacent to St Crispin's School. The site is divided by existing play provision for younger and older children.</p> <p>King George V Playing Field offers sport and recreational provision in the form of a football pitch which is available to hire, a Local Equipped Area of Play (LEAP) and youth/teenage provision.</p> <p>The site is particularly valuable to residents towards the eastern part of Wokingham town.</p> <p><u>Historical value:</u></p> <p>The site is managed by Wokingham Town Council using funds from the King George V Trust Appeal. The herald plaques at the entrance of the site signifies its status as a King George V Field and were provided by the King George's Field Foundation set up in 1936, to commemorate the King's death.</p> <p><u>Ecological value:</u></p> <p>The site is not considered to hold any particular ecological value.</p> <p><u>Tranquillity value:</u></p> <p>The site is considered to hold limited tranquillity value, primarily as King George V playing field is within the built-up area of Wokingham and surrounded by residential and community uses. This is supported by CPRE's Tranquillity Composite Weighted Score (April 2007) where the site scores very low in tranquillity.</p>

Site reference	LGS05
Recommendation for Local Green Space designation	<p>Yes. Although the site is public open space and therefore protected by national and local policy, the site is considered to be demonstrably special to the local community because of its recreational and historic value. The site has an important visual amenity for existing residents of Goodchild Road and those located to the eastern part of Wokingham Town Centre. The presence of herald plaques at the entrance of the site, associated with the commemoration of King George V's death provide a sense of local identity and element of distinctiveness to the area, warranting its designation as a Local Green Space.</p>

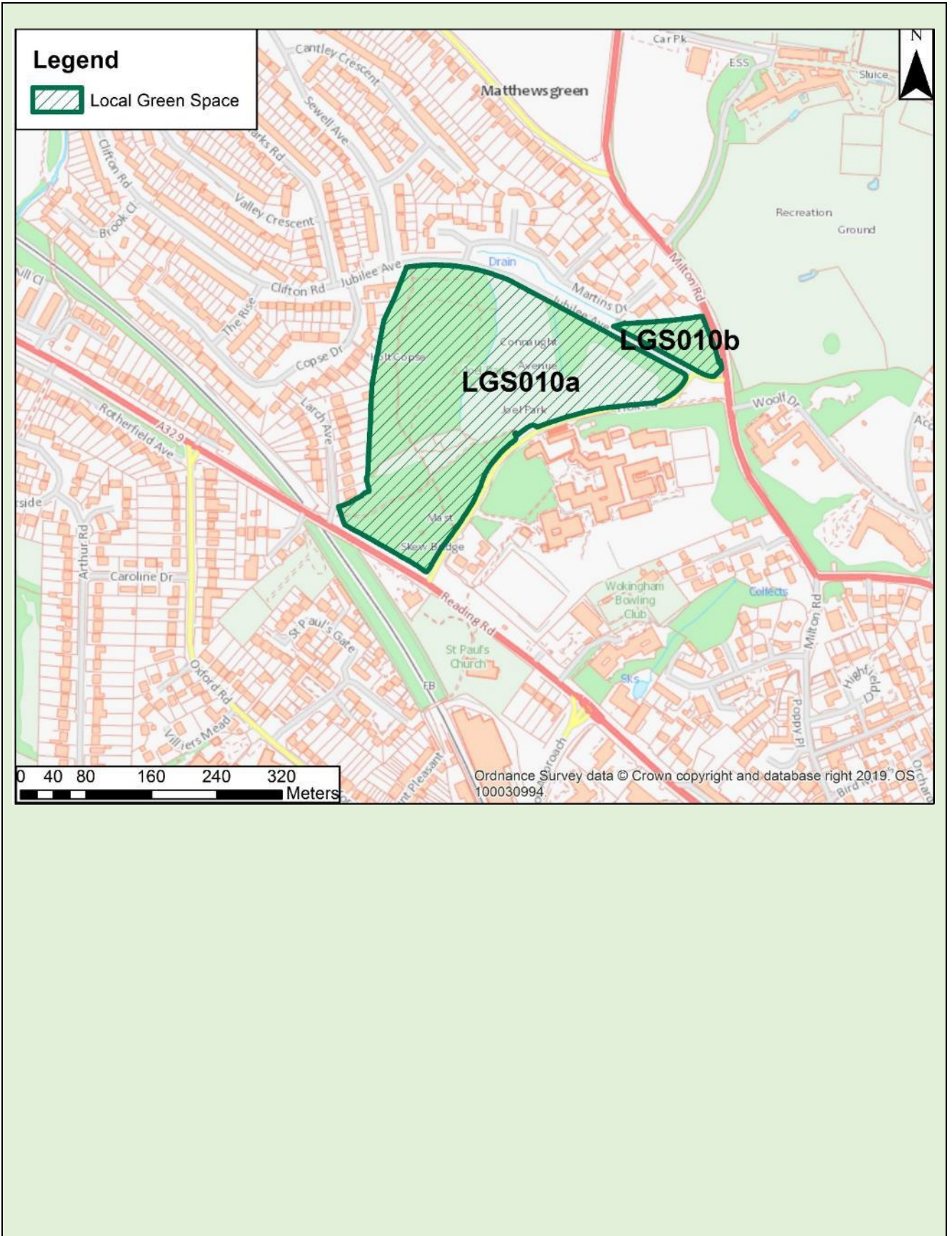
Fox Hill, Wokingham



Site reference	LGS08
Site name	Fox Hill
Site address	Fox Hill, Wokingham
Site size	27.6ha
Site Description	The site is predominantly woodland and scrubland and is used for recreational activities including walking and cycling and as a community space for local Scout groups.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve?	Yes. The site is located within close proximity to existing residents of Woosehill and Barkham. Several Public Rights of Way exist along the southern boundary of the site, providing pedestrian access for existing residents at these settlements.
Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes. Whilst the site is self-contained by residential development at Woosehill and Limmerhill, part of the site is also open countryside in the form of Coombes Wood and Bearwood Estate which is designated as a Registered Park and Garden and Local Wildlife Site. However, the site also supports separation between the settlements of Woosehill and Barkham due to undulating hills characterised by dense woodland which provide local character and distinctiveness to the area.
Does the site have a particular local significance? Can the site be shown to be demonstrably special to a local community?	<p><u>Recreational value:</u></p> <p>Fox Hill is classified as natural and semi-natural greenspace and is well-used by the local residents for a range of recreational and leisure activities, including walking and cycling. The site was recognised as being of low quality but high value to the local community in the Council's Open Spaces Assessment Report (2012).</p> <p><u>Historical value:</u></p> <p>Part of the site is designated as ancient and semi-ancient woodland and is also situated in the wider setting of Bearwood College (Royal Navy Merchant School), a Grade II* Listed Building and Registered Park and Garden.</p> <p><u>Ecological value:</u></p> <p>The site comprises veteran trees, areas of broadleaved woodland, ancient and semi-ancient woodland, and falls within a known badger consultation zone.</p> <p><u>Tranquillity value:</u></p> <p>The site holds a relatively high level of tranquillity associated with the undulating hills and dense woodland of Coombes Wood and Bearwood Estate. This is supported by CPRE's Tranquillity Composite Weighted Score (April 2007) where most of the site scores highly for tranquillity.</p>

Site reference	LGS08
<p>Recommendation for Local Green Space designation</p>	<p>Yes. The site is demonstrably special to the local community because of its recreational, historic and ecological value. The site has clear recreational value as it is frequently used by walkers and cyclists for leisure activities. Furthermore, the site is located within the wider setting of Bearwood College, a Grade II* Listed Building, Registered Park and Garden and Local Wildlife Site. The site also forms an important separation between the settlements of Woosehill and Barkham and has a sense of tranquillity associated with the undulating hills and dense woodland of Coombes Wood and Bearwood Estate.</p>

Joel Park and Holt Copse, Wokingham



Site reference	LGS10
Site name	Joel Park and Holt Copse
Site address	Joel Park and Holt Copse, Wokingham
Site size	5.2ha
Site Description	A park owned by Wokingham Town Council situated between Reading Road, Holt Lane and Jubilee Avenue. The site is currently designated as a Site of Urban Landscape Value (SULV) in Policy TB22 of the Managing Development Delivery Document (MDD). The site is also designated as a Local Wildlife Site and a Local Nature Reserve. The park comprises Public Open Space and a play area which are used for formal and informal recreation. Joel Park also encompasses Holt Copse; an area of ancient and semi-natural woodland.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve?	Yes. The site is located immediately adjacent to Reading Road, Holt Lane and Jubilee Avenue, serving an accessible and attractive open space for the local communities in this area. The presence of a 'greenway route' through the site provides excellent accessibility for visitors or local residents coming from Wokingham Town Centre and Wokingham Station. The site also have strong linkages to Cantley Park which is adjacent to the eastern boundary, and Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG) to the north. Joel Park and Holt Copse are also easily accessible for existing residents at Woosehill and Emmbrook, along with the new communities established at Matthewsgreen.
Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes. The site is recognised by Wokingham Town Council and the local community as an important public open space and is not considered to constitute an extensive tract of land. It is a self-contained area of land surrounded by development on all sides, with clearly defined edges and boundaries along Holt Lane, Jubilee Avenue and Reading Road. Holt Copse is surrounded by land uses consisting of residential development, parkland and secondary woodland. Joel Park is located on the rural fringes adjacent to Cantley Park and creates a wooded character giving a sense of seclusion in places where views to the adjacent residential areas are restricted, which is unusual to find being so close to Wokingham Town Centre. The woodland within Holt Copse also contributes to the wider sense of place and the wooded characteristics of Wokingham. The woodland and trees provide a setting to Holt School and St Paul's Church.
Does the site have a particular local significance? Can the site be shown to be demonstrably special to a local community?	<u>Recreational value:</u> Joel Park and Holt Copse continue to be used extensively by the local community, including dog walkers, families and children as a popular area for formal and informal recreation. This area of green space was recognised as being of high value to the local community in the Council's Open Spaces Assessment Report (2012). Informal recreation is provided at Holt Copse through the use of marked 'woodchip' paths within the woodland. The site also holds recreational value due to the presence of existing play provision in the form of a Local Equipped Area of Play (LEAP) and children/teenage provision at Joel Park. The Joel Park and Holt Copse play area was recognised as being of low quality but high value to

Site reference	LGS10
	<p>the local community in the Council’s Open Spaces Assessment Report (2012).</p> <p><u>Historical value:</u></p> <p>The site is owned and managed by Wokingham Town Council, having been previously transferred by local families Crutchley and Heelas (the owner of Heelas which moved to Reading to become part of the John Lewis Partnership). Joel Park and Holt Copse has a rich heritage dating back to 1453, where the woodland and adjoining land formed part of the Beaches Manor Estate. As part of the transfer to Wokingham Town Council, it was agreed that this area should be used to provide public open space as recreational use for local residents.</p> <p><u>Ecological value:</u></p> <p>Holts Copse is a Local Wildlife Site. The woodland and part of Joel Park are also designated as a Local Nature Reserve which are of local and County importance. These areas consist of ancient and semi-natural mixed deciduous woodland in an urban area and informal grassland, including drainage ditches. These features provide a natural habitat for a variety of ecological species including oak, wild cherry, alder and ash and protected species such as bluebells.</p> <p>The trees within Joel Park and Holt Copse provide a wooded horizon to the northern parts of Wokingham, which is a distinct characteristic of this part of Wokingham.</p> <p><u>Tranquillity value:</u></p> <p>Although the site has relatively low levels of tranquillity, the site is bordered by two distinct oak avenues, forming seventy trees at Long Avenue consisting of Green Oaks and Silver Birches, and Short Avenue, consisting of Red Oaks and Lombardy Poplars. These were planted to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of King George V in 1935 and gives the area a sense of local identity and distinctiveness.</p> <p><u>Local significance:</u></p> <p>Relating to the maintenance of the site, the Holt Copse Conservation Volunteers (HCCV) was formed by some local residents in 1999, who manage and maintain Holt Copse and Joel Park on behalf of the Town Council. HCCV has set up an extensive programme for the site’s continued management and maintenance to improve its civic amenity and ecological value to the local community. HCCV’s continued success was recognised nationally, receiving a number of environmental awards including the Dorothy Morley Conservation Award. This a scheme available to groups in Berkshire that involve their local community in managing green spaces that are treasured and valued to them.</p>

Site reference	LGS10
	<p>The site routinely forms part of the Wokingham in Bloom competition. Membership of the group has increased significantly with volunteers joining from the surrounding area and receiving sponsorship from other organisations, demonstrating its significance to the local community.</p>
<p>Recommendation for Local Green Space designation</p>	<p>Yes. Although the site is covered by several designations, including a Site of Urban Landscape Value, and is therefore protected by national and local policy, the site is considered to be demonstrably special to the local community, as evidenced by Wokingham Town Council and the establishment of the Holt Copse Conservation Volunteers (HCCV). This group actively seeks to protect, restore and improve the sites' ecological and amenity value to the community.</p> <p>The site has an important amenity value for formal and informal recreation which is valued by residents at Joel Park, Woosehill and Emmbrook. The site is bordered by two oak avenues associated with King George V Silver Jubilee and contains semi and semi-natural woodland which is rich in ecology and distinctive in character.</p> <p>The longstanding history of this site and its value and significance to the local community, along with the SULV's distinctive and special qualities associated with the Local Nature Reserve and Local Wildlife Site, warrant its designation as a Local Green Space.</p>

Keephatch Park Nature Reserve, Diamond Jubilee Way, Wokingham



Site reference	LGS017
Site name	Keephatch Park Nature Reserve
Site address	Diamond Jubilee Way, Wokingham
Site size	7.19 ha
Site Description	<p>Keephatch Park is a local nature reserve situated north of Wokingham. Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG) has since been created to provide informal recreation for new and existing residents of the Borough.</p> <p>Keephatch Park is situated to the north of Wokingham within the North Wokingham Strategic Development Location (SDL). The southern boundary of the site is defined by Binfield Road. The northern boundary of the site is defined by existing residential/commercial uses along Diamond Jubilee Way. To the east, the site is bound by the route of the Northern Distributor Road (NDR), Diamond Jubilee Way and the A329(M). The eastern boundary of Keephatch Park is defined by residential uses.</p>
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve?	<p>Yes. The site is in close proximity to the community as it serves the residents of Norreys ward, including the homes at the North Wokingham SDL.</p> <p>Keephatch Park Nature Reserve is accessible via footpaths at Montague Close to the north-west and Binfield Road further south.</p>
Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	<p>Yes. The site is entirely local in character and is not considered to constitute an extensive tract of land, as the site is relatively self-contained with clearly defined edges.</p> <p>Keephatch Park is a local nature reserve situated in the north of Wokingham and comprises four areas of woodland that contain a wide variety of tree species.</p> <p>According to the Landscape Character Assessment (2019), whilst predominantly providing recreational and ecological value, community open spaces and SANGs, such as Keephatch Park Nature Reserve, have also been created to separate the development at the North Wokingham SDL from the visually and audibly intrusive road transport corridors.</p>
Does the site have a particular local significance? Can the site be shown to be demonstrably special to a local community?	<p><u>Recreational value:</u></p> <p>Keephatch Park is an area of natural and semi-natural greenspace, Local Nature Reserve and Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG), which provides informal recreation for new and existing residents, north of Wokingham.</p> <p>Despite the area having no formal Public Right of Way, the site does comprise a network of footpaths for visitors to walk through the woodlands.</p>

<p>Site reference</p>	<p>LGS017</p>
	<p><u>Ecological value:</u></p> <p>The site holds a degree of ecological value due to its nature as a Local Nature Reserve. Keephatch Park comprises some Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) Priority Habitats, notably lowland mixed deciduous woodland. According to the Friends of Keephatch Local Nature Reserve (a voluntary group providing community support in the conservation of the site), the site comprises areas of woodland supporting several tree species including oak, birch, horse-chestnut, sycamore, Norway maple and ash. The woodland provides a habitat for a variety of wildlife including deer, rabbits, squirrels, birds and insects.</p> <p>Due to the ecological importance of the site, the Friends of Keephatch Local Nature Reserve are an established group of volunteers who help maintain the recreational and conservation facilities at the nature reserve.</p> <p><u>Historical value:</u></p> <p>The site is not considered to hold any particular historical value and has no known associations with an historic event and figure.</p> <p><u>Tranquillity value:</u></p> <p>Despite being designated as a Local Nature Reserve, Keephatch Park is considered to hold limited tranquillity value. In particular, the Landscape Character Assessment (2019) has identified that within the J1 'Wokingham-Winnersh Settled and Farmed Clay' Landscape Character Area, <i>'the dominance of the M4 and A329(M) disturb any sense of rurality or tranquillity in the area'</i>. This is further supported by CPRE's Tranquillity Composite Weighted Score (April 2007) where the site scores relatively low compared to the tranquillity offered by other areas of green space in Wokingham town.</p>
<p>Recommendation for Local Green Space designation</p>	<p>Yes. Keephatch Park is the only recognisable and significant area of recreational space that serves the residents of the North Wokingham Strategic Development Location.</p> <p>The continued protection and conservation of Keephatch Park Local Nature Reserve has been recognised by the Friends of Keephatch, a voluntary group providing community support on the site and the maintenance of facilities at the nature reserve. This highlights the importance of this area to the local community and therefore warrants further consideration as a Local Green Space designation.</p>

Cantley Park, Twyford Road, Wokingham





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Site reference	LGS018A; LGS018B
Site name	Cantley Park
Site address	Twyford Road, Wokingham
Site size	13.7 ha; 15.8 ha
Site Description	<p>Cantley Park is a park and garden located in the centre of Wokingham, recognised as a valuable resource for formal and informal recreation for the local community. The site is a mix of formal and informal recreation spaces and can be divided into two parts.</p> <p>The southern part of the site (LGS018B) consists of informal amenity grassland with trees and scrub. Tree belts and copses surround the edges making this part relatively enclosed. This area also contains Cantley House Hotel, Wokingham Theatre, tennis courts, sports pitches and a car park.</p> <p>The northern part of the site (LGS018A) consists of open space, sports pitches and an archery range. Several mature Oak trees are scattered across the area, but is mostly a relatively open landscape.</p> <p>The western boundary of Cantley Park is defined by existing residential along Milton Road and Twyford Road and new residential development at Matthewsgreen. The northern and western boundary are defined by new residential development at Bell Foundry Lane, forming the settlement edge of Wokingham.</p>
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve?	<p>Yes. Cantley Park is in close proximity to the community as it serves the existing residents of Norreys and Emmbrook wards. The site also serves the residents of the North Wokingham Strategic Development Location (SDL).</p> <p>The site can be accessed via Twyford Road along the western boundary and connectivity to the site will be improved through a network of proposed green routes.</p> <p>Cantley Park is considered to be the only significant area of open green space for formal and informal recreation in close proximity towards the northern end of Wokingham Town Centre.</p>
Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	<p>Yes. The site is local in character and is not considered to constitute an extensive tract of land as it is relatively well self-contained with clearly defined boundaries. For instance, to the west the site is defined by existing residential along Milton Road and Twyford Road, as well as new residential at Matthewsgreen. To the north and west, the site is bounded by Bell Foundry Lane where new residential development forms the settlement edge.</p> <p>Mature tree belts and copses are found on the edge of the open space, particularly to the south making this part of the site relatively enclosed. The tree belts and associated open space relate to the original parkland setting of Glebelands which contributes to the wider landscape setting of the area.</p>

Site reference	LGS018A; LGS018B
	The site is also proposed as a Site of Urban Landscape Value (SULV) in the emerging Draft Local Plan as it provides a significant landscape resource with a strong sense of place in an urban area due to the site's parkland character.
Does the site have a particular local significance? Can the site be shown to be demonstrably special to a local community?	<p><u>Recreational value:</u></p> <p>Cantley Park is classified as a park and garden and is recognised as a valuable resource for formal and informal recreation, which is well-used by local residents and visitors, notably from the Norreys and Emmbrook wards. The site was recognised as being of high quality and high value to the local community in the Council's Open Spaces Assessment Report (2012), as well as being recognised as the highest scoring site against the Green Flag criteria. The assessment concluded that it is '<i>a flagship park and outdoor sports facility providing a range of good quality features such as grass football pitches, artificial all weather pitch, tennis courts, a pavilion and an outdoor play area</i>'. Recent works have been undertaken to improve facilities at Cantley Park, including a new 3G artificial pitch, upgraded pavilion with café and artificial cricket wicket. Plans have also been approved to deliver a new play area, to replace the existing equipment at Cantley Park.</p> <p>In addition to providing play and recreation facilities, Cantley Park is one of four sites identified in the Council's Health Walk Project/Programme.</p> <p>The playing fields are also used to host the annual Bonfire Night event which is popular with local residents and communities.</p> <p><u>Historical value:</u></p> <p>The site is considered to hold a moderate degree of historical value, predominantly as the open parkland and recreation ground originally formed part of the pleasure grounds for two important former estates: Cantley House (Matthewsgreen House) and Glebelands, a Grade II Listed Building. According to The Times newspaper, Matthew's Green was previously advertised as a '<i>capital house with pleasure grounds, stabling, farmer, three cottages and very picturesque will timbered park size land</i>'¹. In 1955 Cantley House was occupied by James Butler, the 6th Marquis of Ormonde (1893-1971) who served as the High Steward of Wokingham from 1956 to 1971. Today, Cantley House operates as a 36-bedroom luxury hotel surrounded by a parkland setting.</p>

¹ "Cantley House," Wokingham's Virtual Museum, accessed September 3, 2021, <https://www.wokingham-tc.gov.uk/museum/document/451>

Site reference	LGS018A; LGS018B
	<p><u>Ecological value:</u></p> <p>Cantley Park is recognised as an important landscape resource, providing parkland setting and character with significant landscape features. Despite not being a formally designated wildlife site, there are a larger number of mature, near-veteran and veteran trees found within the area and the copses, informal grassland and scrub will also support a large variety of birds, mammals and insects.</p> <p><u>Tranquillity value:</u></p> <p>The site is considered to be of only limited tranquillity value, possibly due to the influence of local highways and surrounding built development. This is supported by CPRE's Tranquillity Composite Weighted Score (April 2007) where the site scores relatively low compared to the tranquillity of other areas in the locality.</p>
Recommendation for Local Green Space designation	Yes. Cantley Park is an important and valued recreational resource that serves the residents of Wokingham. Recent improvements to recreational facilities have served to reinforce its importance and local significance.

Redlands Farm Park, Wokingham



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Site reference	LGS032
Site name	Redlands Farm Park
Site address	Evendons Lane, Wokingham
Site size	3.64ha
Site Description	Redlands Farm Park is a small field situated on the edge of Wokingham town. The northern boundary of the site is defined by Doles Lane. The remaining boundaries are defined by existing residential development, notably along Blagrove Lane and Evendon's Lane.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve?	Yes. The site is in relative proximity to the community as it serves the existing residents of Evendons ward. Redlands Farm Park can be accessed publicly via an existing Public Right of Way along Doles Lane to the northern boundary. The route of a proposed Greenway also runs through the centre of the site.
Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes. Redlands Farm Park is not considered an extensive tract of land as it is relatively well self-contained with clearly defined edges, bounded by hedgerows along all its boundaries. The site is designated as open countryside.
Does the site have a particular local significance? Can the site be shown to be demonstrably special to a local community?	<p><u>Recreational value:</u></p> <p>The site is not classified or recognised as public open space in the Council's Open Spaces Assessment Report (2012) and therefore is not considered to be used for formal recreation.</p> <p>However, Redlands Farm Park does form part of the Wokingham Health Walk, starting from Redlands Farm to Sand Martins Golf Course, which is held weekly and offers some form of recreation use. There is a car park adjacent to the site which is likely to encourage recreational visits.</p> <p><u>Historical value:</u></p> <p>The site is not considered to hold any particular historical value and has no known associations with an historic event or figure.</p> <p><u>Ecological value:</u></p> <p>The site is classified as improved grassland by the Thames Valley Environment Records Centre (TVERC), but is considered to have only limited ecological value.</p> <p><u>Tranquillity value:</u></p> <p>Despite the site being situated in the open countryside, it is considered not to hold any particular tranquillity value as supported by CPRE's Tranquillity Weighted Composite Score (April 2007) where it scores low/medium.</p>

Site reference	LGS032
Recommendation for Local Green Space designation	No. Redlands Farm Park is not recognised as public open space in the Council's Open Spaces Assessment Report (2012), and there are other areas of green space in the surrounding area which offer a greater range of facilities for formal recreation, notably Leslie Sears Playing Field and Viking Field. Whilst this nomination offers moderate recreational value, there is no evidence that it holds particular local significance that would warrant further consideration for Local Green Space designation.

Leslie Sears Playing Field, Reeves Way, Wokingham



Site reference	LGS033
Site name	Leslie Sears Playing Field
Site address	Reeves Way, Wokingham
Site size	2.77 ha
Site Description	Leslie Sears is a playing field and area of amenity green space / public open space, situated on the edge of Wokingham town. The southern boundary of the site is defined by Viking Field, an area of adjacent open space. To the north, the site is bounded by Molly Millars Industrial Estate Core Employment Area. To the east, the site is bounded by existing residential along Reeves Way and Crail Close. The western boundary is defined by existing residential properties along Blagrove Lane.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve?	Yes. The site is in relatively close proximity to the community as it serves the existing residents of Evendons ward. Leslie Sears Playing Field can be accessed publicly from Crails Close via a 'Countryside for All' gate.
Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes. The site is not considered to constitute an extensive tract of land, as it is relatively well self-contained with clearly defined boundaries, including the adjacent Viking Field, industrial estate and residential properties. The site is designated as open countryside and lies adjacent to the Major Development Location of Wokingham and the Molly Millars Industrial Estate Core Employment Area.
Does the site have a particular local significance? Can the site be shown to be demonstrably special to a local community?	<u>Recreational value:</u> The site is classified as amenity green space / public open space and comprises a play area which provides play facilities for children and teenagers in the form of a Local Equipped Area for Play (LEAP). Leslie Sears Playing Field was recognised as being of high quality and high value to the local community in the council's Open Spaces Assessment Report (2012). The playing field comprises areas of open grassland with a peripheral path for activities such as walking and cycling. Leslie Sears Playing Field connects to an adjacent area of open space at Viking Field (ref: LGS036) via a footpath and acts as an active travel route from Robert's Grove, Crail Close and Reeves Way for people either commuting to the railway station or school children accessing Evendons Primary School. <u>Historical value:</u> 'Leslie Sears' is associated with a Wokingham born, former county cricket player from the 1920s and 1930s and therefore adds some local significance to the area.

Site reference	LGS033
	<p><u>Ecological value:</u></p> <p>The site is classified by the Thames Valley Environment Records Centre (TVERC) as improved grassland but is considered to hold only limited ecological value.</p> <p><u>Tranquillity value:</u></p> <p>The site is considered to hold only limited tranquillity value, predominantly due to its proximity to Molly Millars Industrial Area Core Employment Area and existing residential along Evendons Lane.</p>
Recommendation for Local Green Space designation	Yes. Leslie Sears Playing Field is a recognisable and significant area of open, recreational space that has a particular historical and local significance and serves the residents of Evendons ward.

Viking Field, Tanners Row, Wokingham



Site reference	LGS036
Site name	Viking Field
Site address	Tanners Row, Wokingham
Site size	6.88 ha
Site Description	Viking Field is an open space, natural and semi-natural greenspace with a natural grass meadow, situated on the edge of Wokingham town. The northern boundary of the site is defined by Leslie Sears Playing Field, an area of adjacent open space and existing housing along Blagrove Lane. The western boundary is defined by trees and hedgerows with agricultural land beyond. The eastern and southern boundaries are defined by existing housing along Evendon's Lane.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve?	<p>Yes. Viking Field is in close proximity to the community as it serves the existing residents of Evendon and Wescott wards.</p> <p>The site is situated adjacent to Leslie Sears Playing Field (ref: LGS033) and can be accessed from Blagrove Lane and Tanners Row via an existing Public Right of Way. The field is also on the route of a proposed Greenway.</p>
Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes. The site is not considered to constitute an extensive tract of land, as it is relatively well self-contained with clearly defined boundaries, including the adjacent Leslie Sears playing field and residential properties.
Does the site have a particular local significance? Can the site be shown to be demonstrably special to a local community?	<p><u>Recreational value:</u></p> <p>Viking Field was bequeathed to Wokingham Borough Council in 1997 by Mrs Henagulph to be kept as a 'wildflower field' and to be used as a public amenity and be kept as a natural area.</p> <p>The site is classified as a large open space / natural and semi-natural greenspace with a natural grass meadow. Both the playing field and play area were recognised as being of high quality and high value to the local community in the Council's Open Spaces Assessment Report (2012).</p> <p><u>Historical value:</u></p> <p>No, although a substantial part of the site contains known archaeological remains.</p> <p><u>Ecological value:</u></p> <p>The northern part of the site is classified as lowland mixed deciduous woodland, a Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) Habitat according to the Thames Valley Environment Records Centre (TVERC).</p>

Site reference	LGS036
	<p><u>Tranquillity value:</u></p> <p>The site is considered to hold limited tranquillity value, predominantly due to its proximity to Molly Millars Industrial Area Core Employment Area and existing residential along Evendons Lane. This is supported by CPRE's Tranquillity Composite Weighted Score (April 2007) where the site scores fairly low for its tranquillity compared to other parts of Wokingham.</p>
Recommendation for Local Green Space designation	<p>Yes. Viking Field (together with Leslie Sears Playing Field) are considered to be the only recognisable and significant areas of recreational space in this part of Wokingham that serve the residents of Evendons Ward. The field appears to be well-used by local residents as there are footpaths around the perimeter of the site for activities such as walking.</p>

Elizabeth Park, Pyke Close, Wokingham



Site reference	LGS039
Site name	Elizabeth Park
Site address	Pyke Close, Wokingham
Site size	1.76 ha
Site Description	Elizabeth Park is an area of public open space, amenity greenspace and a playing field (football pitch) situated on the edge of Wokingham Town Centre. The site is surrounded on the southern, western and eastern boundaries by existing residential, notably along Norreys Avenue and Pyke Close and on the northern boundary by All Saints Primary School.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve?	Yes. The site is in close proximity to the community as it serves the existing residents of Norreys ward. Elizabeth Park can be accessed from Pyke Close to the south and from Norreys Avenue linking to Wiltshire Road, which is recognised as a Green Route in the Council's Managing Development Delivery (MDD) local plan.
Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	<p>Yes. Elizabeth Park is local in character and is not considered to constitute an extensive tract of land as the site is relatively well self-contained with clearly defined boundaries.</p> <p>The site is located within the Major Development Location of Wokingham.</p> <p>Elizabeth Park is situated within the J1 'Wokingham-Winnersh Settled and Farmed Clay' Landscape Character Area as identified in the Council's latest Landscape Character Assessment. The LCA has recognised a key characteristic of this area as '<i>small areas of arable fields and open space between larger urban areas separate the settlements</i>'.</p>
Does the site have a particular local significance? Can the site be shown to be demonstrably special to a local community?	<p><u>Recreational value:</u></p> <p>Elizabeth Road Recreation Ground (Pyke Close) is classified as public open space / amenity greenspace, which is recognised as being of high quality and high value to the local community in the Council's Open Spaces Assessment Report (2012).</p> <p>The Recreation Ground contains one senior football pitch which is in community use, which is recognised as operating above capacity, but scores relatively poorly in the Council's Sports Assessment Report (2012).</p> <p>The park is recognised as one of the most significant open space/recreational spaces in the Norreys ward. Elizabeth Park is located towards the centre of the community, adjacent to All Saints Primary School, Norreys Church and the Wokingham Air Training Corps and is therefore likely to be well-used by residents.</p>

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	<p><u>Historical value:</u></p> <p>The site is not considered to hold any particular historical value and has no known associations with an historic event or figure.</p> <p><u>Ecological value:</u></p> <p>The site is classified as cultivated/disturbed land amenity grassland by Thames Valley Environment Records Centre (TVERC) and is therefore considered to be of limited ecological value. However, according to the Wokingham District Veteran Tree Association, the site does contain a number of veteran trees, notably English Oak.</p> <p><u>Tranquillity value:</u></p> <p>The site is not considered to be of any particular tranquillity value, predominantly due to its proximity to existing residential and community uses, notably All Saints Primary School. This is supported by CPRE's Tranquillity Composite Weighted Score (April 2007) where the site scores very low compared to the tranquillity offered by other parts of the surrounding area.</p>
Recommendation for Local Green Space designation	Yes. Elizabeth Park is the only recognisable and significant area of open, recreational space in this part of Wokingham that serves the residents south of Norreys ward. Given the site is situated towards the centre of the community adjacent to residential, community and educational uses, Elizabeth Park is considered to be demonstrably special to the local community due to its recreational value.

Woosehill Meadows, Arthur Road, Wokingham



Site reference	LGS040
Site name	Woosehill Meadows
Site address	Arthur Road, Wokingham
Site size	17.7ha
Site Description	<p>Woosehill Meadows (also known as Riverside Walk) is a park and garden / urban park located towards the east of Wokingham within the residential area of Woose Hill. A network of footpaths provide access to other open spaces, including Fox Hill.</p> <p>The northern part of the site is defined by the A329 and the Emm Brook runs through the centre of the site. The eastern and southern boundaries are defined by existing residential along Arthur Road. Woosehill and the Windmill Primary School defines the site's western boundary.</p>
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve?	<p>Yes. Woosehill Meadows is in proximity to the community as it is surrounded by existing residential development in the Emmbrook and Evendons wards. The site can be accessed by a pedestrian/cycling route via Smiths Walk, a restricted byway that passes through part of the site and links Woosehill to Woosehill Lane in the south. A network of footpaths provides access to adjacent open spaces, notably Fox Hill and Round Hill.</p> <p>The site is also on a route identified for a proposed Riverside Footpath along the Emm Brook and a proposed Greenways route through Fox Hill and Cantley Park.</p>
Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	<p>Yes. The site is not considered to constitute an extensive tract of land. It is relatively well self-contained and provides a green lung within surrounding residential areas.</p> <p>According to the Council's Landscape Character Assessment (2020), the landscape of the J1 'Wokingham-Winnersh Settled and Farmed Clay' Landscape Character Area and the presence of the Emm Brook which flows through the heart of the area, provides an attractive green corridor connecting the rural environment with the urban core.</p> <p>Woosehill Meadows is also proposed as a Site of Urban Landscape Value in the emerging Local Plan Update due to its value as an important landscape resource and relationship to the Emm Brook.</p> <p>According to the assessment of the proposed SULV, the site is surrounded by parkland and associated vegetation giving the area character and a strong sense of place in an urban area. Groups of mature trees enhance the character of the area and provide a wooded backdrop when viewed from the surrounding residential areas.</p>

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<p>Does the site have a particular local significance? Can the site be shown to be demonstrably special to a local community?</p>	<p><u>Recreational value:</u></p> <p>Woosehill Meadows is an important recreational resource for residents in the Woosehill area. The site comprises a number of recreational facilities including a play area and BMX track.</p> <p>The meadows also form a network of walking routes designed by Wokingham Borough Council which provide a valuable resource for informal/formal recreation and support active lifestyles.</p> <p>This area of open green space was recognised as being of high value to the local community in the Council’s Open Spaces Assessment Report (2012).</p> <p><u>Historical value:</u></p> <p>The site is not considered to hold any particular historical value and has no known associations with an historic event or figure.</p> <p><u>Ecological value:</u></p> <p>Whilst there are no formal designated wildlife sites, key features such as the stream, areas of informal grassland and scrub support a large variety of birds, mammals and insects. Parts of the site are also classified as semi-natural and lowland mixed deciduous woodland (a Biodiversity Action Plan Phase 1 Habitat) as identified by the Thames Valley Environment Records Centre (TVERC).</p> <p>According to the assessment of the SULV in the Topic Paper (2020), the site comprises a large number of mature, near-veteran and veteran trees, mainly situated to Emm Brook or Smiths Walk, which are protected by several linear Tree Preservation Orders (12/1973).</p> <p><u>Tranquillity value:</u></p> <p>Yes, despite the proximity of the site to the railway line and Reading Road, the site is considered to hold some tranquillity value. The assessment of Woosehill Meadows SULV sets out how this area creates a strong sense of place, as the Emmbrook valley, the parkland type character and associated vegetation are significant landscape features within the wider residential development at Woosehill.</p> <p><u>Local significance</u></p> <p>Conservation group ‘Friends of the Emm Brook’ undertake enhancement works on Woosehill Meadows and have created a wildflower meadow in Riverside Walk. The group also undertake regular surveys of flora and fauna in and around the brook with the aim to protect and enhance the Emm Brook and its floodplain for wildlife.</p>

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Recommendation for Local Green Space designation	Yes. Woosehill Meadows is an important and valued recreational and ecological resource for local residents in the Woosehill area. The continued conservation and enhancement of Woosehill Meadows has been supported by Friends of the Emm Brook whose aim is to protect and enhance the Emm Brook and its floodplain for wildlife.

Lowther Road sports field and play area, Lowther Road, Wokingham



Site reference	LGS047
Site name	Lowther Road sports field and play area
Site address	Lowther Road, Wokingham
Site size	2.5ha
Site Description	This area of green space at Lowther Road is located north of Wokingham town and comprises a sports ground with a club house and associated facilities and a children's play area. The site is bound by the main railway line; by residential properties on Old Forest Road on the northern boundary and Lowther Road to the east.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve?	Yes. The site is in close proximity to the community as it serves the existing residents of Emmbrook and Winnersh wards. Lowther Road sports field can be accessed from Lowther Road to the north-east and south-east.
Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes. The site is not considered to constitute an extensive tract of land as it is relatively well self-contained, with clearly defined edges, bounded by existing housing to the east and south-east along Lowther Road, to the south and south-west by the main railway line and to the north and north-west by Old Forest Road.
Does the site have a particular local significance? Can the site be shown to be demonstrably special to a local community?	<p><u>Recreational value:</u></p> <p>Lowther Road sports field and play area is classified as public open space / amenity greenspace, which is recognised as being of high quality and high value to the local community in the Council's Open Spaces Assessment Report (2012). Lowther Road Play Area is considered the only play facility in Emmbrook, and is well used by younger children in the area.</p> <p>The recreation ground was also identified as being of high quality and high value to the local community in the Open Spaces Assessment Report (2012). The recreation ground contains 1 senior football pitch for adults, 1 mini football pitch and 1 cricket pitch which is privately owned but in community use. The site is home to Wokingham and Emmbrook Football Club and the Wokingham and Bearwood Cricket Club.</p> <p>Lowther Road sports field also includes a pavilion/clubhouse which provides an active social centre and a venue for private functions. The venue hosts performances from local groups, notably the Wokingham Music Club, as well as being used for other community events.</p> <p><u>Historical value:</u></p> <p>No, however, Lowther Road is owned by Wokingham Borough Council, having previously been transferred by Edmund Becher Skinner via a Deed of Gift in 1949. The Deed included a covenant that <i>"the property shall not be used for any purposes whatsoever except physical training and recreation"</i>.</p>

Site reference	LGS047
	<p><u>Ecological value:</u></p> <p>The site is not considered to hold any particular ecological value but may be a potential habitat for bat roosting.</p> <p><u>Tranquillity value:</u></p> <p>The site is not considered to hold any particular tranquillity value, predominantly due to the site's proximity to the main railway line and being surrounded by existing residential. This is supported by CPRE's Tranquillity Composite Weighted Score (April 2007) where the site scores fairly low compared to the tranquillity offered by other areas in the locality.</p>
Recommendation for Local Green Space designation	Yes. Lowther Road sports field and play area forms an integral part of the public open space in Emmbrook. This represents an important recreational resource for local people in Emmbrook, particularly given that local sports teams such as Wokingham and Emmbrook Football Club and Wokingham and Bearwood Cricket Club operate on the site.

Emmbrook Walk, Emmbrook Road, Wokingham



Site reference	LGS048
Site name	Emmbrook Walk
Site address	Emmbrook Road, Wokingham
Site size	5.04 ha
Site Description	Emmbrook Walk is a linear strip of water meadow containing the Emm Brook. The meadow stretches from Emmbrook Road and Toutley Road junction in the south to Old Forest Road in the north. It consists mainly of grassland, with trees and hedgerows along its boundaries and on the banks of the stream.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve?	<p>Yes. The site is in close proximity to the community as it serves the existing residents of Emmbrook and Winnersh wards. Emmbrook Walk can be accessed publicly from several points, including Woodhurst Lane and Emmbrook Vale and via gate ways from Emmbrook Road, Toutley Road and Old Forest Road.</p> <p>Emmbrook Walk is situated on the route of the proposed Emmbrook Riverside Footpath which is identified in Policy CC03 of the Managing Development Delivery (MDD) local plan.</p>
Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	<p>Yes. The site is local in character and is not considered to constitute an extensive tract of land, as it is well contained, with clearly defined edges. The proposed area of Local Green Space follows the course of Emmbrook. Emmbrook Walk is bounded: to the south by Emmbrook Road which forms existing housing and commercial uses, to the east by existing housing along Emmbrook Vale and Toutley Road, to the west by existing housing along Woodhurst Lane and community uses, notably Emmbrook Junior and Infant School. Immediately adjacent to the north of the site is the Old Forest Meadows Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG).</p>
Does the site have a particular local significance? Can the site be shown to be demonstrably special to a local community?	<p><u>Recreational value:</u></p> <p>Emmbrook Walk is classified as public open space / amenity greenspace which is recognised as being of high quality and high value to the local community in the Council's Open Spaces Assessment Report (2012).</p> <p>The site is considered by the local community to act as a 'green lung', providing significant recreational and amenity value as it offers a safe and pleasant surrounding for activities such as walking, running and cycling.</p> <p>Emmbrook Walk also provides access to adjacent open green spaces, notably Old Forest Meadows SANG via a green route. Its location on the proposed route for a riverside footpath and cycleway along the Emmbrook will provide further links to Wokingham Town and Dinton Pasture Country Park.</p>

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	<p><u>Historical value:</u></p> <p>The site is not considered to hold any particular historical value, and has no known associations with an historic event or figure.</p> <p><u>Ecological value:</u></p> <p>The presence of the Emm Brook contributes towards the ecological significance of the site, as in addition to flora and fauna associated with meadowland, it provides an aquatic habitat. According to the Council's SuDS Strategy (2016), the Emmbrook was assessed as having moderate ecological status due to the presence of fish species, notably Salmonid and Cyprinid.</p> <p>The Friends of the Emmbrook Group Management Strategy published in 2005 ensures the continued protection and enhancement of the brook and its floodplain for wildlife. As part of the Management Strategy, several species have been planted by the group in the amenity grassland along the brook, including native species such as English Oak, aspen, silver birch, rowan and common lime. Trees have also been established naturally within the wetland environment, notably common alder, grey willow, crack willow, goat willow and osier. Other surveys undertaken by the group have recorded several bird, aquatic and insect species.</p> <p><u>Tranquillity value:</u></p> <p>The site is considered to hold only limited tranquillity value, predominantly due to its proximity to the M4 and A329(M), which according to the Council's Landscape Character Assessment (2020), disturbs any sense of tranquillity or rurality in the area.</p>
Recommendation for Local Green Space designation	<p>Yes. The site is considered to be demonstrably special to the local community as the area of open space / amenity greenspace along the Emmbrook maintains a 'green lung' and provides significant opportunities for recreation and amenity value as it offers a safe and pleasant environment for activities including walking, cycling and running.</p> <p>The site also holds ecological value due to the variety of species which are present in the Emm Brook and adjacent areas of meadowland. The continued protection and enhancement of the brook and floodplain for wildlife has been supported by the Friends of the Emmbrook Group, which highlights the importance of this area to the local community.</p>

Corfield Green, Wokingham



Site reference	LGS049
Site name	Corfield Green
Site address	Corfield Green, Wokingham
Site size	0.06ha
Site Description	Corfield Green is a small area of incidental green open space located towards the north of Wokingham. Existing residential development fronts onto this area of space, which forms a central point for the Corfield Green residential estate.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve?	<p>Yes. The site is in relatively close proximity to the community as it serves the existing residents of Emmbrook ward. The area of green space can be accessed from Corfield Green and Emmbrook Road.</p> <p>Corfield Green is situated within the Major Development Location of Wokingham and close to the Local Centre at Clifton Road.</p>
Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	Yes. The site is local in character and is not considered to constitute an extensive tract of land as it is relatively well self-contained with clearly defined edges, bounded by existing residential along Corfield Green, Emmbrook Road, Commons Road at its northern, eastern and western boundaries and Emmbrook Village Hall to the south.
Does the site have a particular local significance? Can the site be shown to be demonstrably special to a local community?	<p><u>Recreational value:</u></p> <p>Yes, in part. Corfield Green is not recognised or classified as public open space in the Council's Open Spaces Assessment Report (2012) and therefore does not hold any particular recreational value. However, it is recognised by the community as a natural meeting place for social interaction, particularly for children and parents for the nearby Emmbrook School.</p> <p><u>Historical value:</u></p> <p>The site originally formed part of the Bill Hill Estate, but in 1945 was acquired by Wokingham Corporation for the purposes of the Housing Act 1936. However, the site is not considered to hold any particular historical value and has no known associations with an historic event or figure.</p> <p><u>Ecological value:</u></p> <p>The site is not considered to hold any particular ecological value, but there are some large trees on the site.</p> <p><u>Tranquillity value:</u></p> <p>The site is considered to be of limited tranquillity value, predominantly as it is situated in proximity to the main railway line being adjacent to The Emmbrook School and Emmbrook Road. This is supported by CPRE's Tranquillity Weighted Composite Score (April</p>

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	2007) where the site scores relatively low compared to the tranquillity offered by other areas in the locality.
Recommendation for Local Green Space designation	No. The site comprises an area of incidental space within existing housing at Corfield Green, offering limited recreational value. There are other significant areas of green open space in the Emmbrook Ward and surrounding area which are in closer proximity to the community and offer a greater range and level of opportunities for recreation. Therefore, the site does not warrant further consideration as a Local Green Space designation.

Waverley Way open space, Nashgrove Lane, Wokingham



Site reference	LGS074
Site name	Waverley Way open space
Site address	Nashgrove Lane, Wokingham
Site size	3.4 ha
Site Description	<p>Waverley Park is situated adjacent to Finchampstead North and comprises the only recognisable area of amenity green space that serves the residents in this area. The site is situated within Wokingham Town but abuts the Finchampstead Parish boundary.</p> <p>Adjacent to the south of the site is Waverley Prep School, while The Moors amenity green space (Local Green Space nomination reference LGS078) is just to the south. To the east of the site is Sand Martins Golf Club and to the west is Nashgrove Lane.</p> <p>The main use of this site is as a playing field and play area for Waverley Prep School. However, the site is publicly accessible by a Public Right of Way from Evendon's Lane to the north of the site.</p>
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve?	<p>Yes. The site is in proximity to the community as it serves the residents in the northern part of Finchampstead North. Waverley Park is the only recognisable and significant area of recreational space in this part of the village.</p> <p>There is a large community situated to the south of site. There are homes along Nashgrove Lane. There are few homes directly to the north, east and west of this site, however the size of the community to the south is large enough to justify meeting this criterion. Waverley Prep School also frequently use this site.</p> <p>This is an accessible site, there is a Public Right of Way just to the north of the site which connects the site to the community on Evendon's Lane. While there is also a Byway to the west of the site which passes through the main community to the south that this site would predominantly serve.</p>
Is the site local in character and not an extensive tract of land?	<p>Yes. The site is local in character and is not considered to constitute an extensive tract of land, as the site is well self-contained, with clearly defined boundaries. For instance, the northern, eastern and western boundaries of the site are screened by trees, while the southern boundary of the site is defined by Waverley Prep School and an area of woodland.</p> <p>This site is accessible to the public and provides an important recreational space for the local community.</p>
Does the site have a particular local significance? Can the site be shown to be demonstrably special to a local community?	<p><u>Recreational Value</u></p> <p>The nominated area is identified as Waverley Park, which is classified as an urban park / park and garden. The park was recognised as being of high value to the local community in the Council's Open Spaces Assessment Report (2012).</p>

	<p>This area of green space also comprises Waverley Park Play Area which provides assorted play equipment for children and teenagers in the form of a Local Equipped Area for Play (LEAP). There is a play area on site. The play area was also recognised as being of high quality and high value to the local community in the Open Spaces Assessment Report (2012).</p> <p><u>Ecological Value</u></p> <p>Waverley Park is lined by a row of trees and comprises a small area of woodland, which may provide a habitat for some ecological species. However, the ecological value of this site is limited due to no particular ecological designations or sites being present on the site.</p> <p>Notwithstanding, it is noted that the site is adjacent to The Moors (including Sand Martins Golf Course Edge) Local Wildlife Site, which comprises an area of wet woodland, marsh and meadow and supports a variety of wetland species.</p> <p><u>Historic Value</u></p> <p>The site is not considered to hold any particular historical value and has no known associations with an historic event or figure.</p> <p><u>Tranquillity Value</u></p> <p>This site is considered to hold some tranquillity value, as supported by CPRE’s Tranquillity Composite Weighted Score (April 2007) and the Council’s Landscape Character Assessment (2019) where areas near Finchampstead North score average to moderate, possibly due to their edge of settlement location and proximity to the countryside. However, the tranquillity of this area is likely to be affected by the adjacent residential and community uses.</p>
<p>Recommendation for Local Green Space designation</p>	<p>Yes. Waverley Park is the only recognisable area of open, recreational space which serves the residents in the northern part of Finchampstead North. While the site holds limited ecological value or historical value, the adjacent Local Wildlife Site at The Moors comprises a variety of wetland species and can be accessed by a footpath from Waverley Park.</p>