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REVIEW OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACES IN SOUTHWATER

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INTRODUCTION

It was clear from the survey of residents carried out in 2015 that open and green spaces within the Southwater Parish (SP) are important and significant features valued by the community.

In response to the above members of the 'Southwater Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group' (SG) have prepared this document as a means of identifying such spaces that are considered important enough to be afforded a level of protection in the neighbourhood plan. This is so that they are preserved for current and future residents of parish.

In preparing an assessment like this it is important to remember how this document will be used. In this case it will be used to inform the Southwater Neighbourhood Plan which will set planning policies to be used in determining planning applications. The Neighbourhood Plan will need to be in conformity with national policy, in general conformity with the development plan and meet the aspirations of the community.

The Steering Group has identified three ways that it may seek to protect open spaces within the parish from inappropriate development.

The first is by allocating land as **Local Green Space**. This is a designation provided for by the National Planning Policy Framework (national planning policy) and is a way to provide special protection against development for green areas of particular importance to local communities. Land can only be designated as Local Green Space when it meets criteria set out in the NPPF. Once designated, Local Green Space has protection consistent with that of Green Belt, but otherwise there are no new restrictions or obligations on landowners.

The Local Green Space designation is the greatest level of protection that could be afforded to spaces through the Neighbourhood Plan but it should be noted that this designation will only be appropriate for most important green areas or open space within the parish.

The second way is through a policy within the neighbourhood plan which allocates land as '**Local Community Space**'. Whilst not recognised at the national level, a neighbourhood development plan can introduce local designations and policies where justified. This designation would offer a degree of protection for spaces that are close to and actively used by the community from inappropriate development or uses.

The third way is to include a policy that gives protection to our open spaces **Formal/Informal Sports Areas**. These are generally close to the built up areas within the parish and due to this are likely to be the subject of development pressure in the future. This designation/policy will ensure these areas are retained for sporting activities.

IDENTIFICATION OF SPACES

The following open spaces have been identified by the local community, through consultation exercises, and by the Parish Council and Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

Whilst much of the parish is 'open space' the Steering Group have been keen to focus on areas or spaces that are perceived to be of most value to the local community. This is to avoid unnecessary and onerous levels work for volunteers. Moreover, assessing land which is highly unlikely to meet the criteria is not a good use of valuable resources and results in an Evidence Base which is cumbersome and not user-friendly for members of the public.

To assist with the identification of spaces, the Steering Group have been mindful of the methodology by which they will be assessed. This methodology is set out in the following section of this report. In addition the Steering Group have generally excluded:

- Spaces where planning permission has been granted for development that would result in the loss of that space and construction of that development has commenced.
- Agricultural land so long as it is not adjacent to built up areas and there is no public or permissive right of way over it.
- Areas that are entirely or largely consist of woodland:
 - Ancient woodland as this is already afforded great protection at the national and local level.
 - Other woodland as it has already been agreed by the Steering Group that woodland should be protected/retained in the neighbourhood plan.
- Verges and other small pieces of land on or adjacent to the highway as there are so many it would not be feasible to identify and then assess them all.
- Small pieces or strips of land that's only public interest is that a public right of way passes over/through it.

In addition, the Southwater Country Park has not been identified for assessment as part of this review because the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has already identified it as a key community resource and intend on including a policy within the plan specifically related to it. In addition, it is a very large area with many multiple uses which would make it hard to assess as a single unit,

A map of the identified spaces can be seen at the end of this report and for clarity are listed below:

Ref.	Name
1	Denne Park
2	Denne Park - Toboggan run
3	Chesworth Farm Nature Reserve
4	Recreational Area (including golf course, driving range and proposed HFC ground)
5	Playing fields off Coltstaple Lane (1)

Ref.	Name
6	Raylands Caravan Park Green Space
7	Blakes Farm Field Bund
8	Warren Drive Open Space
9	Open space east of Nyes Lane
10	Lakspur Way Open Space
11	Cedar Drive Open Space
12	Butterfly Garden
13	Southwater Leisure Centre Open Space
14	Charlock Way Open Space
15	Castlewood Primary School Playing Fields
16	Cornflower Way Playground
17	Swan Close Open Space
18	Castlewood Road Bund
19	Junior Academy Playing fields
20	Allotments east of Easteds Lane
21	East of Easteds Lane
22	Nutham Lane Open Space
23	Open space north of Hazel Close
24	Edinburgh Close play area.
25	Church Lane green space
26	Woodlands Way Open Space 1
27	Woodlands Way Open Space 2
28	Woodlands Way Open Space 3
29	Allotments behind Village Hall
30	Green space adjacent Foxfield Cottages
31	Bax Castle Gardens
32	Cemetery
33	Green Space off Blue Coat Pond quadrangle
34	Christs Hospital green space
35	Land north of Christs Hospital
36	Christs Hospital fishing lake
37	Christs Hospital NW playing fields
38	Christs Hospital NE playing fields
39	Christs Hospital Southern playing fields
40	Land NW of King Edward Road
41	Land W of The Avenue
42	Land west of Kind Edward Road
43	Land SE of Kind Edward Road
44	Buttercup Way Play Area
45	Grange Way Open Space
46	Pondfarm Ghyll south of Southwater Leisure Centre
47	Eversfield Open Space
48	Old Stakers Lane (east of Cripplegate Lane)
49	Eversfield Green Corridor

Ref.	Name
50	Tower Hill (down to railway)
51	Tower Hill (north of Parthings Lane)
52	Pevensey Road Play Space
53	Open space south of Woodhatch
54	Corfe Close Open Space
55	Green Space north of leisure centre overflow car park
56	Timber Mill Open Space 1
57	Timber Mill Open Space 2
58	Roman Lane & Turners Close Open Space

ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

In order to determine whether the spaces identified by the local community should be designated, a methodology was formulated to assess all areas proposed.

The following methodology has been used to identify which areas should be identified as Local Green Space or Local Community Space, and which areas should not be designated at all.

All identified areas were assessed against the following criteria, and a response assigned to each criterion (Yes/No):

1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.
4. Actively and currently used by the community
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.

For an area to be designated as **Local Green Space**, they must meet criteria 1, 2, and 3.

For an area to be designated as **Formal/Informal Sports Areas** they must meet criteria 4 and 5.

For areas to be designated as **Local Community Space**, they should not be designated as Local Green Space and must meet criteria 1, 3 and 4

It should be noted that it is intended that each space can only benefit from one of the designations set out above. Where a space is considered to meet the criteria for multiple designations the first on the following cascade will be recommended in this report:

1. Local Green Space
2. Playing Fields
3. Local Community Space

GUIDANCE FOR ASSESSING THE CRITERIA

The following guiding principles were used when assessing the open spaces against the criteria set out in the methodology.

1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves

The proximity of a Local Green Space to the community it serves will depend on local circumstances, including why the green area is seen as special, but it must be reasonably close. For example, if public access is a key factor, then the site would normally be within easy walking distance of the community served. In assessing against this criteria, 'Reasonably Close' has, in most cases, been taken to mean one mile.

2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance

It should be judging how important the space is to the local community, this can be shown

through consultation responses. Local significance can relate to a wide range of things such as its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field) when combined with other factors, tranquility or richness of its wildlife. The space could act to enhance the wider setting, perhaps acting as a gateway between two areas or as a consequence of views afforded either into or out of the area. Other factors that have been considered include: Reports from residents that the site is valued; Evidence that people access the site or in the case of play areas use them; and evidence that the local community voluntarily look after the sites or the absence of vandalism or absence of fly tipping of garden waste and litter.

3. The area is local in character and not an extensive tract of land

This can be open to interpretation but generally it should refer to the scale of the space and whether it reflects the surrounding locality. If an area covers a large area (such as multiple fields for example) it should be considered an extensive tract of land.

4. Actively and currently used by the community

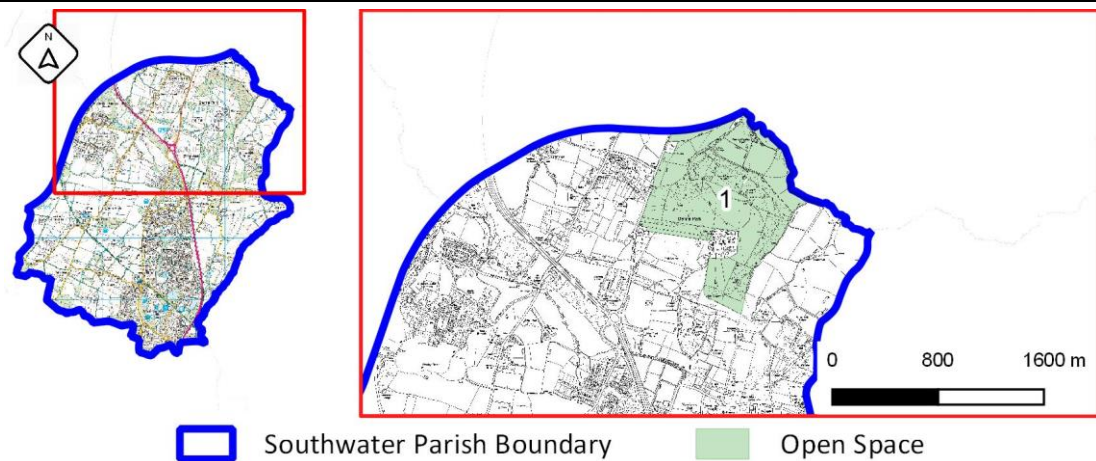
In assessing whether a space is 'actively' and 'currently' used (whether that use is formal or informal) the frequency of use, who the site is being used by, and whether it is well maintained for that use should be considered. Just because a footpath passes through an area does not necessarily mean the whole space is actively and currently in use.

5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.

A formal playing pitch is as defined in the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010, then it is considered to meet this criteria. For the avoidance of doubt a playing pitch is defined as '*a delineated area which, together with any run-off area, is of 0.2 hectares or more, and which is used for association football, American football, rugby, cricket, hockey, lacrosse, rounders, baseball, softball, Australian football, Gaelic football, shinty, hurling, polo or cycle polo*'. When considering whether the main formal/informal uses are sporting activities one should consider the primary use of the site, generally the space will need to host organized sports to meet this criteria.

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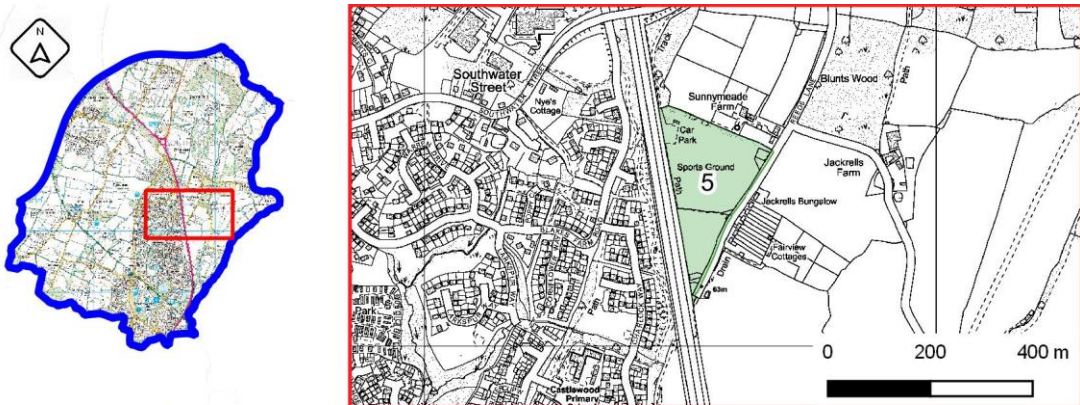
All areas have been assessed in accordance with the above methodology and these assessments are set out below:

Ref No.	1	
Name	Denne Park	
Description	The area of Denne Park includes a number of residential properties within a historic park setting. There are private grazing paddocks to the north with numerous public rights of way throughout the area.	
Site Map	 <p>The site map consists of two maps. The left map shows the Southwater Parish Boundary (blue outline) and a red box indicating the location of Denne Park. The right map is a detailed view of Denne Park, showing the Southwater Parish Boundary (blue outline) and a green shaded area labeled '1' representing Open Space. A scale bar indicates 0, 800, and 1600 meters. A legend below the maps identifies the blue outline as 'Southwater Parish Boundary' and the green area as 'Open Space'.</p>	
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	The park is very close to Horsham and Tower Hill, it is therefore considered to meet this criteria.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	This area is the first accessible open space south of Horsham. People roam across these fields especially the ones adjacent to the railway line, used for walking, dog walking and teenagers meetings. It is therefore considered to be demonstrably special.	✓
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	Whilst the area can be considered local in character it is an extensive tract of land.	X
4. Actively and currently used by the community	Yes – this area is actively used by large parts of the community for outdoor recreation.	✓
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	No.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This space fails to meet the criteria for any of the proposed designations.	

Ref No.	2	
Name	Denne Park – Toboggan run	
Description	The area consists of one grassy track of land that comes down the northern slope of Denne Hill.	
Site Map		
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Serves the community of Horsham, Tower Hill and a much larger more distant community when there is snow on the ground	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	When there is snow people flock to this space to go tobogganing. There are few locations within the parish that are held in such regard and as a result it is considered that this space is demonstrably special and holds a particular local significance in the minds of local communities.	✓
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	This area is local in character and not an extensive track of land	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	Yes but only when there is snow/ice on the ground	✓
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	No.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria to be designated as a Local Green Space .	

Ref No.	3	
Name	Chesworth Farm Nature Reserve	
Description	The nature reserve sits across the Parish Boundary. PROW 1672, 1674 and 3712 cross this area.	
Site Map	<p> Southwater Parish Boundary Open Space </p>	
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	The nature reserve is reasonably close to the community it serves in Horsham and Kerves Lane. It is also visited by members of the community outside the immediate area.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	The local community considers this area to be special for its location adjacent to the historic Chesworth House, provides a quiet reflective area looking across the water meadows in which to relax and study the richness of its wildlife including from the specially provided walkways.	✓
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	Whilst the area is large and considered to be an extensive tract of land.	X
4. Actively and currently used by the community	The site is extensively used by young families taking advantage of the hard properly maintained and buggy friendly paths, by people interested in the wildlife and those interested in the countryside for its own sake.	✓
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	No.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria for designation as Local Community Space .	

Ref No.	4	
Name	Recreational Area (including golf course, driving range and proposed HFC ground)	
Description	This area consists of a golf course, and area used by Horsham Football Club. The area consists of heavily managed countryside with limited public rights of way through it.	
Site Map	<p> Southwater Parish Boundary Open Space </p>	
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Whilst the site serves the membership of the various recreational clubs and facilities it is considered likely that this is not within reasonable walking distance from of these communities, with heavy reliance on cars likely.	X
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	This area is considered important to the membership and to local residents for its recreational value and is crossed by PROW 1666 and 1668. However, it is considered that this area falls short of being 'demonstrably special'.	X
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	Whilst the landscaping throughout the area ensures it all feels local in character it is an extensive tract of land.	X
4. Actively and currently used by the community	Yes (please see comment in respect of criterion 1 above)	✓
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	Yes – this area contains a golf course and other sporting facilities which are heavily used.	✓
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria for designation as Formal/Informal Sports Areas.	

Ref No.	5	
Name	Playing fields off Coltstaple Lane (1)	
Description	This is an area east of the A24 adjacent to Sunnymeade Farm. PROW 1681 runs parallel with western boundary of this area.	
Site Map	 <p> Southwater Parish Boundary Open Space </p>	
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	The site is in close proximity to Horsham which is the primary community this area serves.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	Whilst important for the sporting offer it provides, it is not considered to hold particular local significance beyond this use.	X
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	The space is local in character and small.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	Actively used by junior and senior football clubs and other community activities. The western side is bounded by PROW 1681	✓
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	Yes – this area contains marked out sports pitches.	✓
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria for designation as Formal/Informal Sports Areas .	

Ref No.	6	
Name	Raylands Caravan Park Green Space	
Description	An area of land to the north of Raylands Caravan Park.	
Site Map	<p>The site map consists of two parts. On the left is a map of Southwater Parish with a blue outline and a red rectangle highlighting the location of the green space. On the right is a detailed map of the green space, labeled '6', which is shaded green. It shows its proximity to 'Raylands Caravan Park' and 'Raylands House'. A scale bar indicates 0, 100, and 200 meters. A legend below the maps identifies the blue outline as the 'Southwater Parish Boundary' and the green area as 'Open Space'.</p>	
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	This space is adjacent to Raylands Caravan Park which is the community it serves.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	Whilst important, this space is not considered to be demonstrably special to the local community.	X
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	The space is local in character and not an extensive tract of land.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	This space is heavily used by the community living in Raylands Caravan Park, mostly for dog walking but also other outdoor recreation.	✓
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	No.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria for designation as Local Community Space .	

Ref No.	7	
Name	Blakes Farm Field Bund	
Description	An area of public open space within the settlement of Southwater.	
Site Map	<p> Southwater Parish Boundary Open Space </p>	
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Very close and within easy walking distance to the extensive community it serves.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	This area is demonstrably special by virtue of its considerable use by the local community. It provides a recreational space and provides some flood protection. However, this space is considered to fail the test of being demonstrably special as beyond ad-hoc recreational use we have failed to identify why this space would be of particular local significance.	X
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	This area is local in character and not an extensive tract of land.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	Actively and currently used by children, runners, walkers and dog walkers alike.	✓
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	No.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria to be designated as a Local Community Space .	

Ref No.	8	
Name	Warren Drive Open Space	
Description	A strip of land between residential areas containing a small playground at its northern end.	
Site Map	<p> Southwater Parish Boundary Open Space </p>	
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Very close to the local community	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	Once a field boundary, now a green space between rows of houses while containing drainage by way of a stream between Blakes Farmhouse pond and Pond Farm Ghyll (North). This space provides important amenity land but is not considered to be demonstrably special.	X
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	Local in character and not an extensive tract of land.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	This area breaks up the housing areas, providing a rural feel to the area. The space is actively used by the local community.	✓
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	No.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria to be designated as a Local Community Space .	

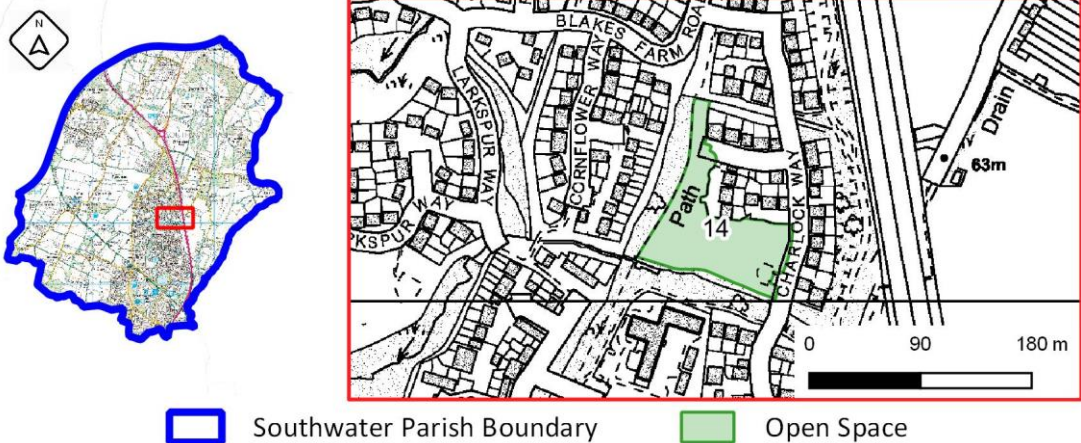
Ref No.	9	
Name	Open space east of Nyes Lane	
Description	A space containing two grassed areas with woodland between that forms part of the ghyll.	
Site Map	<p> Southwater Parish Boundary Open Space </p>	
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Very close to the large local community it serves.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	Has recreational value and is therefore has local significance. It also has a flood function.	✓
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	This area is local in character and not an extensive tract of land. It retains what is thought to be an old field boundary predating the housing.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	Actively used by local residents	✓
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	No.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria to be designated as a Local Green Space .	

Ref No.	10	
Name	Larkspur Way Open Space	
Description	Mainly grassed area immediately south of Larkspur Way which also contains a decent size playground.	
Site Map	<p> Southwater Parish Boundary Open Space </p>	
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	This space is very close to the large community it serves.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	This space is important for the recreational value and flood prevention it offers to the local community. However it is considered to fail the demonstrably special 'test'.	X
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	This area is local in character and not an extensive tract of land.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	Actively used by local residents, especially children.	✓
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	No.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria to be designated as a Local Community Space .	

Ref No.	11	
Name	Cedar Drive Open Space	
Description	This space lies immediately south of Cedar Drive. Pondfarm Ghyll lies to the east and is surrounded by residential properties on other sides.	
Site Map		
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Very close the large community it serves.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	The space is widely used for recreational purposes and includes a young person's playground with swings etc. Given the prominence of the site it is considered to be demonstrable special with particular local significance.	✓
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	This area is local in character and not an extensive tract of land.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	Extensive use is made of this site including the play area.	✓
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	Whilst it is used informally for sports this is not its primary use.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria to be designated as a Local Green Space .	

Ref No.	12	
Name	Butterfly Garden	
Description	This is a relatively small open space with a themed playground nestled in amongst a residential area.	
Site Map		
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Very close to the significant community it serves.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	Whilst this is of significant recreational value, always being used by kids of varying ages it is not considered to meet the demonstrably special test.	X
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	Local in character and not an extensive tract of land.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	Continually used by children.	✓
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	No.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria to be designated as a Local Community Space .	

Ref No.	13	
Name	Southwater Leisure Centre Open Space	
Description	This space is associated with Southwater Leisure Centre and is surrounded by residential properties to the east and Pondfarm Ghyll to the south and west.	
Site Map	<p> Southwater Parish Boundary Open Space </p>	
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	This site is very close to the extensive community it serves	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	It is widely used for a number of recreational activities for all age groups. However, beyond this use it is not considered to be demonstrably special.	X
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	This area is local in character and not an extensive tract of land.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	The playing fields and Leisure Centre are in continual use by sports participants and others.	✓
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	Yes – combination of formal and informal sports pitches.	✓
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria to be designated as Formal/Informal Sports Areas.	

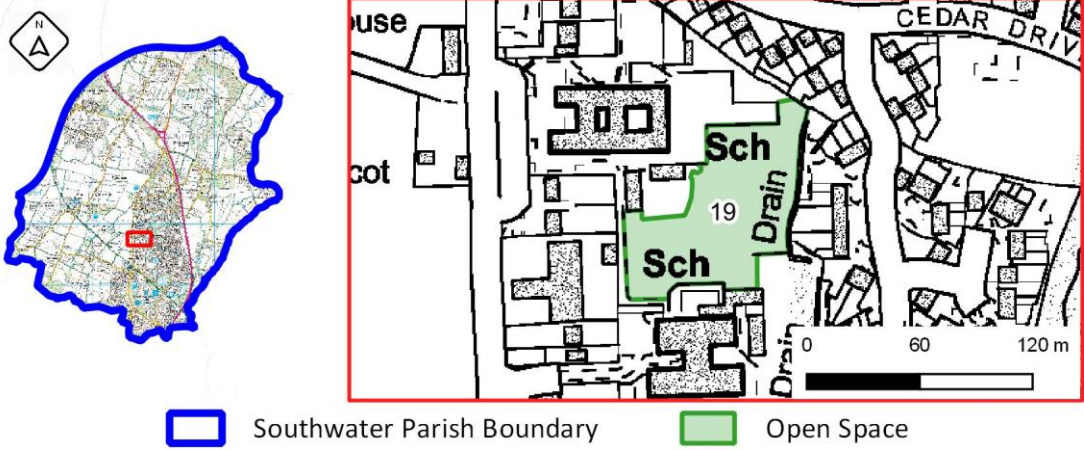
Ref No.	14	
Name	Charlock Way Open Space	
Description	<p>Land bordered by:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To the North Charlock Way (24 Charlock Way) • To the East by the Charlock Way • To the South by Copse behind which is Castlewood School • To the West by the Copse behind which is Cornflower Way <p>PROW 1678 passes through this site. Connect to red route in the north and connects with Castlewood School in the South – owned by SP</p>	
Site Map	 <p> Southwater Parish Boundary Open Space </p>	
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Very close to the extensive community it serves	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	Whilst important for the recreational space it provides this space is not considered to meet the demonstrably special test.	X
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	The area is boarded by trees that predate the houses. PROW 1678 runs along the western side of the site, and 1682 crosses the southern edge of the site. It is not an extensive tract. Meets criteria.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	The site is extensively used by children for recreation and as they pass through this area when going to and from school.	✓
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	No.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria to be designated as Local Community Space .	

Ref No.	15	
Name	Castlewood Primary School Playing Fields	
Description	This space lies south of the Castlewood Primary School buildings, and surrounded by woodland and residential properties. It is fenced off to ensure access is only allowed for school children.	
Site Map	<p>The site map consists of two parts. On the left is a map of Southwater Parish with a blue outline, and a small red rectangle indicates the location of the site. On the right is a detailed street map of the area around Castlewood Primary School. The school buildings are shown in grey, and the playing fields are highlighted in green. A scale bar at the bottom right of the detailed map shows 0, 70, and 140 meters. A legend below the maps identifies the blue outline as the 'Southwater Parish Boundary' and the green rectangle as 'Open Space'.</p>	
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	The area is very close to the extensive community it serves.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	This space is very important to the local community as it provides the only outdoor play space for the primary school. However, as this is its sole use it is not considered to be demonstrably special.	X
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	This area is local in character and not an extensive tract of land.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	Yes, by the school,	✓
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	Yes – the area is used by the school for recreational, education and mainly sporting activities.	✓
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria to be designated as Formal/Informal Sports Areas.	

Ref No.	16	
Name	Cornflower Way Playground	
Description	This is a small space that is fenced off, providing a selection of play equipment for younger children.	
Site Map		
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Very close to the extensive community it serves	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	Whilst important, this space is not considered to meet the demonstrably special test.	X
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	small space that is not an extensive tract	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	Well used by children	✓
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	No.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria to be designated as Local Community Space .	

Ref No.	17	
Name	Swan Close Open Space	
Description	A square grassed area amongst residential housing. Backs onto wooded strip.	
Site Map	<p> Southwater Parish Boundary Open Space </p>	
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Very close to the extensive local community it serves	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	This space provides a recreational area for a number of activities throughout the year. Its importance to the local community is clear. Given its location and numerous uses it is considered to meet the demonstrable special test.	✓
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	This space is local in character and not an extensive tract. It is boarded to the north by trees that are thought to predate the houses	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	The space is actively used by walkers, children and others throughout the year.	✓
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	No.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria to be designated as Local Green Space .	

Ref No.	18	
Name	Castlewood Road Bund	
Description	This space is an open and relatively rough grassed area surrounded by trees to the west and south and residential properties elsewhere.	
Site Map	<p> Southwater Parish Boundary Open Space </p>	
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Very close to the extensive local community it serves.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	This space provides a well-used recreational space and flood mitigation measures. Despite this it is not considered to meet this criteria.	X
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	Boarded to the west and south by trees thought to predate the houses. Not an extensive tract of land.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	Having walked in the Copse to the West of this area it is obviously well used by dog walkers. Known to be a popular area for children.	✓
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	No.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria to be designated as a Local Community Space .	

Ref No.	19	
Name	Junior Academy Playing fields	
Description	This is the open space associated with the Southwater Junior Academy. It is fenced on all sides, providing a recreational and sporting area for those attending the academy.	
Site Map	 <p> Southwater Parish Boundary Open Space </p>	
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Very close to the extensive community it serves.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	Beyond its use by the school it is not considered to be demonstrably special to the local community as a whole.	X
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	Local in character and not an extensive tract of land.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	Yes - by the school.	✓
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	Space consists for formal and informal playing pitches/areas.	✓
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria to be designated as Formal/Informal Sports Areas.	

Ref No.	20	
Name	Allotments east of Easteds Lane	
Description	Area consists of allotments that run adjacent to the A24.	
Site Map		
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Very close to the community it serves	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	This space provides horticultural recreation to the local community which retains the connection of the community that live within Southwater village to the surrounding countryside. This is an important resource as many do not have the space to grow their own fruit/vegetables/flowers at home. It is therefore considered to be demonstrable special to the local community.	✓
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	Local in character and not an extensive tract.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	The area is actively used and there is a waiting list for others wanting to use the area.	✓
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	No.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria to be designated as Local Green Space .	

Ref No.	21	
Name	East of Easteds Lane	
Description	An area of open land between Easteds Lane and the A24. The 'Red Route' runs along the western edge of this space and it surrounds the allotments.	
Site Map	<p> Southwater Parish Boundary Open Space </p>	
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Very close to the extensive community serves.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	This area is used by walkers, runners and children as an area of open land. It also forms a buffer between the residential area and the A24. As a result of these multiple uses all of which are significant and important to the local community this space is considered to meet the demonstrably special criteria.	✓
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	Local in character and not an extensive tract.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	Despite some of the site being overgrown, members of the public have made paths through it and it is actively and currently used by the community.	✓
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	No.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria to be designated as Local Green Space .	

Ref No.	22	
Name	Nutham Lane Open Space	
Description	Open space adjacent to Nutham Lane and Cedar Drive. Includes a large area of managed open space / grass with playground in the north-western corner. Belt of trees along western edge.	
Site Map	<p> Southwater Parish Boundary Open Space </p>	
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Very close to the extensive community it serves.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	A large recreational area for children of all ages and adult. This space is considered to be highly valued by the surrounding community.	✓
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	Whilst large, this is not considered to be an extensive tract of land.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	Extensively used by the community	✓
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	No.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria to be designated as a Local Green Space .	

Ref No.	23	
Name	Open space north of Hazel Close	
Description	A triangular area of public amenity grass abutting Hazel Close. Properties to the north and west look directly over this relatively small space.	
Site Map	<p> Southwater Parish Boundary Open Space </p>	
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Very close to the community it serves.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	This space provides recreational space, primarily for children as it is too small to be used extensively for other purposes. Whilst important it is not considered to hold particular local significance.	X
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	Local in character and not an extensive tract.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	Well used by the local community.	✓
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	No.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria to be designated as a Local Community Space .	

Ref No.	24	
Name	Edinburgh Close play area.	
Description	Small area of public land 'hidden' behind the houses abutting the Ghyll. Access from Edinburgh Close, York Close and Cedar Drive.	
Site Map		
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Very close to the extensive community it serves.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	Provides recreational space for children of all ages and dog walkers. This space is well linked to the surrounding communities but is not considered to be of particular local significance or demonstrably special.	X
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	Local character and not an extensive tract of land.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	Actively and currently used by the community	✓
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	No.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria to be designated as a Local Community Space .	

Ref No.	25	
Name	Church Lane green space	
Description	Area opposite the village hall and bordered by Church Lane to the north, College Road to the west and Oak Road to the south. This space is mainly laid to grass, containing few trees and public benches.	
Site Map		
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Very close to the local community.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	This area provides an informal grassed play area for the local community but beyond this there is limited significance.	X
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	Local in character and typical of a play area in housing of this age and contains three mature Oak trees.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	Currently and actively used by children as a play area.	✓
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	No.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria to be designated as a Local Community Space .	

Ref No.	26	
Name	Woodlands Way Open Space 1	
Description	A large rectangular space which is laid to grass with some trees and well maintained. Located west of the Worthing Road and south of College Road.	
Site Map		
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Very close to the adjacent Woodland Way and College Road estates.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	This space provides valued recreational and open space to the local residents. It is also used as a 'village green' with events taking place on it at certain times of the year. It is considered to be demonstrably special to the local community.	✓
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	This local in character and not an extensive tract.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	These two areas are frequently used for play, picnics, fetes and to provide an open semi-rural aspect to the estate.	✓
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	No.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria to be designated as a Local Green Space .	

Ref No.	27	
Name	Woodlands Way Open Space 2	
Description	A small area of public open space laid to grass with some trees. Located west of the Worthing Road and north of College Road.	
Site Map		
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Very close to the adjacent Woodland Way and College Road estates.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	This space provides valued recreational and open space to the local residents but it not considered demonstrably special beyond that use.	X
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	Local in Character and not an extensive tract.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	This area is frequently used for play and picnics.	✓
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	No.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria to be designated as a Local Community Space .	

Ref No.	28	
Name	Woodlands Way Open Space 3	
Description	An area of open space laid to grass with a number of large trees on it and access to drives crossing it. Located beside Woodlands Way.	
Site Map	<p> Southwater Parish Boundary Open Space </p>	
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Within the Woodland Way estate, adjacent to the community it serves.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	Provides recreational and open space to the local residents but there are no uses beyond that which indicate it is demonstrably special.	X
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	Local in character and not an extensive tract.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	Space is actively used, mainly by local children to play on.	✓
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	No.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria to be designated as a Local Community Space .	

Ref No.	29	
Name	Allotments behind Village Hall	
Description		
Site Map		
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	These allotments abut the residential area. Whilst they serve residents from across the parish it is considered that most users would be in close proximity.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	Whilst Southwater parish is largely rural, many residents lack the space to actively engage with our surroundings. The allotments provide the space, for those that do not have it, to grow their own fruit, vegetables and flowers which is a vital resource and demonstrably special to those that have allotments.	✓
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	This area is relatively small and neatly fits in around the cricket pitch. It is local in character.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	This site is in permanent use by the community, so much so that it is expected to be extended with the further development of Southwater.	✓
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	No.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria to be designated as a Local Green Space	

Ref No.	30	
Name	Green space adjacent Foxfield Cottages	
Description	Area land to grass with no trees on it. Bordered by Foxfield Cottages all the way round it.	
Site Map		
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Within the easy walking distance from any part of Southwater Village	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	The site provides recreational space to the local households. However, beyond this use it is not considered to be demonstrably special.	X
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	The area is in keeping with the local area and is not an extensive tract of land.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	The area is much used by those living close to this site.	✓
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	No.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria to be designated as a Local Community Space .	

Ref No.	31	
Name	Bax Castle Gardens	
Description	Open Green space located between the Bax Castle public house, Two Mile Ask Road and the Downs Link.	
Site Map		
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	This space is less than one mile walk via the Downslink from the centre of Southwater Village. Whilst this is further from the village than other spaces assessed it is still considered to be in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	The site is essentially the Beer Garden for customers visiting the Bax Castle public house. This space hosts a playground and numerous events each year. Being out of the urban areas within the parish, and for the amenity value it offers it is considered that this space holds a particular local significance to the community and is therefore demonstrably special.	✓
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	This site is nestled into the landscape and is local in character. The site is not an extensive tract of land.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	The area is frequently used by people of all ages, especially at weekends.	✓
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	No.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria to be designated as a Local Green Space .	

Ref No.	32	
Name	Cemetery	
Description	Cemetery associated with the adjoining church. Bordered by a mature hedge but open onto Church Lane.	
Site Map		
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Less than a miles walk for anyone living in the village so certainly in close proximity.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	This area is a peaceful tranquil area also enjoyed by the wildlife. It is the space in the parish that	✓
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	Has local character and is not a large tract of land.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	As yet the area has not come into use so is rarely used.	X
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	No.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria to be designated as a Local Green Space .	

Ref No.	33	
Name	Green Space off Blue Coat Pond quadrangle	
Description	Two interlinked communal open spaces set within the residential buildings of Bluecoat Pond.	
Site Map		
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Very close to the private community of Bluecoat Pond	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	This space is important as it provides a buffer between opposite neighbours, a space for wildlife and tranquillity. However, it is considered to fall short of holding particular local significance.	X
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	The site is local to the immediate character of this estate.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	Used for people relaxing in the tranquil space	✓
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	No.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria to be designated as a Local Community Space .	

Ref No.	34	
Name	Christ's Hospital green space	
Description	An open area of managed grassland used for recreational purposes.	
Site Map		
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Adjacent/within the settlement of Christ's Hospital School.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	Provides a space for recreational use including walking, jogging and dog walking. But not considered to be demonstrably special.	X
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	Contains a number of trees, protected with TPOs and predates all the development in and around Christ's Hospital making very much local in character. It is not a large tract of land.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	By both Christ's Hospital users and users of Christ's Hospital Station	✓
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	No.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria to be designated as a Local Community Space .	

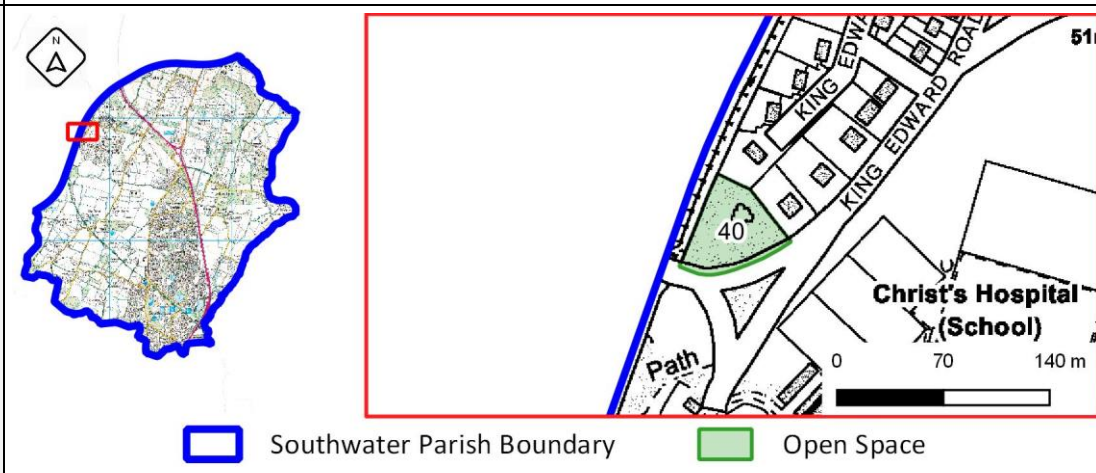
Ref No.	35	
Name	Land north of Christs Hospital	
Description	An area of land north of the settlement of Christs Hospital with Bluecoat Pond to the south and woodland to the north. The site is crossed by PROW 1628, is laid to grass, used for grazing by livestock and walking by the local community.	
Site Map		
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Less than one miles walking distance from any resident in and around Christ’s Hospital School.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	Provides a peaceful space for recreational use including walking, jogging and dog walking. However, beyond this use it is not considered demonstrably special.	X
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	Contains a number of trees which predate all the development in and around Christ’s Hospital making the site very much local in character. It consists of two fields but is not considered a large tract of land.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	By Christ’s Hospital users and also forms a buffer to the noise coming from the A24	✓
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	No.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria to be designated as a Local Community Space .	

Ref No.	36	
Name	Christs Hospital fishing lake	
Description	Area including some trees/woodland and a fishing lake (locally known as the 'Doctors Lake'). Private access to fisherman only.	
Site Map		
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Immediately east of Christs Hospital.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	This space is not considered to be demonstrably special to the local community – partly due to the restricted access and despite it being a peaceful place full of wildlife.	X
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	Again this area predates the arrival of Christ's Hospital and is certainly local in character. It is not considered a large tract of land.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	Most of the site is private but there is a PROW running alongside the sites western fringe used by walkers and joggers.	X
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	No.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This does not meets the criteria to be designated.	

Ref No.	37	
Name	Christ's Hospital NW playing fields	
Description	An area within the school grounds north of the school buildings and south of the residential part of Christ's Hospital. Primarily consisting of playing fields.	
Site Map		
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	These playing fields are extensively used by the private community that is CH school plus visiting teams	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	Whilst this space is important to the community for the recreational space it offers, beyond that use it is not considered to be demonstrably special.	X
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	By virtue of its very open and unbroken (by trees) appearance this area is considered to not be local in character.	X
4. Actively and currently used by the community	In nearly constant use throughout the year.	✓
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	Yes. Contains a mixture of formal and informal sports pitches.	✓
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria to be designated as Formal/Informal Sports Areas.	

Ref No.	38	
Name	Christ's Hospital NE playing fields	
Description	An area within the school grounds northeast of the school buildings and southwest of the residential part of Christ's Hospital. Consisting of open space/grassland and playing fields.	
Site Map		
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	This space is close the school which is the community it serves.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	Whilst this space is important to the community for the recreational space it offers, beyond that use it is not considered to be demonstrably special.	X
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	Whilst large, this area is broken into several parts and is therefore considered local to the character and not an extensive tract.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	Used throughout the year.	✓
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	Yes. Contains a mixture of formal and informal sports pitches.	✓
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria to be designated as Formal/Informal Sports Areas.	

Ref No.	39	
Name	Christ's Hospital Southern playing fields	
Description	An area south of the main Christ's Hospital school buildings generally laid out for a variety of sporting activities. A large grassed area interspersed with trees.	
Site Map		
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	These playing fields are extensively used by the private community that is CH school plus visiting teams	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	Whilst this space is important to the community for the recreational space it offers, beyond that use it is not considered to be demonstrably special.	X
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	Whilst this area is local to the character of CH school it is large and considered to be an extensive tract of land.	X
4. Actively and currently used by the community	In nearly constant use throughout the year and is accessed by horse riders, walkers and joggers using PROW 1642.	✓
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	Yes. Contains a large number of formal and informal sports pitches.	✓
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria to be designated as Formal/Informal Sports Areas.	

Ref No.	40	
Name	Land NW of King Edward Road	
Description	A small area northwest of Kind Edward Road that is largely overgrown.	
Site Map	 <p> Southwater Parish Boundary Open Space </p>	
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	The community it serves are all within a mile of this site.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	No – this spaces is not considered to hold any local significance.	X
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	The area is small but not considered to have any real character.	X
4. Actively and currently used by the community	It is not accessed by the community.	X
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	No.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This space does not meet the criteria to be designated.	

Ref No.	41	
Name	Land W of The Avenue	
Description	An area of grassland and trees that is owned and maintained by Christs Hospital. The Downs Link PROW passes through it.	
Site Map	<p> Southwater Parish Boundary Open Space </p>	
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Very close to the Christs Hospital community is serves.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	This space is tranquil and valued for it being a natural green space through which PROW 1642 passes. Beyond this it is not considered to be of particular local significance.	X
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	The area is local in character and not an extensive tract of land.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	The site is accessed by walkers, dog walkers and joggers. The site also provides a small rural barrier.	✓
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	No.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria to be designated as a Local Community Space .	

Ref No.	42	
Name	Land west of Kind Edward Road	
Description	An area of grassland wedged between Kind Edward Road and Christs Hospital Road.	
Site Map		
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	The community it serves are all within a mile of this site.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	This is an open yet tranquil site and valued for it being a green space. However, it is not considered to be demonstrably special.	X
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	The area is local in character and not a large tract of land.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	The site is admired more than accessed.	X
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	No.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This space does not meet the criteria to be designated.	

Ref No.	43	
Name	Land SE of Kind Edward Road	
Description	A well-kept triangle of land laid to grass.	
Site Map	<p> Southwater Parish Boundary Open Space </p>	
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Adjacent to the community it serves.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	This is an open space consisting of some trees. It is generally well maintained and contains a number of trees. Whilst not frequently used by the community it marks the gateway to the well-kept Christs Hospital area as you enter the Parish over the railway from the countryside to the west. For this reason it is considered to be demonstrably special.	✓
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	The area is local in character and not a large tract of land.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	The site is admired more than accessed.	X
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	No.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria to be designated as a Local Green Space	

Ref No.	44	
Name	Buttercup Way Play Area	
Description	A small hard area consisting of play equipment for small children within Buttercup Way.	
Site Map		
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	The site sites within the community it serves.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	This space provides a recreational/play area for the informal enjoyment of the community. However this use is not considered to make the space demonstrably special.	X
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	This space is local in character and not an extensive tract of land.	X
4. Actively and currently used by the community	Actively and frequently in use mainly by young supervised children and teenagers.	✓
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	No.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria to be designated as a Local Community Space .	

Ref No.	45	
Name	Grange Way Open Space	
Description	A small pocket of grass at the end of Grange Way.	
Site Map		
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Situated within the community it serves	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	This space allows children to play within sight of their homes however it is not considered to hold particular local significance.	X
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	The area is local in character and not a large tract of land.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	The area is actively used by children for informal recreation.	✓
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	No.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria to be designated as a Local Community Space .	

Ref No.	46	
Name	Pondfarm Ghyll south of Southwater Leisure Centre	
Description	A narrow strip of land containing a stream that runs through the centre of Southwater	
Site Map	<p> Southwater Parish Boundary Open Space </p>	
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Situated within the community it serves	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	Its special significance is the green corridor it provides between houses a feeling of privacy and being to some extent close to the countryside. This corridor also includes the continuation of Pondfarm Ghyll and for part of its length PROW 1678.	✓
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	The area is local in character and not a large tract of land.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	Walked by dog walkers and others as link between the Cedar Drive area and Lintot Square etc. as well as access to the Leisure Centre to and from its overflow car park.	✓
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	No.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria to be designated as a Local Green Space	

Ref No.	47	
Name	Eversfield Open Space	
Description	An area of grassed open space including a playground for young children	
Site Map	<p> Southwater Parish Boundary Open Space </p>	
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Situated within the community it serves	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	This space provides green space between houses allowing for children to play within sight of their homes. However, we cannot establish why this space is demonstrably special beyond that and it is not considered to have particular local significance	X
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	The area is local in character and not a large tract of land.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	The area is actively used by children for informal recreation.	✓
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	No.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria to be designated as a Local Community Space .	

Ref No.	48	
Name	Old Stakers Lane (east of Cripplegate Lane)	
Description	A narrow strip of land south of Eversfield and Hazel Close and north of Great Kilns Lake. The space contains a former lane which is now closed to traffic and largely overgrown except of a pleasant path to walk along – although it is noted that there is no official PRoW on the West Sussex definitive map.	
Site Map	<p> Southwater Parish Boundary Open Space </p>	
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Situated within the community it serves	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	The original line of Staker's Lane was diverted when the by-pass was built to the line of the old railway line. This old Staker Lane is highly valued as a walk from Cripplegate Lane to the Red Route. Its special significance is the wide green space it provides with the over arching tree canopy. It also provides for children to play close to home, in some cases within sight of their homes. The historical significance combined with the variety of uses the space has makes it demonstrably special and of particular local significance.	✓
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	The area is local in character and not a large tract of land.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	The area is actively used by walkers, joggers and children for informal recreation.	✓
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	No.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria to be designated as a Local Green Space .	

Ref No.	49	
Name	Eversfield Green Corridor	
Description	A narrow treed strip of land running north/south on the western edge of the Eversfield estate and east of properties in Nutham Close and Hazel Close. PROW 1685 crosses this site and it is possible to walk from one end of the space to the other.	
Site Map	<p> Southwater Parish Boundary Open Space </p>	
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Situated within the community it serves	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	Its special significance is the green corridor it provides between houses giving a feeling of privacy and being to some extent close to the countryside. This corridor also includes a stream and an informal footpath. The variety of uses and importance to the setting of this part of Southwater makes it demonstrably special and of particular local significance.	✓
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	The area is local in character and not a large tract of land.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	The area is accessed and used by walkers and jogger making use of the path.	✓
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	No.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria to be designated as a Local Green Space .	

Ref No.	50	
Name	Tower Hill (down to railway)	
Description	A large open field abutting the railway to the north with Horsham beyond. Tower Hill lies immediately to the south in an elevated position. Mainly grassed and used for cattle grazing.	
Site Map		
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	This space is close to Tower Hill and Horsham, it indirectly serves both of these communities.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	As you leave Horsham, this space marks the gateway to the 'countryside', particularly when looking SW from the railway bridge. The impact of this transition is special to the local community and it marks the edge of urban and rural. It is therefore considered that this space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance.	✓
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	The space is local in character but it is noted that the space is relatively large and could be considered an extensive tract. The most important space (providing the effect set out above) is that nearest the railway bridge up against the trees and this space would not be considered an extensive tract.	X & ✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	No.	X
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	No.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	The NE part of this space meets the criteria to be designated as a Local Green Space .	

Ref No.	51	
Name	Tower Hill (north of Parthings Lane)	
Description	An area of agricultural land primarily used for grazing south of the railway line on the northern border of the parish.	
Site Map	<p> Southwater Parish Boundary Open Space </p>	
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	This space is adjacent to the communities in Horsham and Tower Hill.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	This space does not provide recreational space or have any special context within the wider rural landscape that would make it special to the local community.	X
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	The space is local in character but it is noted that the space is relatively large and could be considered an extensive tract.	X
4. Actively and currently used by the community	No.	X
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	No.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This space does not meet the criteria to be designated.	

Ref No.	52	
Name	Pevensey Road Play Space	
Description	A space consisting of a small area of grass and children’s playground.	
Site Map		
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Within the community it serves.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	This space provides play equipment for local children. Beyond this it is not considered to be of particular local significance.	X
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	Yes – actively used every day.	✓
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	No.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria to be designated as a Local Community Space .	

Ref No.	53	
Name	Open space south of Woodhatch	
Description	A small area of land containing a redundant play space and some grassland.	
Site Map	<p> Southwater Parish Boundary Open Space </p>	
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Within the community it serves.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	This space is considered to be of limited value to the local community of not hold a particular local significance.	X
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	Whilst used less than other spaces it is considered to be actively and currently used by the surrounding community.	✓
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	No.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria to be designated as a Local Community Space .	

Ref No.	54	
Name	Corfe Close Open Space	
Description	A grassed space nestled between houses on Corfe Close.	
Site Map		
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Situated within the community it serves	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	This space provides privacy and a feeling of it being more rural and tranquil than would otherwise be the case. The site is a haven for wildlife and informal recreation and play. However, despite the above it is not considered to be of particular local significance.	X
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	The area is local in character and not a large tract of land.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	Yes.	✓
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	No.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria to be designated as a Local Community Space .	

Ref No.	55	
Name	Green Space north of leisure centre overflow car park	
Description	An area of rough amenity land containing a shelter for gatherings.	
Site Map		
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Yes – within the community it serves.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	This space serves a purpose but is not considered to be demonstrably special.	X
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	YES	✓
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	No.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria to be designated as a Local Community Space .	

Ref No.	56	
Name	Timber Mill Open Space 1	
Description	An area of grass separating The Forge and Timber Mill.	
Site Map		
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Within the community it serves.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	This space is valued but not considered to have any particular local significance.	X
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	Yes.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	This space is not used by the community on a regular basis.	X
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	No.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This space does not meet the criteria for designation.	

Ref No.	57	
Name	Timber Mill Open Space 2	
Description	A triangular open space laid to grass and contains two trees.	
Site Map	<p> Southwater Parish Boundary Open Space </p>	
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Within the community it serves.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	This spaces provides a pleasant setting to this part of Timber Mill but is not considered to hold particular local significance.	X
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	X
4. Actively and currently used by the community	This space is not considered to be actively used.	X
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	No.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This space does not meet the criteria to be designated.	

Ref No.	58	
Name	Roman Lane & Turners Close Open Space	
Description	An area containing managed grass, woodland and a formal playground.	
Site Map	<p> Southwater Parish Boundary Open Space </p>	
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	COMMENTS	CRITERIA MET?
1. Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	Within the community it serves.	✓
2. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance.	This space is used by the local community for general recreation. It has no other used beyond this and is therefore considered to not meet this criteria.	X
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	✓
4. Actively and currently used by the community	Yes – used daily by a variety of people.	✓
5. Area contains a formal playing pitch or one of its main formal/informal uses are sporting activities.	No.	X
Summary / Conclusion:	This space meets the criteria to be designated as a Local Community Space .	

CONCLUSION

Following the review of open spaces contained within this document, a number of spaces are considered to meet the criteria for designation as Local Green Space, Formal/Informal Sports Areas or Local Community Space.

This report therefore recommends that the Steering Group designates the spaces in accordance with the conclusions of this report.

A map illustrating the spaces and the findings of this report can be found at the end of this document.

RECOMMENDATION 1 – LOCAL GREEN SPACE

It is considered that the following spaces comply with the criteria set out at paragraph 77 of the NPPF and this report therefore recommends that they can be designated as Local Green space in the neighbourhood development plan:

Ref	Name / Location
2	Denne Park - Toboggan run
9	Open space east of Nyes Lane
11	Cedar Drive Open Space
17	Swan Close Open Space
20	Allotments east of Easteds Lane
21	East of Easteds Lane
22	Nutham Lane Open Space
24	Edinburgh Close play area.
26	Woodlands Way Open Space 1
29	Allotments behind Village Hall
31	Bax Castle Gardens
32	Cemetery
43	Land SE of Kind Edward Road
46	Pondfarm Ghyll south of Southwater Leisure Centre
48	Old Stakers Lane (east of Cripplegate Lane)
49	Eversfield Green Corridor
50	PART - Tower Hill (down to railway)

RECOMMENDATION 2 – FORMAL/INFORMAL SPORTS AREAS

It is in accordance with the methodology adopted by this assessment, the following spaces meet the criteria for designated as Formal/Informal Sports Areas. This report therefore recommends that the Steering Group designate the following spaces as Formal/Informal Sports Areas in the neighbourhood development plan:

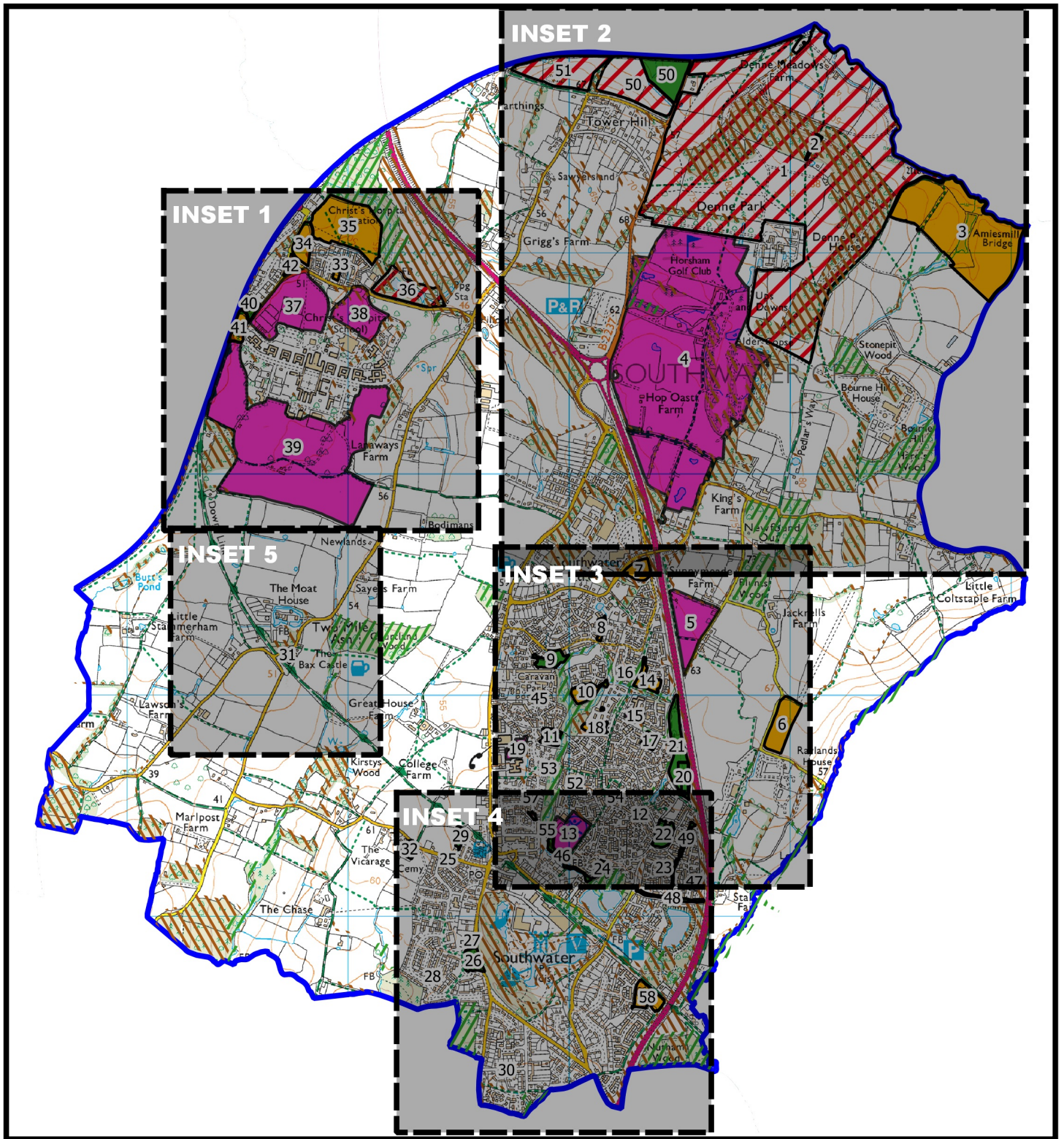
Ref	Name / Location
4	Recreational Area (including golf course, driving range and proposed HFC ground)
5	Playing fields off Coltstaple Lane (1)
13	Southwater Leisure Centre Open Space
15	Castlewood Primary School Playing Fields
19	Junior Academy Playing fields
37	Christ's Hospital NW playing fields
38	Christ's Hospital NE playing fields
39	Christ's Hospital Southern playing fields

RECOMMENDATION 3 – LOCAL COMMUNITY SPACE

In accordance with the methodology adopted by this assessment, the following spaces meet the criteria for designation as Local Community Space and therefore recommends that they are designated as such within the neighbourhood development plan:

Ref	Name / Location
3	Chesworth Farm Nature Reserve
6	Raylands Caravan Park Green Space
7	Blakes Farm Field Bund
8	Warren Drive Open Space
10	Lakspur Way Open Space
12	Butterfly Garden
14	Charlock Way Open Space
16	Cornflower Way Playground
18	Castlewood Road Bund
23	Open space north of Hazel Close
24	Edinburgh Close play area.
25	Church Lane green space
27	Woodlands Way Open Space 2

28	Woodlands Way Open Space 3
30	Green space adjacent Foxfield Cottages
33	Green Space off Blue Coat Pond quadrangle
34	Christs Hospital green space
35	Land north of Christs Hospital
41	Land W of The Avenue
44	Buttercup Way Play Area
45	Grange Way Open Space
47	Eversfield Open Space
52	Pevensey Road Play Space
53	Open space south of Woodhatch
54	Corfe Close Open Space
55	Green Space north of leisure centre overflow car park
58	Roman Lane & Turners Close Open Space



Assessment findings

- Local Green Space
- Local Community Space
- Formal/Informal Sport
- None

Woodland

- Ancient Woodland
- Woodland

Plan boundary

- Southwater Parish Boundary

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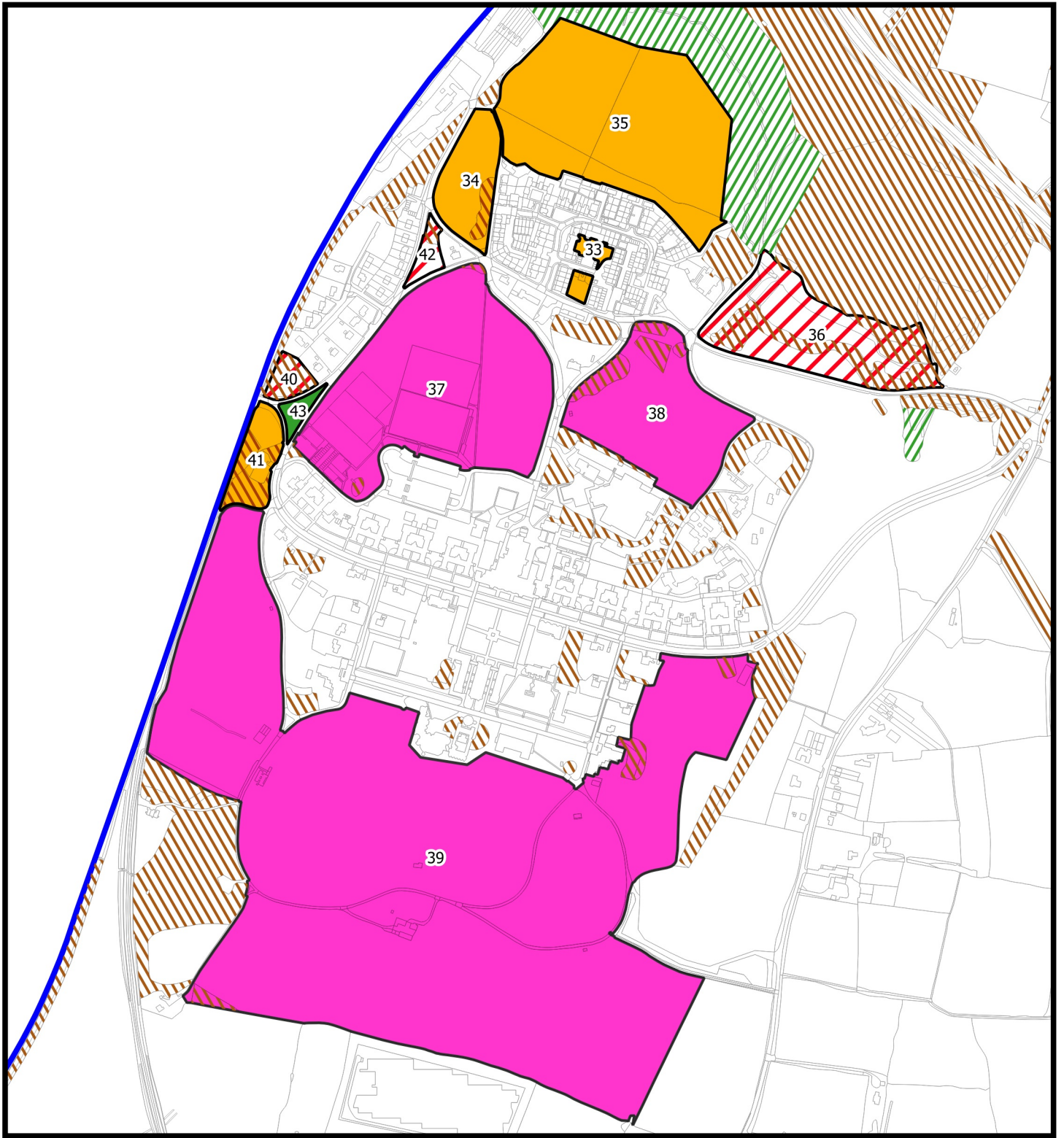
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Assessment recommendations:

-  Local Green Space
-  Local Community Space
-  Formal/Informal Sport
-  No designation

Woodland

-  Ancient Woodland
-  Woodland

Plan boundary

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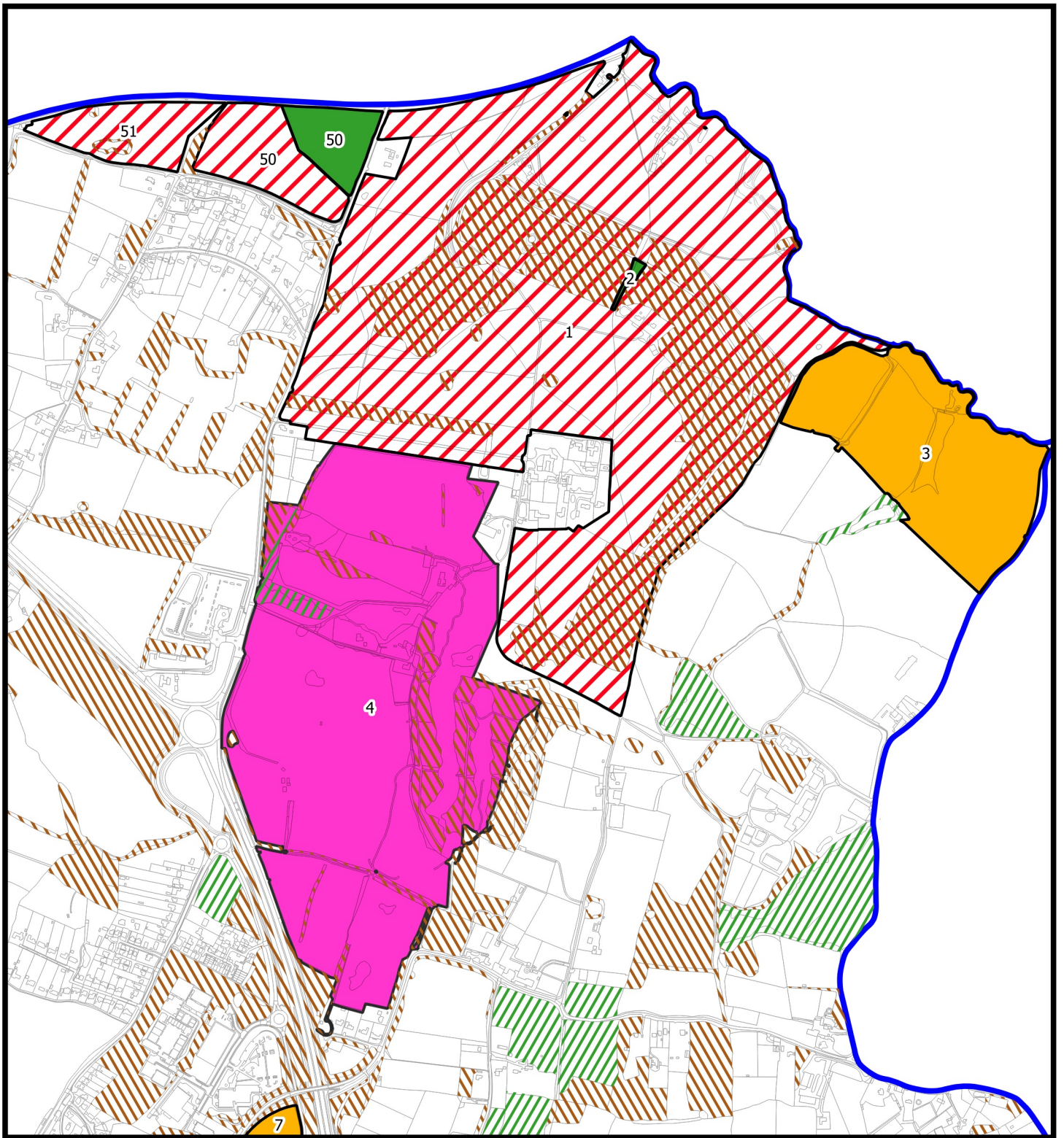
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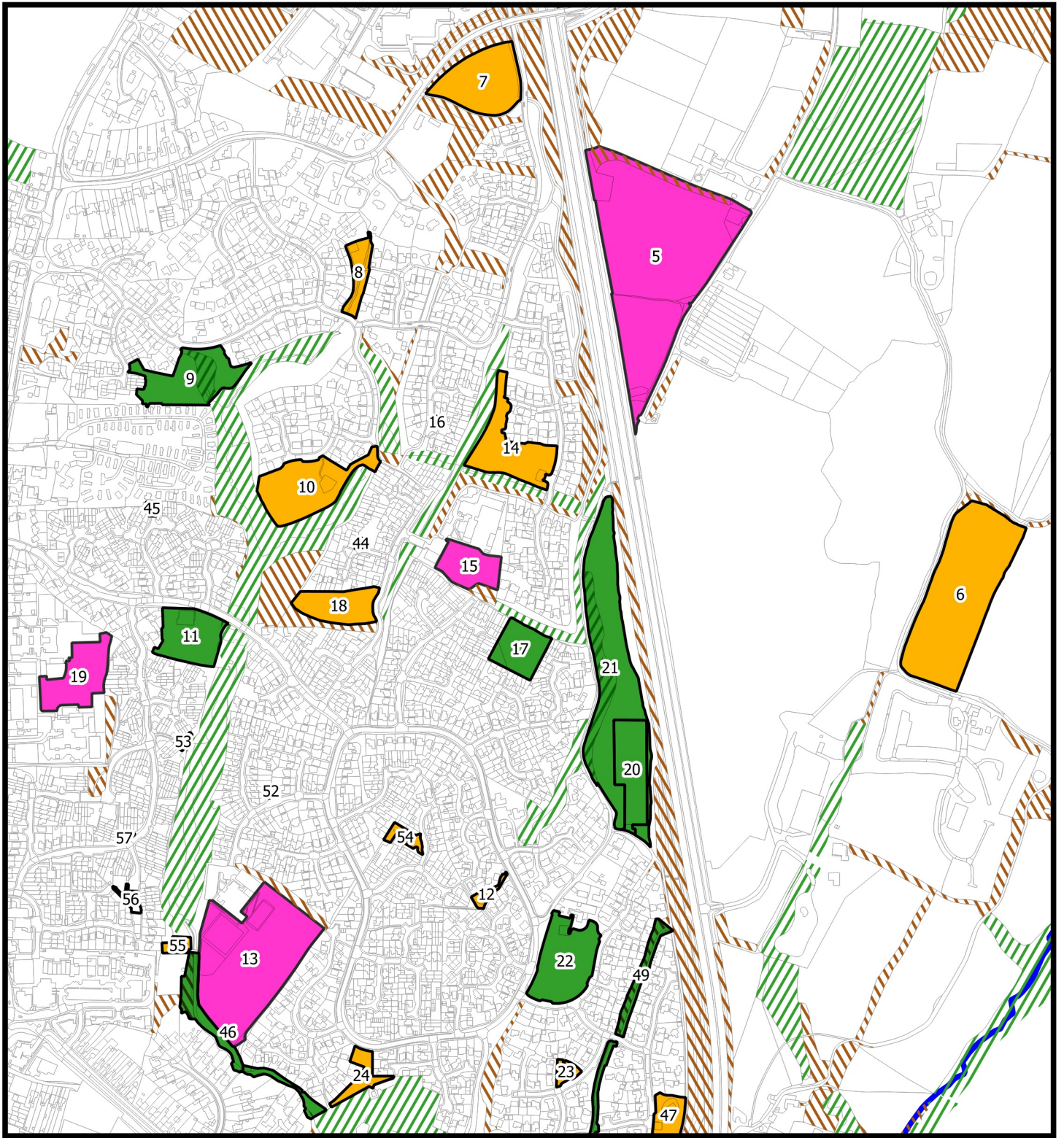
- Local Green Space
- Local Community Space
- Formal/Informal Sport
- None
- Woodland**
- Ancient Woodland
- Woodland
- Plan boundary**
- Southwater Parish Boundary

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Assessment findings

- Local Green Space
- Local Community Space
- Formal/Informal Sport
- None

Woodland

- Ancient Woodland
- Woodland

Plan boundary

- Southwater Parish Boundary

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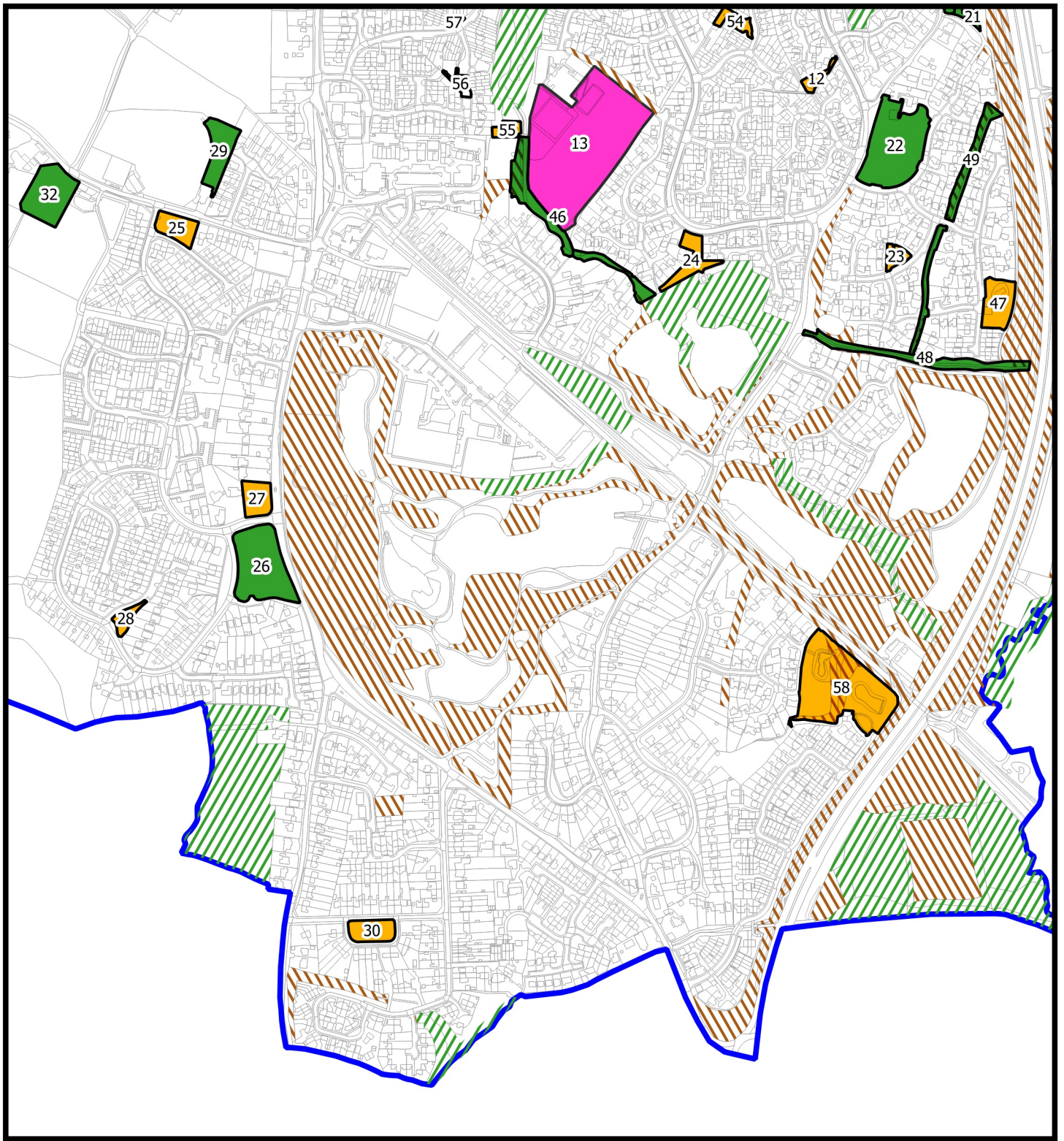
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Assessment findings

- Local Green Space
- Local Community Space
- Formal/Informal Sport
- None

Woodland

- Ancient Woodland
- Woodland

Plan boundary

- Southwater Parish Boundary

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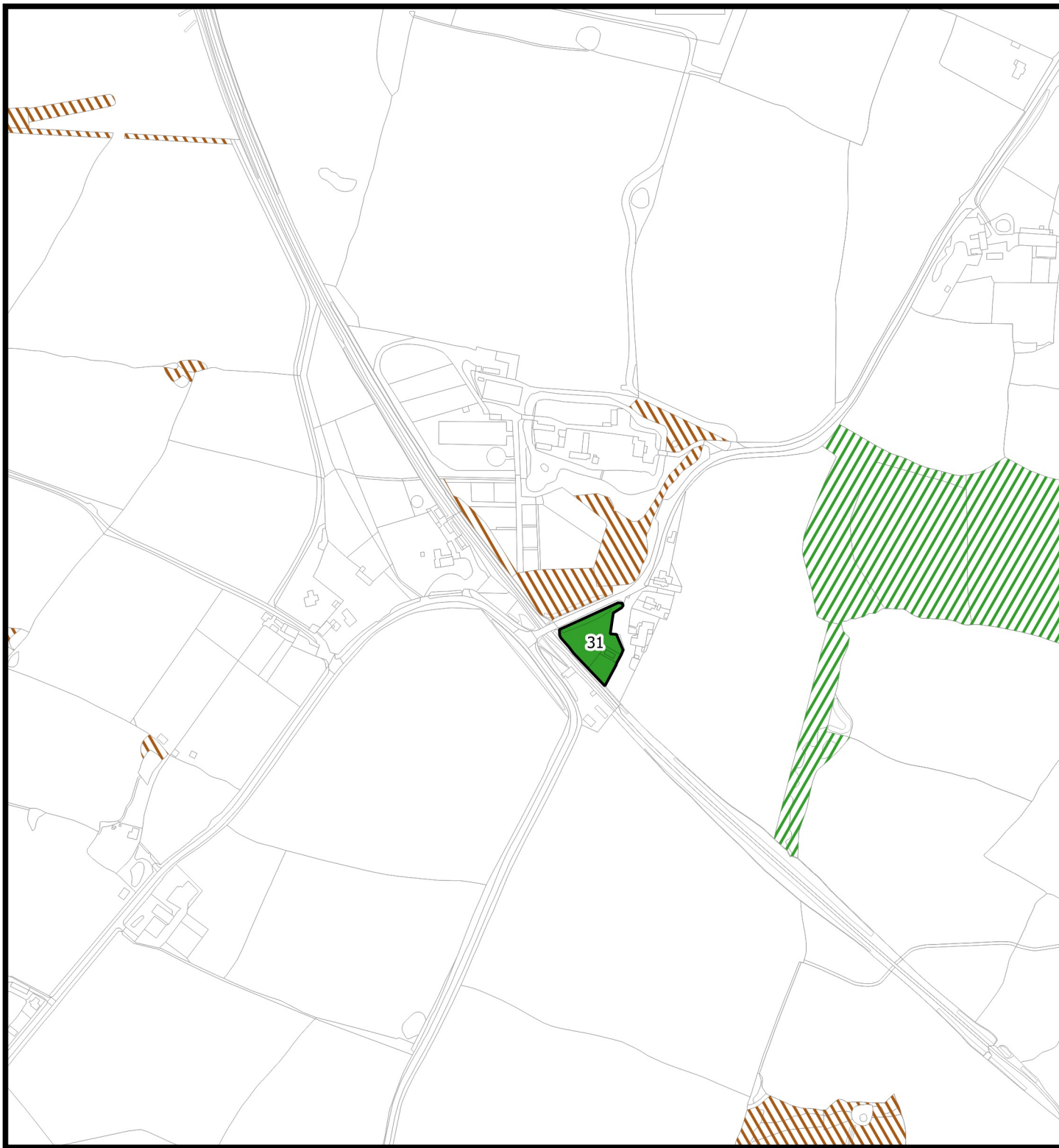
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Assessment findings

- Local Green Space
- Local Community Space
- Formal/Informal Sport
- None

Woodland

- Ancient Woodland
- Woodland

Plan boundary

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