

# ODIHAM AND NORTH WARNBOROUGH

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## LOCAL GREEN SPACE – POLICY 11

### SITE ASSESSMENT REPORT

During the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan which was made in 2017 the Steering Group (SG) identified valued open spaces within the parish that might warrant designation as Local Green Spaces. These included open spaces which residents had identified at a consultation event held in January 2015 as being of most value to them. Some of these were subsequently excluded because they were already protected (eg as Sites of Special Scientific Interest or as Common Land).

In 2017 six areas of land were considered to meet the NPPF criteria and included in the Draft Plan as proposed Local Green Spaces. The examiner agreed that two of those met the LGS criteria - Close Meadow and Kitchen Garden.

In the Regulation 14 consultation carried out for the Review of the Plan in 2024 residents reiterated the importance of open spaces so the Parish Council decided to undertake a fresh analysis of areas seen to meet the criteria

Designated Local Green Spaces (LGSs) must satisfy the criteria set out in the NPPF and these are addressed in relation to each site below.

The NPPF also requires [footnote – para 105] that designation should be consistent with the local planning of sustainable development and complement investment in sufficient homes, jobs and other essential services. This means that the designation of LGSs should be treated as part of a comprehensive approach to meeting the various needs of the community, including providing for new development and protecting green spaces that are important to local people. The Plan is supportive of appropriate development. The original NP designated 7 new sites for housing development to generate 119 new dwellings and is understood to be the only Neighbourhood Plan in Hart which took the step of allocating any sites for development. Half the allocated sites are yet to be developed.

The approach that has been adopted, therefore, has included:

1. Ensuring that each LGS meets all three of the criteria in the NPPF [footnote – para 106]:
  - i) where the green space is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;
  - ii) where it is demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquility or richness of its wildlife; and
  - iii) where the green area concerned is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.
2. Recognising that, alongside planning to accommodate new development (including by allocating seven sites for approximately 119 new homes under Policy 2). It is necessary to protect green spaces that are demonstrably important to local people;
3. Aiming to protect a portfolio of sites that:
  - a. is dispersed across the built-up areas of Odiham and North Warnborough – so that they are accessible to as many households as possible;
  - b. provides a variety of sizes and types (eg providing for both formal and informal recreation) – to meet differing needs; and
  - c. contributes to the maintenance and improvement of a green infrastructure network (defined by the NPPF as a network of multi-functional green space, urban and rural, which is capable of delivering a wide range of environmental and quality of life benefits for local communities) - so that the whole is more than the sum of its parts; and

The following 13 areas of land are proposed for designation as LGS and meet all three NPPF criteria.

Map Ref	Approximate Area (hectares)	Site Name
1	0.19	Beacon Field
2	0.43	<u>Chamberlain Gardens</u>
3	0.11	<u>Chapel Pond Area</u>
4	0.18	Community Orchard
5	0.06	Community Peace Garden
6	1.73	Cricket Club
7	1.55	Football Club
8	0.24	Paddock at Hatchwood Farm
9	41.7	<u>Little Park (part of the Deer Park)</u>
10	3.37	Land at Montfort Place
11	0.53	<u>Land adjacent Oak Tree Close</u>
12	1.18	<u>Recreation Ground</u>
13	0.52	<u>Land at Salisbury Close</u>

The two previously designated Local Green Spaces, Close Meadow and Kitchen Garden were justified through the 2016 evidence base document and no changes are proposed to these areas. The earlier evidence document can be seen here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/5rlnw5cjxsltofh/AADVqGjoHAX7ulpk9S4hH58Ra?dl=0>

The examiner who examined the plan in 2016 (before it was made in 2017) concluded that the proposal satisfied two of the three NPPF criteria but was, in his view, an extensive tract of land and therefore failed criterion c) [para 106]. However, a reassessment of the guidance and how examiners have dealt with subsequent proposals for LGSs elsewhere points to the conclusion that it does not need to be dismissed on this ground. It is not exceptionally large but it is exceptionally highly valued by local people. It is clearly demarcated with obvious boundaries and a key feature close to both Odiham and North Warnborough.

## DESIGNATION EVIDENCE

### 11.i Beacon Field (approx 0.19 ha) (Map Reference: 1)

#### Meeting NPPF criteria

- i. This space is just beyond the settlement boundary of Odiham, is very close to the infant and junior schools and is within a short walking distance of the church and the High Street.
- ii. This area is an open space in a transitional location on the very edge of Odiham and with views southwards over open countryside. It has mature hedges and walnut trees and picnic benches which are well used by residents and visitors. The space is used for community events (benefitting from a convenient car parking nearby at Buryfields) and there is a tall beacon which is lit to commemorate national events.
- iii. The space is approximately 0.19 ha in area and is clearly defined by hedgerows and is within the Odiham settlement boundary and close to amenities.

#### Further Evidence of Local Significance

Community events held there recently include:

- Spooktacula firework display
- Coronation Picnic
- Beacon lighting for Platinum Jubilee





### **11.ii Chamberlain Gardens (approx 0.43 ha) (Map Reference: 2)**

#### **Meeting NPPF criteria**

- i. This space is just beyond the settlement boundary of Odiham, is very close to the infant and junior schools and is within a short walking distance of the church and the High Street.
- ii. This area contains a small play area for younger children which is well used by families. It has a footpath which leads from the RAF station and housing to the village. There is a mature wooded area with native trees and picnic benches. . It is a charming and tranquil area near the High Street and very close to the church, the Pest House and the almshouses. The land was gifted to the parish in a sports centre trust by the Chamberlain sisters (sisters to Neville Chamberlain) over 60 years ago and many local people have fond memories of playing there themselves and taking children or grandchildren to play there.
- iii. The space is approximately 0.43 ha in area and is clearly defined by trees and hedgerows and is within the Odiham settlement boundary and close to amenities.







### **11.iii Chapel Pond Area (approx 0.11 ha) (Map Reference: 3)**

#### **Meeting NPPF criteria**

- i. This space is within the settlement boundary of North Warnborough and is within a housing development.
- ii. This area contains a small play area and grassed area for younger children which is well used by families. The green space acts as a buffer between the Conservation Area and the residential area. It is a tranquil area set away from roads with an outlook to the historically significant Deer Park. It is the only children's play area in this part of North Warnborough and is a valuable wild life buffer.
- iii. The space is approximately 0.11 ha in area and is clearly defined by trees, hedgerows and fences.





### **11.v Community Orchard (approx 0.18 ha) (Map Reference: 4)**

#### **Meeting NPPF criteria**

- i. This space is just beyond the settlement boundary of Odiham, and is a short walking distance from the High Street via King Street
- ii. This is an area which is designated as a non-religious burial area and is next to the cemetery. It has recently been developed into a community orchard to commemorate the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee and planted with a variety of fruit trees whose produce is available to all. Although there is a footpath running through the area connecting the schools to residential areas to the east, it is very tranquil. There are mature trees and hedges and the area is managed to encourage wildlife and biodiversity.
- iii. The space is approximately 0.18 ha in area and is clearly defined by trees and hedgerows.





### **11.vi Community Peace Garden (approx 0.06 ha) (Map Reference: 5)**

#### **Meeting NPPF criteria**

- i. This space is within the settlement boundary of North Warnborough and adjacent to the main road through the village.
- ii. This green space is planted with a variety of trees, plants and hedges which contribute to its beauty. The peace garden is a memorial to those members of the community who fought and lost their lives during the world wars. The garden is a serene and tranquil space, screened from the road, offering space for remembrance. It is a significant green space in the mosaic of built-up areas in North Warnborough.
- iii. The space is approximately 0.06 ha in area and is within the North Warnborough settlement boundary.





### **11.vii Cricket Club (approx 1.73 ha) (Map Reference: 6)**

#### **Meeting NPPF criteria**

- i. This space is very close to the Odiham settlement boundary.
- ii. The club ground is surrounded by farmland and is planted with a variety of trees, plants and hedges which contribute to its beauty. It also provides views of the listed chapel buildings of the adjacent cemetery and across the fields towards the North Hampshire Downs. Odiham & Greywell Cricket Club was formed in 1764 and is one of the 5 oldest cricket clubs in the world. Its value as a playing field to local people and visiting sports teams is a significant asset to the whole community. The area is a tranquil space, surrounded by farmland and screened from the road. The surrounding hedgerows are a valuable habitat for wildlife.
- iii. The space is approximately 1.73 ha in area and is close to the Odiham settlement boundary. It has a distinct fenced/hedged boundary, consistent with local character.







### **11.viii Football Club (approx 1.55 ha) (Map Reference: 7)**

#### **Meeting NPPF criteria**

- i. This space is adjacent to the North Warnborough settlement boundary.
- ii. Started in the 1930s and re-established in 2009, this is a well-used sports pitch for home team and visitors. The green space is in a transitional location on the very edge of North Warnborough and surrounded by farmland. It is planted with a variety of trees, plants and hedges which contribute to its beauty. Odiham itself does not have a football team therefore this is of particular local significance to North Warnborough. When not in use for football, the area is a tranquil space, set within farmland and screened from the road. It is used by the public for exercise/dog walking. The surrounding hedgerows are a valuable habitat for wildlife.
- iii. The space is approximately 1.55 ha in area and is adjacent to the North Warnborough settlement boundary. It has a distinct fenced/hedged boundary, consistent with local character.





### **11.ix Paddock at Hatchwood Farm (approx .24 ha) (Map Reference: 8)**

#### **Meeting NPPF criteria**

- i. This space is adjacent to the settlement boundary of Odiham, within a short walking distance of the High Street via Farnham Road
- ii. This area is a green corridor rich in biodiversity with mature trees and hedgerows which support birds, butterflies and small mammals. It has a well-used footpath which links into the network of PROW which surrounds Odiham and is very well used by residents and visitors. The site is a key link in the chain of valuable green spaces that contribute significantly to the green infrastructure in this part of the parish, connecting with the open space alongside the Oak Tree Close development to the south (also proposed to be designated LGS) and other green spaces to the north (including the landscaped areas in the grounds of Hatchwood Place and forming the western part of the Montfort Place development and, beyond London Road, with the Deer Park). It is also an integral part of the setting of two listed buildings at Hatchwood Place.
- iii. The space is approximately 0.24 ha in area and is clearly defined by trees and hedgerows and is adjacent to the Odiham settlement boundary.

#### **Further Evidence of Local Significance**

The footpath running through the site is a key link in the parish-wide network. (Appendix 4)

The paddock has, historically, clearly always been associated with the farm – as the word ‘paddock’ implies and as is clear from old OS maps (eg 1886). They show the area now comprising the paddock forming part of a larger field running right up to the farmstead. It would inevitably have been functionally closely related to the farmstead (eg providing pasture for cows waiting to be milked or having just been milked).

An application for permission in principle for 3-5 houses on the site was submitted in 2023 and approved but no planning permission for development has been granted



## **11.xi Little Park (part of the Deer Park (approx 41.7 ha) (Map Reference: 9)**

### **Meeting NPPF criteria**

- i) The Little Park immediately adjoins the settlement boundaries of Odiham and North Warnborough and has been a distinct feature in the landscape for over a thousand years. It is close to the heart of the parish, both in proximity and recreational value, just a very short walk from Odiham High Street and residential areas to the east, west and south.
- ii) **Historically significant:** The Deer Park as a whole has a well-documented history of royal use– from Henry I in 1115 through King John and Henry VIII to Elizabeth I in 1591. Owned by the Crown from 1130 to 1669, the outline of the park has helped shape the settlement pattern and even the route of the M3. The former Little Park or “Town Lawne” has survived intact as the last remnant of the original 215-hectare Deer Park; it was enclosed some 300 years ago and retains the hedges and field pattern shown on Will Godson’s post-enclosures map of 1739. In 1987, the historic importance of this space and its contribution to the character of the two settlements (and the Basingstoke Canal) was recognised by its inclusion as part of the Odiham Conservation Area.  
**A network of footpaths:** There are five public footpaths crossing the Little Park used through most of the year by ramblers and groups as well as daily dog-walkers and visitors. These footpaths form parts of a circular route around the parish allowing access to the Basingstoke Canal, the northern part of North Warnborough and a well-frequented farm shop and café at Lodge Farm. The Park is also used as a short-cut and traffic-free way from North Warnborough to Odiham following several alternative public footpaths . There are multiple public access points into the Park, forming a key element of the green infrastructure of the parish and facilitating invaluable informal recreation for many.  
**Biodiversity - a natural ‘green lung’:** There is a range of different habitats from the medieval fishponds to established hedgerows, ancient oaks and rough grass. Mature trees mark boundaries. Not surprisingly, there is an abundance of wildlife: from rabbits and hedgehogs to wild deer, from various amphibians to birds of all types including migrating flocks resting en-route. Today, most of this gently undulating land is used for grazing cattle and a few horses.  
There are treasured views and vistas across the Deer Park both into Odiham and All Saints’ Church, and out into the countryside to the north. (Appendix 2, Townscape Appraisal Map, Odiham and North Warnborough Conservation Area Appraisal 2022).  
This green lung represents a welcome antidote to the busy and tightly concentrated High Street, providing a nearby tranquil escape for quiet contemplation, gentle strolls, longer walks, blackberry picking, etc. More recently, the Covid pandemic has brought into even sharper focus its invaluable contribution for fresh air, exercise and contributing to people’s mental and physical health and wellbeing.
- iii. The green space fondly known now to residents as The Deer Park is in fact a smaller area known in previous generations as the 'Little Park' or ‘Town Lawne’ - diminutives that reflect the proximity and intimacy of this space vis-a-vis the parish. It has been one complete holding since it was disparted sometime between 1709 and 1739.

Rather than an extensive tract of land, it is a very clearly defined space bounded by long-established field hedgerows, the settlement boundary and, in parts, walls including a Tudor section of brick wall on the southern side. There the walls and boundaries mark the end of medieval burgage plots and established the historic curved, linear settlement shape of Odiham and the modern eastern edge of North Warnborough.

The Little Park is an interconnected space that is integral to the parish rather than peripheral. Uniquely, today it serves to both separate the two settlements whilst uniting them through history and today’s need for local green space.

Elsewhere, spaces of similar or larger scale have been designated as Local Green Spaces in made Neighbourhood Plans. See further information below





Further Evidence of the Local Significance



The Little Park has the highest local significance of all the proposed sites.

**Not an extensive tract of land:** The proposal to designate as LGS the Little Park part of the Deer Park was found at examination in 2016 to have met the first 2 criteria, but its size was questioned. Evidence shows that similarly large or larger spaces have been designated as LGSs, demonstrating that size *per se* is not an obstacle to designation (indeed Planning Practice Guidance does not identify a maximum space for LGS designation). This plan is proposing the same space as the previous one, re-naming it Little Park as clarification that it is a definable and recognisable area, one complete holding for some 300 years, but only a part of the original 215-hectare deer park.

**Precedent:**

In **Long Ashton Parish**, North Somerset, the Examiner acknowledged that the size of an LGS contender of 329 hectares ‘could be considered to be in conflict with National Policy’. However, she concluded that *‘the Ashton Court Estate and its relationship with Long Ashton Parish is exceptional and the designation is acceptable in this case and I therefore consider that it does meet the Basic Conditions. I consider the Ashton Court Estate to be exceptional for the following reasons: The close physical relationship between the Parish and the Ashton Court Estate. The Estate is local in character, close to the community it serves. It is of particular local importance as a result of its historic significance, beauty and recreational value. The designation comprises of a definable and recognisable area and on that basis. It forms a cohesive whole and is not simply an “extensive tract of land”. There is no conflict with other designations, which already cover part or whole of the Estate. ’*

These words could apply unchanged to Odiham’s Little Park except that it is much smaller than Ashton Court Estate, and that it appears on inspection of the respective maps to have an even closer physical relationship to a larger proportion of the residential parts of the parish than does Ashton Court in relation to its nearby residential areas.

Other large LGSs which indicate that size *per se* is not necessarily a barrier are found in **Laverstock & Ford**, Wiltshire, in **Petersfield**, Hampshire, and in **Effingham**, Surrey. In each of these cases it was considered relevant that the space proposed as a LGS had fixed and well-defined boundaries and was regarded as a single entity with a single name.

In Cheltenham, with many LGS sites of different sizes in its area, Cheltenham Council reports that: *‘MP Martin Horwood, has provided some important guidance to the council on what the NPPF defines as an ‘extensive tract of land’, the ministerial view is that the LGS fall into the same category as those designated as Sites of Special Scientific Interest’*. Examples are then given of 2 local SSSIs, one of 63 and the other 55 hectares. Here, Odiham Common SSSI is approximately 115 ha and Bartley Heath with Hook Common SSSI approximately 129 ha. All of these are larger than, and provide relevant benchmarks for, the proposed LGS in Odiham’s Little Park.

**Accessibility:**

The key footpaths map shows the 5 footpaths through the Little Park with 9 separate entry points which weave together Odiham and North Warnborough via a variety of traffic-free routes. (Appendix 3)

**Conservation Area**

Locality advises (in “Neighbourhood Planning - Local Green Spaces - A toolkit for Neighbourhood Planners”) that designation as a Conservation Area does not necessarily preclude or support designation as LGS (p15). Indeed, LGS designation may be useful in identifying open space of value to the community in Conservation Areas.

It is worth noting that the Odiham Conservation Area includes all the southern section of the Deer Park up to the Basingstoke Canal. In contrast the proposed LGS designation extends to the historic boundary between the former Place Gate Farm (the Hither Park) and Lodge Farm (the Further Park). See link to historic maps at the end of this section.

The Odiham and North Warnborough Conservation Area Appraisal 2022 notes the strong contribution made to the character of the Odiham CA by the Little Park *“As well as having significant interest in itself, Little Park also allows views towards Odiham from the north. From here the private gardens, rear elevations and rooflines of the buildings to the north of the High Street and the tower of All Saints Church are visible across the historic park, as they would have been in past centuries.”* (p18) and *“Views southward toward the High Street and in every direction across the park give an understanding of the conservation area’s rural setting.”* (p26)

### **Historic England**

In 2016 Historic England stated the following in their response to ONW’s Pre-Submission Plan (in which the same space was proposed for LGS designation, although it was simply referred to as the Deer Park): *“We agree with the assessment of the historic interest of the Deer Park in considering its merits as a potential Local Green Space. Along with the castle ruins,, the Deer Park illustrates Odiham’s historic royal connections, being part of the landscape that would have been used for entertainment and patronage by the many monarchs who visited Odiham’s royal palace. To this might also be added that it contributes to the setting of the Basingstoke Canal Conservation Area, a second designated heritage asset, whilst the openness of the space is an important element in understanding other elements of the Odiham Conservation Area’s special historic interest such as the Deer Park’s boundary features and contributes to the green setting of views within both conservation areas. The inclusion of the Deer Park in the Conservation Area not only acknowledges its historic interest, but also its local character.”*

### **English Heritage**

Whilst English Heritage decided not to list the Deer Park in its National Register of Parks and Gardens in 2012, it nevertheless recognised the Deer Park *“for its strong local impact and high historic significance. ‘It added: ‘Its historical significance is clear as is the manner in which its presence has strongly influenced later landscape character, management and development. It is manifestly of strong local interest’.*

### **Demonstrably special to the local community:**

The LGS strategy is to ensure a good distribution of LGSs so that all residential areas have good access to a choice of different types (and sizes) of LGS. The Little Park is well situated to provide LGS along the northern edge of Odiham and the eastern edge of North Warnborough.

Its value to the community was demonstrated when in 2017 an application to build 7 houses in one small part of the park was refused mainly on conservation grounds by Hart DC, who noted in their report over 400 objections with 1 letter of support. That outcome was despite a proposed transfer into community ownership of 15.5 acres of land, with sundry other proposed benefits. At the time of the application, the owner’s agent stated that the land would “never” be offered as a site allocation. Therefore, the designation as an LGS could not be said to be aimed at preventing development, as this is clearly unlikely to be permitted anyway.

Further, in 2018, residents took the extraordinary step of launching and winning (with an unexpectedly 29.79% turnout) a Parish Poll after a majority of the then OPC councillors ‘did not uphold the policies of the Neighbourhood Plan when they failed to object to the Deer Park planning application (17/03029/FUL)” which, as noted above, was refused by Hart District Council and not taken to appeal.

Together all these elements contribute to and show how this space is demonstrably special to and particularly valued by the community.

For further information and history about and historic maps of this important area go to Odiham Parish Website: <https://odihamparishcouncil.gov.uk/planning-matters/neighbourhood-plan-review-2024>

**11. xii Land at Montfort Place (approx 3.37 ha) (Map Reference: 10)**

**Meeting NPPF criteria**

- i. This space immediately adjoins the settlement boundary of Odiham and is next to a recently built housing development of 89 homes.
- ii. This area has been enhanced following the construction of the housing development and has been landscaped in accordance with a land management plan as required by the planning conditions. There are mature trees and grassland managed for biodiversity enhancement. New mixed native woodland and copse plantings were put in place and a wildlife pond with wetland plantings was created. There are numerous paths across the site and these link into the PROW network, including connections with Waverley Close (providing a short route to the High Street), Farnham Road, the subway under the bypass (leading to Broad Oak) and London Road (leading into Odiham Common and the Basingstoke Canal Conservation Area). There is a rustic play area. The area is a tranquil space and a valuable habitat for wildlife.
- iii. The area is approximately 3.37 ha in area. It is clearly defined by houses (which look over the space) hedge and tree boundaries, the canal and the adjoining roads.

**Further Evidence of Local Significance**

The Design & Access Statement accompanying the approved planning application for the development (Ref 13/02085/MAJOR) describes this area as the 'Natural Open Space', 'a natural space for wider use' in which 'The Natural Play Area, Pond, and extended flood mitigation area, Rest Area adjacent the canal and meandering paths through new and existing landscape elements form rich features in a biodiverse Open Space area'.







### **11. xiii Land adjacent Oak Tree Close, 0.53 ha (Map Reference: 11)**

#### **Meeting NPPF criteria**

- i. This space immediately adjoins the settlement boundary of Odiham and is next to a recently built housing development of 35 houses (post-dating the making of the NP).
- ii. The open space is in a transitional location on the very edge of the settlement of Odiham and with views east and south over open countryside. It has a footpath which extends along its complete length and links into the network of footpaths which surround the village of Odiham and is very well used by residents and visitors. As such, it is a key link in the chain of valuable green spaces that contribute significantly to the green infrastructure in this part of the parish, connecting with the countryside footpaths to the south and east and other green spaces to the north (including the paddock at Hatchwood Farm also proposed to be designated LGS and landscaped areas in the grounds of the Spectro complex at Hatchwood Place and forming the western part of the Montfort Place development). There are far reaching views across open countryside southwards towards the North Hampshire Downs. Deer, rabbits, and other wildlife are present and a wild meadow has been planted and is maintained in accordance with a management plan.
- iii. The space is approximately 0.53 ha in area and is clearly defined by hedgerows and the newly-built housing. The footpath running through it is very well used by people living nearby.

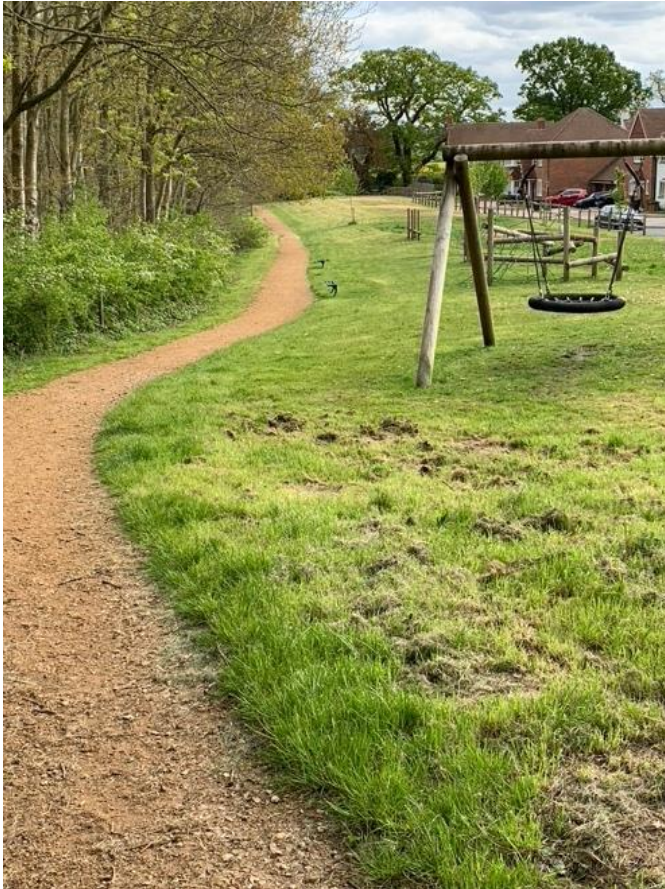
#### **Further Evidence of Local Significance**

This space was set aside as public open space when the Oak Tree Close development was designed and built and the Design & Access Statement accompanying the planning application (Ref 16/00606/REM) notes it would 'contribute to the wider rural setting through the introduction of wild meadow, tree and native shrub planting' and include 'informal mown paths providing access ... and links with wider PROW network'.

In the Odiham Conservation Area Character Appraisal (November 2022) page 70 view S11 is noted as contributing to the overall setting of the Conservation Area.

The space includes a local equipped area of play (LEAP), in accordance with the Section 106 agreement relating to the development, complementing a smaller local area of play (LAP) elsewhere within the development of 35 homes (permitted by application 15/00829/OUT).

The footpath running through the site is a key link in the parish-wide network shown on plan in Appendix 4.



#### **11.xiv Recreation Ground (approx 1.18 ha) (Map Reference: 12)**

##### **Meeting NPPF criteria**

- i. This space is within the settlement boundary of Odiham, is surrounded by housing and very close to the nursery school and secondary school and is within a short walking distance of the High Street. It is also close to the site allocated for approximately 30 dwellings under Policy 2vii).
- ii. This area is the largest play area for children in the parish with different equipment for different age groups. There is a well-used hard surfaced fenced Multi Use Games Area. The open grassed area is well used for informal ball games and the area is also used for community events. The area is surrounded by mature hedgerows and insect and bird life is encouraged by a “no mow” area 1 metre from the hedges to encourage biodiversity.
- iii. The space is approximately 1.18 ha in area and is clearly defined by boundary hedgerows and is within the Odiham settlement boundary and close to amenities.







**11.xv Land at Salisbury Close (approx 0.52 ha) (Map Reference: 13)**

**Meeting NPPF criteria**

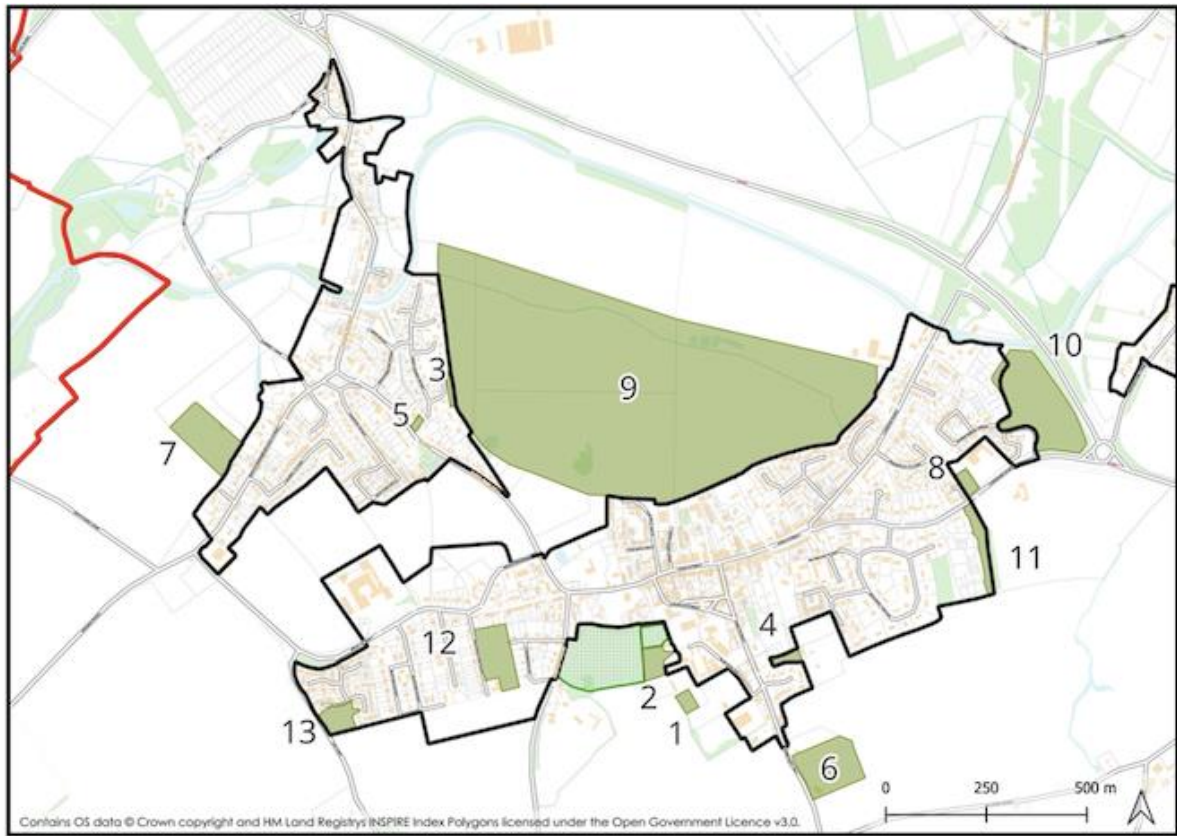
- i. This space is within the Odiham settlement boundary and was provided as part of the adjacent housing development.
- ii. Known locally as “the Hill, the green space is bounded on two sides by informal native hedges, with a number of different maturing trees and tucked away with a sense of privacy. On rising ground and on the very edge of Odiham, there are views both of The Firs to the south and from the midpoint upwards, long views to the north towards the Chilterns. It is a safe, tranquil grassed area for children’s play and dog walking, informal games of rounders and cricket, picnics, sledging down the slope in the winter, and for occasional special events such as royal weddings. There is a footpath through the area which is a well-used pedestrian route for children to the secondary school.
- iii. The space is approximately 0.52 ha in area and within the Odiham settlement boundary. It has a distinct fenced/hedged and road boundaries.





## APPENDIX 1

Map of proposed and existing Local Green Spaces



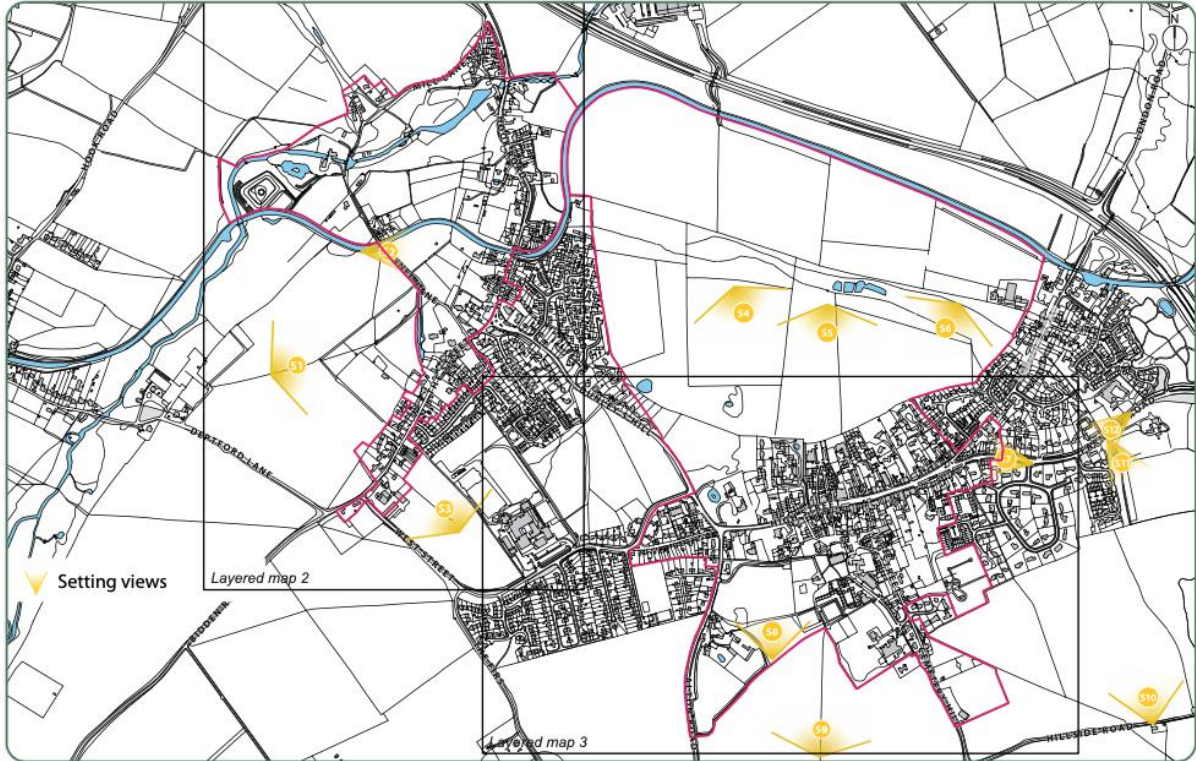
### Potential and Existing Local Green Spaces

#### Key

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|  Neighbourhood Area                                       |  Potential Local Green Space                                   |
|  Spatial Plan for Parish<br>(Neighbourhood Plan Policy 1) |  Designated Local Green Space<br>(Neighbourhood Plan Policy 1) |

## APPENDIX 2

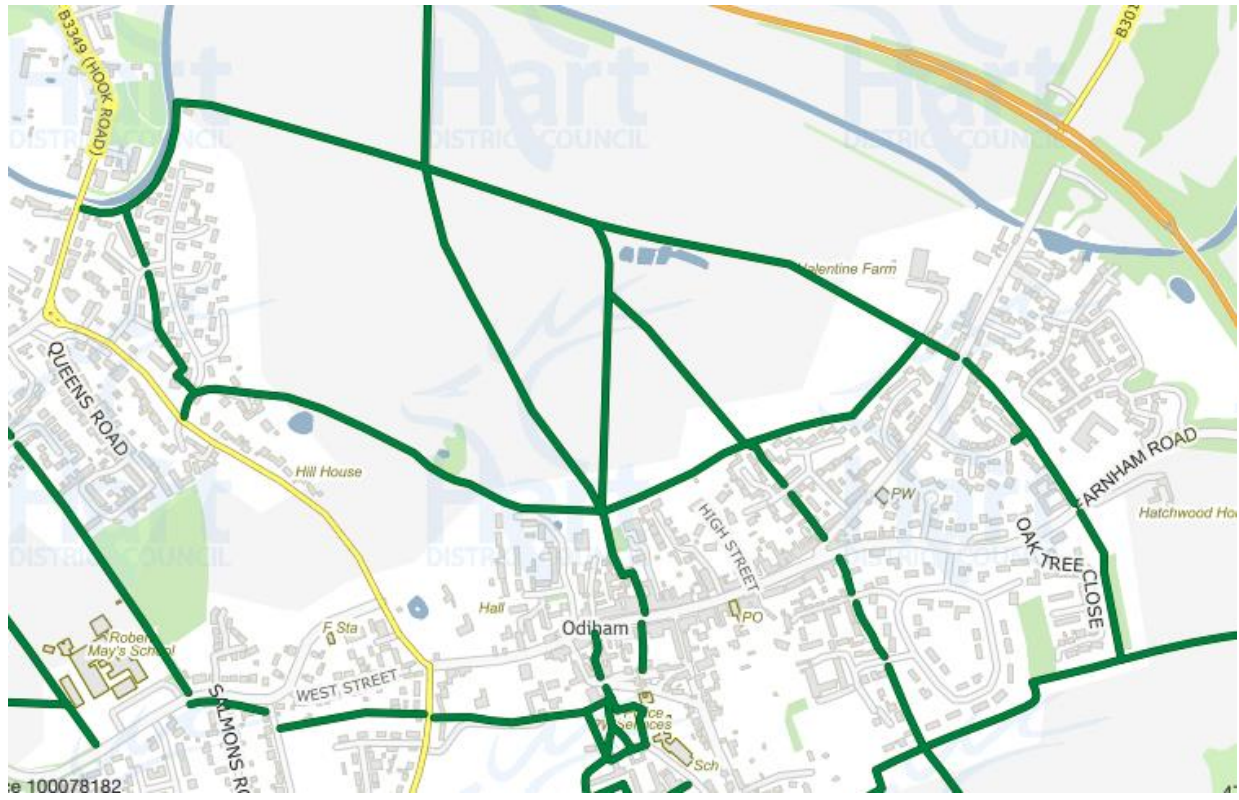
### LITTLE PARK OVERALL SETTING VIEWS – CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL 2022



Overall setting views

### APPENDIX 3

#### FOOTPATHS THROUGH LITTLE PARK



## APPENDIX 4

### FOOTPATHS THROUGH PADDOCK AT HATCHWOOD FARM AND OAK TREE CLOSE

