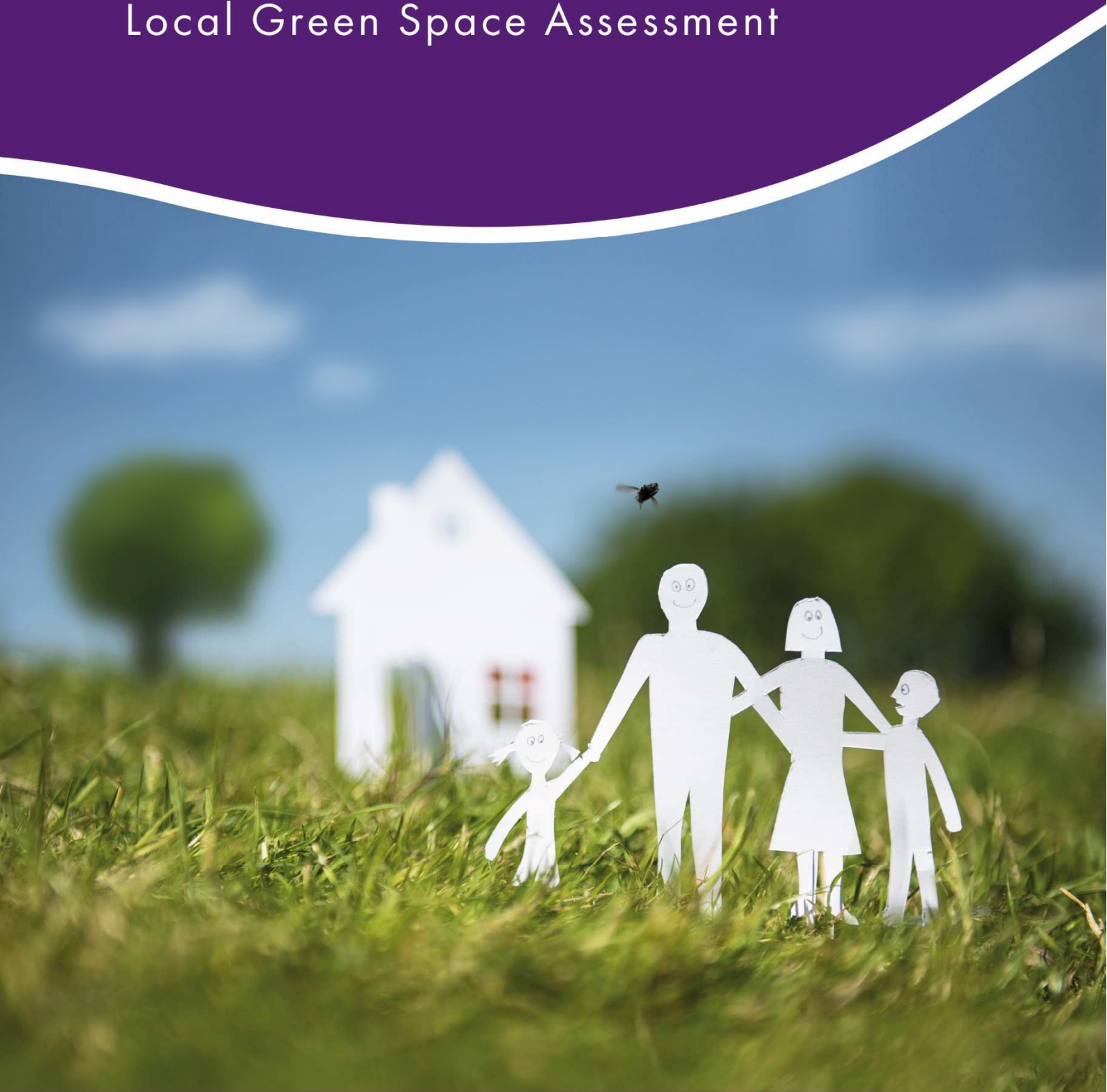


Folkestone

Hythe & Romney Marsh
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Places and Policies Local Plan - Submission Draft Local Green Space Assessment



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Local Green Spaces – Assessment of Nominated Sites

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Local Green Spaces were introduced through the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) in 2012. The NPPF enabled local communities, through local and neighbourhood plans, to identify green areas for special protection.
- 1.2 By designating such areas local communities are able protect the land from development other than in special circumstances. The designation would, therefore, hold great weight and be equivalent with policies for Green Belt designations in other districts (Shepway district does not have any Green Belt designations).
- 1.3 The NPPF continues to suggest that designation should be consistent with local planning of sustainable development and complement investment in sufficient homes, jobs and other essential services.
- 1.4 The NPPF states (paragraph 77), however, that Local Green Space designations will not be appropriate for most green areas or open space and should only be used:
 - where the green space is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;
 - where the green area 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), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife; and
 - where the green area concerned is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.
- 1.5 Open spaces, such as playing pitches, parks and natural green spaces, are protected by the NPPF (paragraph 74) and through Local Plan policies, so most of these types of spaces do currently have policy protection. Local Green Space designation is, therefore, only to be used for very special areas.
- 1.6 The Planning Practice Guidance states (PPG)¹ that designating any Local Green Space will need to be consistent with local planning for sustainable development in the area. In particular, plans must identify sufficient land in suitable locations to meet identified development needs and the Local Green Space designation should not be used in a way that undermines this aim of plan making.
- 1.7 The PPG continues to state² that in relation to other designations, such as Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, if land is already protected by designation, then consideration should be given to whether any additional local benefit would be gained by designation as Local Green Space.

¹ Paragraph: 007 Reference ID: 37-007-20140306

² Paragraph: 011 Reference ID: 37-011-20140306

2. Sites put forward by the local community in Shepway

- 2.1 Shepway District Council invited land to be put forward for Local Green Space designation in 2015 when the Places and Policies Local Plan Issues and Options draft was published for consultation³. During the consultation the District Council received 48 sites to be considered. These were focused around Hythe, Lympe and Folkestone but none were put forward in any other parts of the district.
- 2.2 In 2016 the District Council published the next draft of the Plan, the Preferred Options, and sought the public's views on the sites that had been put forward and invited new sites to be submitted, particularly in areas where none had been put forward before⁴. Two additional sites were submitted, The Roughs in Hythe and the Rugby Club in St Mary's Bay (the former was supported by a petition of local people).

3. Assessment of sites

- 3.1 The District Council has assessed the sites by using criteria derived from those set out in Paragraph 77 of the NPPF. Initially potential sites were considered against two criteria which sieved out sites based on:
- *The area of the land:* Areas greater than approximately 20ha were considered as 'extensive tracts of land' and not considered in any greater detail; and
 - *Other designations:* If no other additional local benefits were apparent, sites with the AONB or other national designations were not considered in greater detail.
- 3.2 Sites that remained were then considered in detail against the following criteria (given in paragraph 1.4 above):
- *Location:* The adopted settlement confines were used to assess whether the land was close to the local community that it serves;
 - *Beauty:* An assessment was made based on the description 'a current landscape designation or almost uniquely special quality'. This was undertaken by the Council's Landscape and Urban Design Officer;
 - *Historic significance:* Considered against the heritage assets within or adjacent to the site;
 - *Recreational value:* The value of the land for the community for a particular use and the degree of public access;
 - *Tranquillity:* Taking account of neighbouring uses or the location to assess the environment of the land; and
 - *Richness of wildlife:* Considered against the sites proximity to wildlife designations and the condition of the land.

³ The Shepway District Issues and Options Places and Policies Local Plan was consulted on from 29 January to 11 March 2015.

⁴ The Shepway District Preferred Options Places and Policies Local Plan was consulted on from 7 October to 18 November 2016.

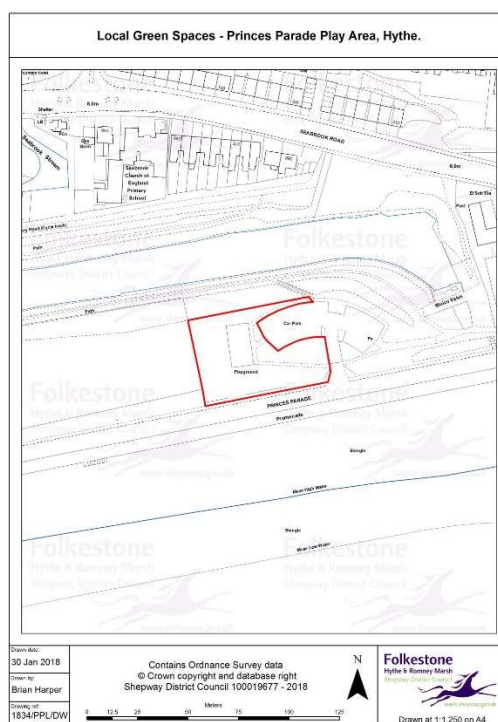
- 3.3 Each site that was put forward was also subject of a site visit as part of the overall assessment. If any other reasons (in addition to the criteria above) were apparent or put forward, then these would be considered as part of the assessment.
- 3.4 Each criteria was assessed using a traffic light system (red being poor, green being good). The assessments are set out in the tables in **Appendix 1**.

4. Conclusions

- 4.1 Of the sites assessed, only one, The Eaton Lands, Hythe (Site 22) could be argued to meet the criteria for Local Green Spaces.
- 4.2 Ten sites have been discounted as they are large extensive tracts of land. Four have been discounted as they fall within the AONB and are afforded protection through that nationally important designation. Other sites were also be protected through heritage designations, such as Ancient Monument or listed Buildings. The majority of sites put forward, however, were not considered 'demonstrably special' to warrant such a designation.
- 4.3 With regard to the consultation responses, whilst all sites received some support, it was generally low. (There also seemed to be some confusion in relation to the purpose of the Local Green Space designation, with a few respondents assuming it was a general open space policy.) Many of the consultation responses did not provide reasons as to why the areas should be Local Green Spaces (please see **Appendix 2** for a summary of the responses). The exceptions were The Roughs, which was supported by a petition, and Princes Parade. (The latter is allocated for mixed-used development in the Submission Draft Places and Policies Local Plan; see Policy UA18.)
- 4.4 With only one site considered suitable, it is considered that a district-wide policy would not be beneficial. The majority of the sites put forward are protected though national or local policies and are unlikely to be developed. If other sites came forward through neighbourhood plans, met the NPPF criteria and had the support of the local community, the District Council could support the designations through the neighbourhood plan process.

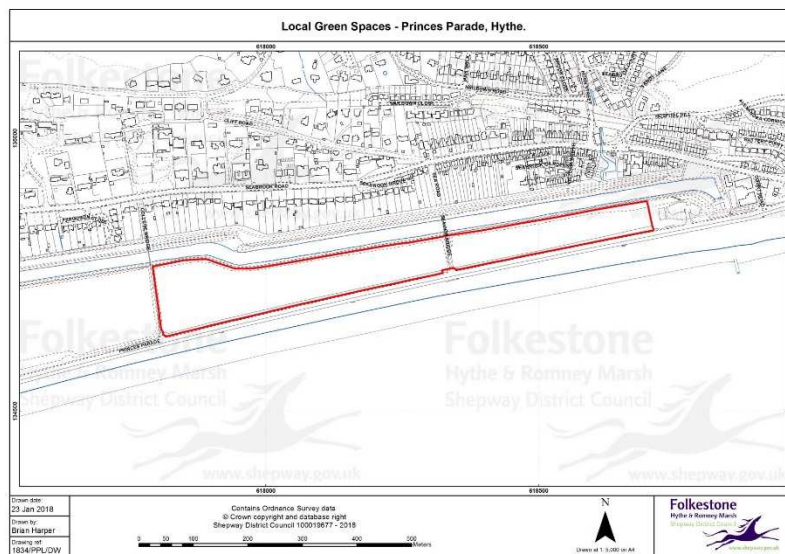
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Local Green Spaces - Site Assessments of Nominated Sites



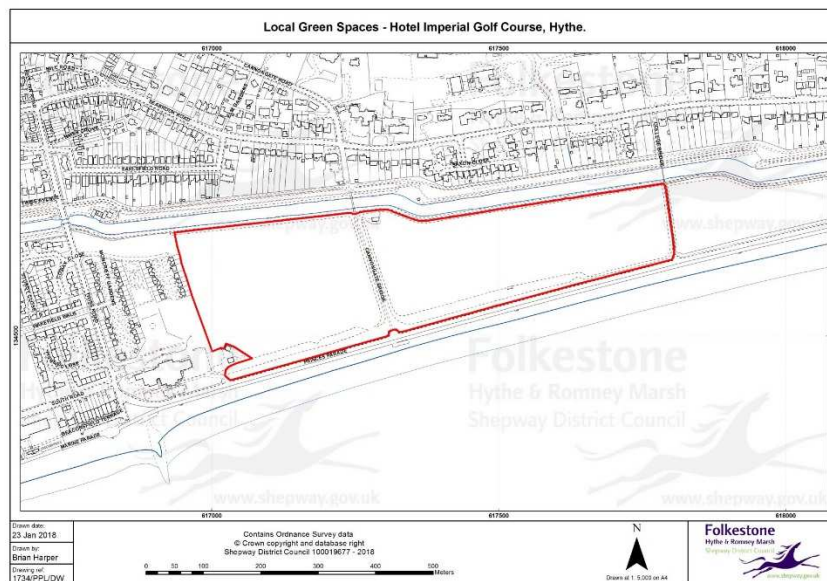
Site 1: Princes Parade Play Area, Hythe		
Details	Assessment	Rating
Size	Not an extensive tract of land.	
Location - is the greenspace in close proximity to the community that it serves	The play area is within the settlement boundary for Hythe.	
Beauty - a current landscape designation or almost uniquely special quality	The area is grass with scrub around some of the boundaries. It adjoins the car park and contains play equipment with a large installation that is based on a cross section of the Royal Military Canal. In itself the area is pleasant but would not generally be considered as having great beauty.	Orange
Historic significance - a heritage asset / conservation design	The area has significant historic significance as it forms part of the setting for the Royal Military Canal.	Green
Recreational value – with a recognised recreational value and permanent public access	The site provides for a play experience for children and picnic tables for adults. It is permanently accessible.	Green

Tranquillity – a pleasant calm environment	Tranquillity is disturbed by the traffic on Princes Parade. The area will be busier during summer months, the adjacent car park also has an impact.	Orange
Richness of wildlife	Scrub vegetation around the edge of the site provides some habitat.	Orange
Number of representations received during the Preferred Options consultation.		4
Conclusions: Although the site scored well in relation to historic significance and recreational value, the site is not considered demonstrably special to warrant designation as Local Green Space. The area is already protected through the NPPF and local policies.		



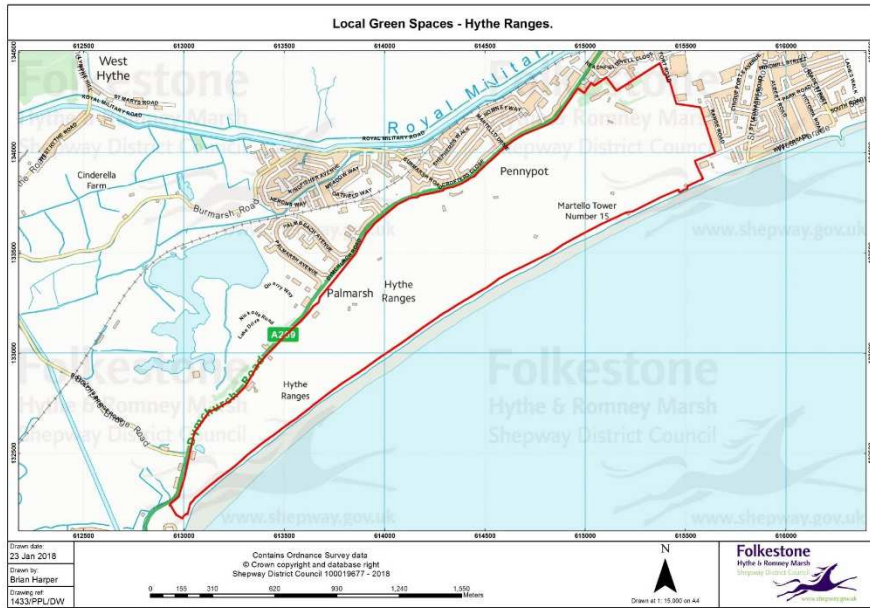
Site 2: Princes Parade, Hythe		
Details	Assessment	Rating
Size	Not an extensive tract of land.	
Location - is the greenspace in close proximity to the community that it serves	The area is within the settlement boundary for Hythe.	
Beauty - a current landscape designation or almost uniquely special quality	The area is open scrub which separates Hythe and Sandgate. This aesthetic quality enhances the setting of the two settlements.	Orange / green
Historic significance - a heritage asset / conservation design	The area has significant historic significance as it forms part of the setting for the Royal Military Canal. The construction of the road, sea defences and the use of the site in the past for refuse disposal (creating a mound) has degraded this setting. Originally, the land would have been low and flat to the beach for a clear line of site.	Green
Recreational value – with a recognised recreational	Much of the area is inaccessible with only a bridleway running along the Canal providing informal recreation (such as walking and fishing from the bank).	Red / Orange

value and permanent public access		
Tranquillity – a pleasant calm environment	Tranquillity is disturbed by the traffic on Princes Parade. The area will be busier during summer months, the adjacent car park also has an impact.	Orange
Richness of wildlife	The area provides habitat for mammals, birds and insects.	Green
Number of representations received during the Preferred Options consultation		17
<p>Conclusions: The site forms part of the open area along Princes Parade (the other section is the Imperial Golf Course below), which provides some separation between Hythe and Sandgate. The land is important to the setting of the Royal Military Canal, a Scheduled Monument, but this importance has been degraded due to the use of the land for waste disposal in the past and the creation of the road and flood defences, which has resulted in a rise in land levels, alien to the original landscape. Much of the site is also inaccessible. The site contains areas of scrub, which provides some habitat. The adjacent Canal is designated a Local Wildlife Site. Whilst this land has received a lot of support from the community, the area is not considered to be ‘demonstrably’ special overall due to the limited accessibility, past use and it being mainly scrubland.</p> <p>The site has been put forward by the District Council in the Places and Policies Local Plan for mixed-use development including a new swimming pool, accessible open space, residential and other leisure uses (see Policy UA18 of the Submission Draft Places and Policies Local Plan).</p>		

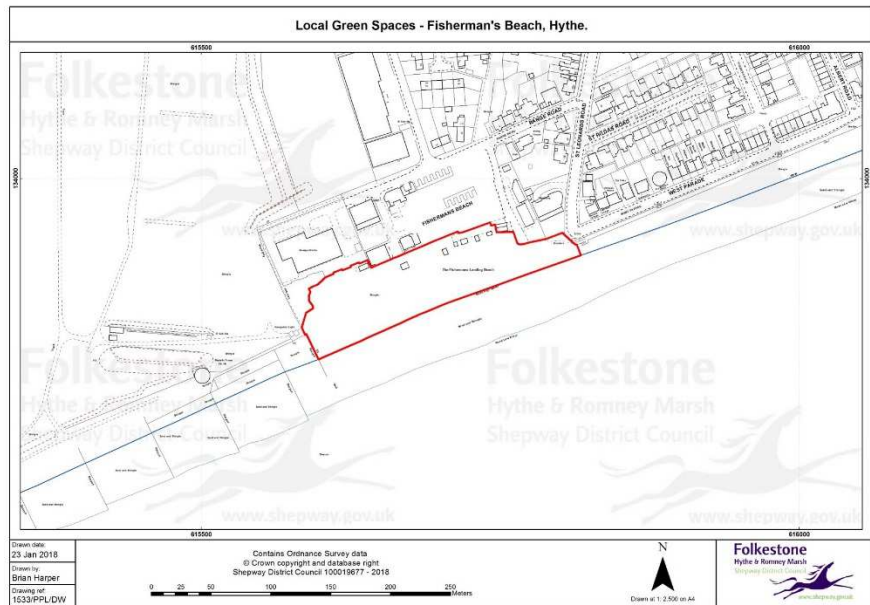


Site 3: The Imperial Golf Course, Hythe		
Details	Assessment	Rating
Size	Not an extensive tract of land.	
Location - is the greenspace in close proximity to the community that it serves	The golf course is within the settlement boundary for Hythe.	
Beauty - a current	The site is an operational golf course. It is pleasant but lacks a completely unique special quality.	Orange

landscape designation or almost uniquely special quality		
Historic significance - a heritage asset / conservation design.	The area has significant historic significance as it forms part of the setting for the Royal Military Canal (a Scheduled Monument). The golf course is important for the setting is still roughly at the original height of the land when the RMC was constructed. Only the new road and sea defences detract at this location.	Green
Recreational value – with a recognised recreational value and permanent public access	The golf course is actively used but is in private ownership. There are public paths to the north and east of the site.	Green
Tranquillity – a pleasant calm environment	The level of the golf course is below that of the road on Princes Parade and therefore the impact of the traffic is reduced.	Green
Richness of wildlife	Poor, there is some cover for birds but very little else in terms of habitat.	Orange
Number of representations received during the Preferred Options consultation		7
<p>Conclusions: The site forms part of the open area along Princes Parade (the other section is Princes Parade site above), which provides some separation between Hythe and Sandgate. The land is important to the setting of the Royal Military Canal, a Scheduled Monument, but this importance has been slightly degraded due to the creation of the road and flood defences, which has created a rise in land levels towards the sea. The golf course is, however, similar to the land levels of the past and is important for the setting of the ancient monument. Whilst the site is considered positive on four of the criteria in terms of heritage, accessibility, recreational value and tranquillity, overall it is still not considered to be suitable for Local Green Space designation as it is an operational golf course with no overriding special and specific qualities. The site is protected by national policies and legislation (in terms of heritage and open space) and local policies (open space).</p>		



Site 4: The Hythe Ranges, Hythe		
Details	Assessment	
Size	An extensive tract of land	
Number of representations received during the Preferred Options consultation		3
Conclusions: The site is an extensive tract of land and would not meet the NPPF criteria.		

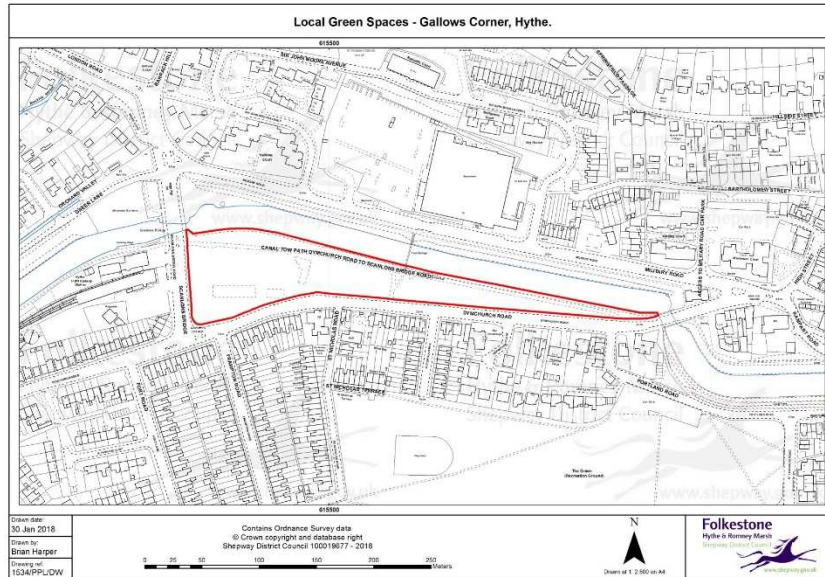


Site 5: Fisherman's Beach, Hythe		
Details	Assessment	Rating
Size	Not an extensive tract of land.	

Location - is the greenspace in close proximity to the community that it serves	Half of the site is in the settlement boundary, but the whole site is within the context of the town.	
Beauty - a current landscape designation or almost uniquely special quality	As a working beach it has its own qualities the nature of the industry is not unattractive. Seascapes are generally considered to have a high scenic quality but there are no unique qualities when considering the site against the rest of the coastline.	Orange / green
Historic significance - a heritage asset / conservation design	The beach has had a strong influence on Hythe and the fishing industry has a strong historical significance to the town. The old life boat station within the site is listed.	Green
Recreational value – with a recognised recreational value and permanent public access	This is a working beach.	Red
Tranquillity – a pleasant calm environment	The presence of water in a landscape is generally associated with tranquillity, although the sea is obviously subject to change and on stormy days would not be so. Activity from the fishing industry is generally low key.	Green
Richness of wildlife	Low; seabirds may rest on the beach, pick up scraps, but there is no real inherent resident flora or fauna.	Orange
Number of representations received during the Preferred Options consultation		2
Conclusions: The area is a working beach with local fisherman using it daily. Whilst there are positive aspects, it is not considered overall as being demonstrably special. The district has a long coastline and there are no specific qualities of this part of the beach that would warrant special protection.		

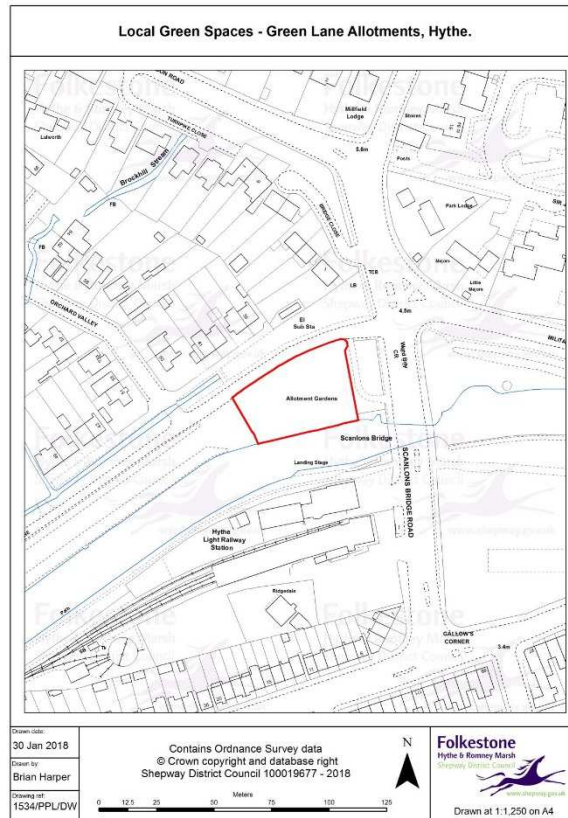


Site 6: Countryside on Western Edge of Hythe		
Details	Assessment	
Size	An extensive tract of land	
Number of representations received during the Preferred Options consultation		3
Conclusions: The site is an extensive tract of land and would not meet the NPPF criteria.		



Site 7: Gallows Corner, Hythe		
Details	Assessment	Rating
Size	Not an extensive tract of land.	
Location - is the greenspace in close proximity to the community that it serves	The area is within the settlement boundary for Hythe.	
Beauty - a current landscape designation or almost uniquely special quality	The area is a triangular piece of land that is bounded to the north by the Royal Military Canal and to the south by the Dymchurch Road (the A259), the presence of the road is reduced by a wall. Mature trees align the boundary with the canal. There are occasional trees elsewhere on the site. This place does have an individual identity. It is a pleasant place to be but there are no unique qualities.	Orange /Green
Historic significance - a heritage asset / conservation design	The area has significant historic significance as it forms part of the setting for the Royal Military Canal. An interpretation panel explains the military significance of the canal.	Green
Recreational value – with a recognised recreational value and permanent public access	A footpath alongside the Royal Military Canal provides access along further reaches of the canal to the east and to the west and to the town centre. The area has picnic furniture and is popular for passive recreation.	Orange /Green
Tranquillity – a pleasant calm environment	Despite the presence of the road the area does feel tranquil, the presence of water supports this.	Orange /Green
Richness of wildlife	The canal bank provides good habitat.	Orange /Green
Number of representations received during the Preferred Options consultation		3
Conclusions: The triangular shaped piece of land is located between three roads with a section of the Royal Military Canal running through it. Whilst the land has character it is not considered necessary to		

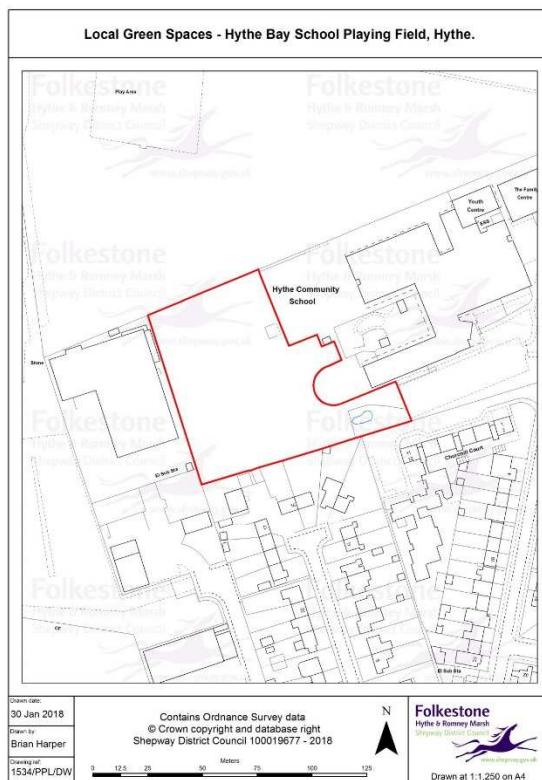
designate the land as Local Green Space as it is not considered to be demonstrably special. The site is already protected by national legislation and policy (setting of a Scheduled Monument and open space) as well as local policy (open space).



Site 8: Green Lane Allotments, Hythe		
Details	Assessment	Rating
Size	Not an extensive tract of land.	
Location - is the greenspace in close proximity to the community that it serves	The area is within the settlement boundary for Hythe.	
Beauty - a current landscape designation or almost uniquely special quality	This small enclosed group of allotments is pleasant but there are no unique qualities.	Orange
Historic significance - a heritage asset / conservation design	The area has significant historic significance as it forms part of the setting for the Royal Military Canal.	Green

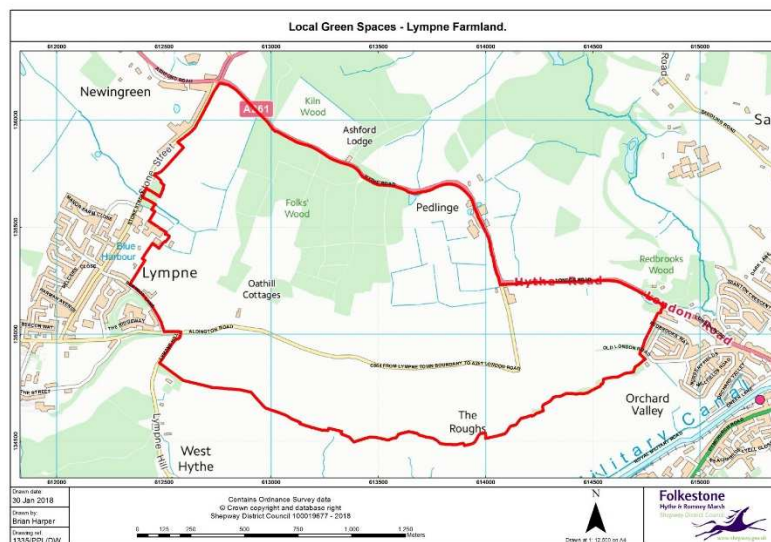
Recreational value – with a recognised recreational value and permanent public access	Whilst allotments provide a valuable recreational resource this is inaccessible to the general public.	Green
Tranquillity – a pleasant calm environment	This small enclosed space is sheltered from nearby traffic.	Orange
Richness of wildlife	The area is on the edge of the more rural stretch of the canal to the west of Hythe and, whilst its primary purpose is not for wildlife, it is likely to be a place that provides food and shelter for species.	Orange /Green
Number of representations received during the Preferred Options consultation		3
Conclusions: The land is used for allotments and it is not considered to be demonstrably special. The site would be protected through national legislation and policies (setting of Scheduled Monument and open spaces) as well as local plan policies.		

Site 9: Land south of London Road A261, Hythe		
Details	Assessment	Rating
Size	An extensive tract of land	
Number of representations received during the Preferred Options consultation		3
Conclusions: The site is an extensive tract of land and would not meet the NPPF criteria.		

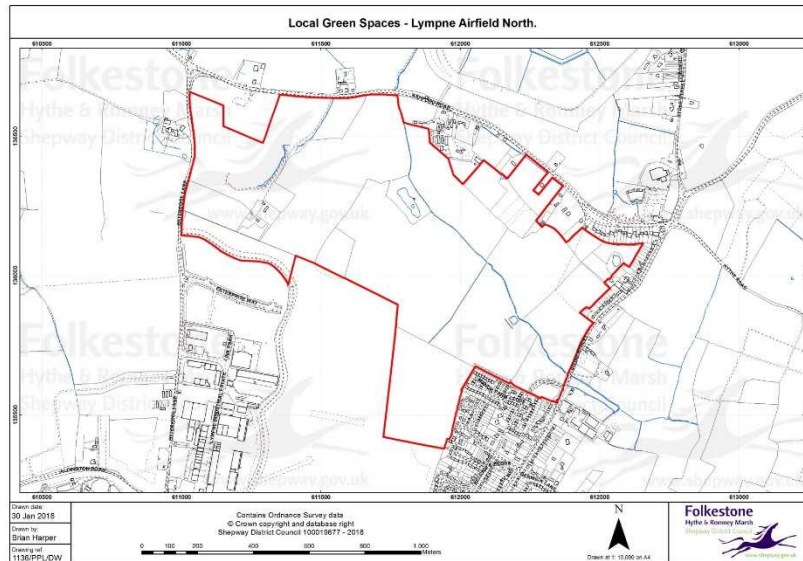


Site 10: Hythe Bay School Playing Field, Hythe		
Details	Assessment	Rating
Size	Not an extensive tract of land.	
Location - is the greenspace in close proximity to the community that it serves	The area is not only within the settlement boundary for Hythe, but it also serves the local school.	
Beauty - a current landscape designation or almost uniquely special quality	As a school playing field it is functional and has no unique qualities that set it aside.	Orange
Historic significance - a heritage asset / conservation design	Little or no historic significance.	Red
Recreational value – with a recognised recreational value and permanent public access	High, but obviously with limited public access.	Orange

Tranquility – a pleasant calm environment	Outside the school day the site is quiet.	Orange
Richness of wildlife	Poor	Red / Orange
Number of representations received during the Preferred Options consultation		3
Conclusions: There are no specific qualities that would set this playing field apart from other playing fields in the district and, therefore, it is not considered to be demonstrably special. The site would be protected through national policies (open spaces and playing fields) as well as local plan policies (open spaces and playing fields).		



Site 11: Farmland between Pedlinge and the Roughs		
Details	Assessment	
Size	An extensive tract of land	
Number of representations received during the Preferred Options consultation		2
Conclusions: The site is an extensive tract of land and would not meet the NPPF criteria.		

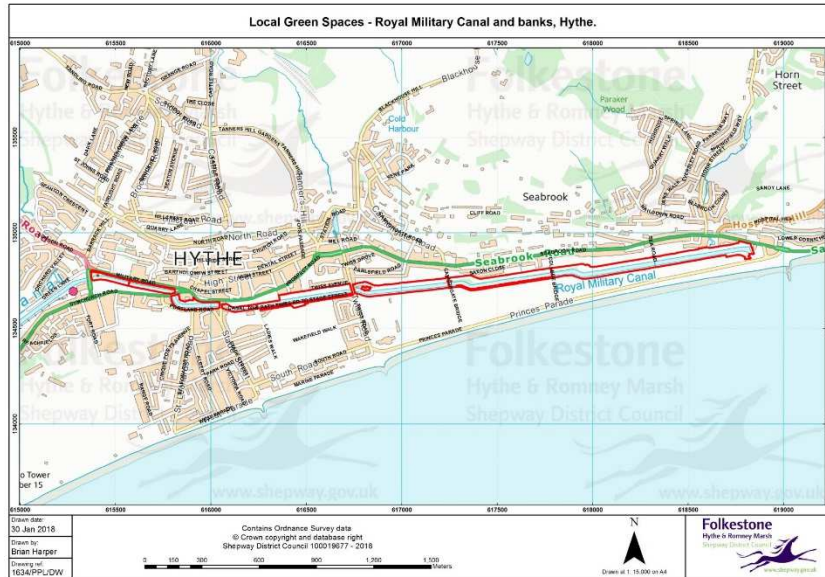


Site 12: Lympe Airfield North		
Details	Assessment	
Size	An extensive tract of land	
Number of representations received during the Preferred Options consultation		6
Conclusions: The site is an extensive tract of land and would not meet the NPPF criteria.		



Site 13: Foxwood School Hythe		
Details	Assessment	Rating
Size	Not an extensive tract of land.	
Location - is the greenspace in	The area is within the settlement boundary for Hythe.	

close proximity to the community		
Beauty - a current landscape designation or almost uniquely special quality	The site is within an Area of Special Character on the Hythe escarpment. It is a pleasant green space, its structural vegetation is visible from the coast and is typical of that area of the town. The site does contain some large school buildings, some of have a detrimental impact.	Orange /Green
Historic significance - a heritage asset / conservation design	None that is known.	Red
Recreational value – with a recognised recreational value and permanent public access	Has playing fields relating to the school but they are not accessible to the public.	Orange
Tranquillity – a pleasant calm environment	Fairly quiet as it is set back from the road. It could be described as a pleasant environment.	Orange /Green
Richness of wildlife	The site is well vegetated and would support local wildlife, but it is not designated.	Orange /Green
Number of representations received during the Preferred Options consultation		
<p>Conclusions: There are no specific qualities that would set this playing field apart from other playing fields in the district and, therefore, it is not considered to be demonstrably special. Sensitive development would not impinge on the character of the area. The site has been identified for residential development in the PPLP.</p>		



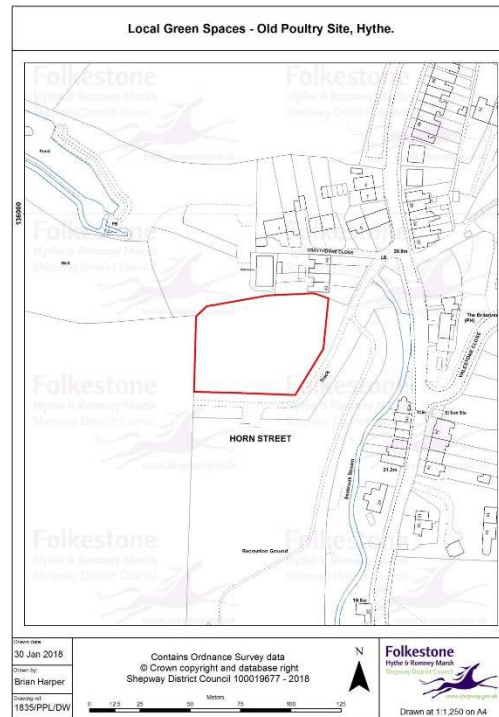
Site 14: Royal Military Canal and Banks, Hythe

Details	Assessment	
Size	An ancient monument and an extensive tract of land	
Number of representations received during the Preferred Options consultation		6
<p>Conclusions: The site is an extensive tract of land and would not meet the NPPF criteria. The Royal Military Canal is a Scheduled Monument and is afforded high protection through national legislation and policy.</p>		



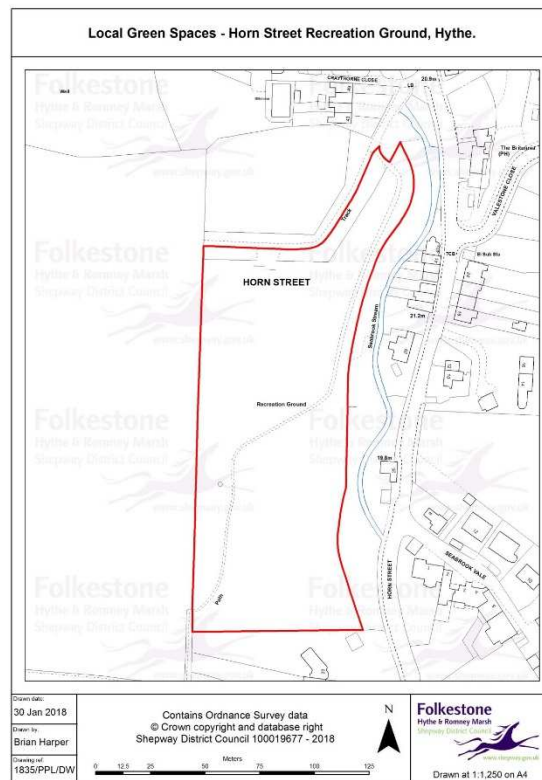
Site 15: Eversley Wood, Hythe		
Details	Assessment	Rating
Size	Not an extensive tract of land	
Location - is the greenspace in close proximity to the community that it serves	The area is within the settlement boundary for Hythe.	
Beauty - a current landscape designation or almost uniquely special quality	The area is an unmanaged pocket of trees, most of which are Sycamores. There is some ground cover that provides a food source for insects and cover for birds and small mammals.	Orange
Historic significance - a heritage asset / conservation design	None that is known of.	Red
Recreational value – with a recognised recreational value and permanent public access	None; the area is accessible but has been used for dumping garden waste.	Red
Tranquillity – a pleasant calm environment	The copse of trees is in a quiet residential area and is therefore tranquil.	Green
Richness of wildlife	The light tree cover and understory flora provide cover and a food source for birds and insects.	Orange

Number of representations received during the Preferred Options consultation	3 support 1 against
Conclusions: The site is not considered demonstrably special as it is a copse of trees with no other unique qualities to set it aside from other areas in the district.	



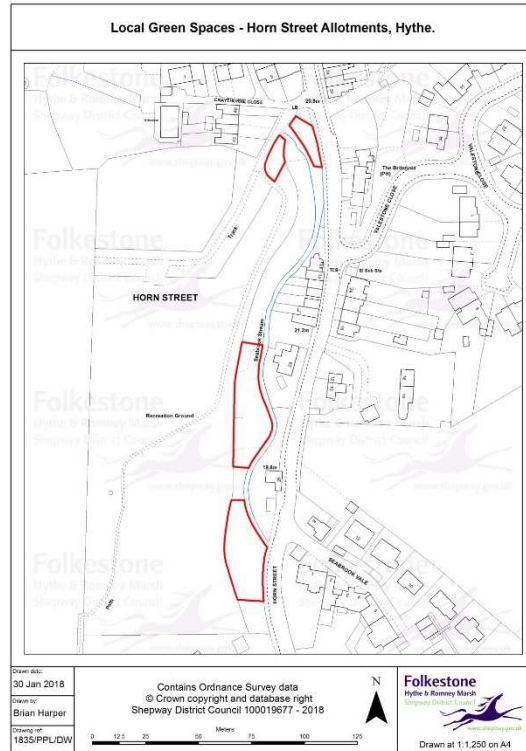
Site 16: Old Poultry Site, Horn Street, Hythe		
Details	Assessment	Rating
Size	Not an extensive tract of land.	
Location - is the greenspace in close proximity to the community that it serves	The area is outside but adjacent to the settlement boundary for Hythe.	
Beauty - a current landscape designation or almost uniquely special quality	The site contains a high proportion of trees and much of it is screened. Breaks in the boundary vegetation provide glimpses of what appears to be a very pleasant space.	Orange / Green
Historic significance - a heritage asset / conservation design	None that is known of.	Red
Recreational value – with a recognised	None; this area is not accessible to the public.	Red

recreational value and permanent public access		
Tranquillity – a pleasant calm environment	The site is on the edge of the residential development that aligns Horn Street and as such is tranquil.	Green
Richness of wildlife	A large number of birds were visible on site at the time of the visit. There is also a lot of cover for mammals and the site has a rural edge.	Green
Number of representations received during the Preferred Options consultation		3
Conclusions: The land is not considered demonstrably special as it is an ordinary open space with no unique qualities to set it aside from other areas. The site would be protected by national and local policies for open spaces.		



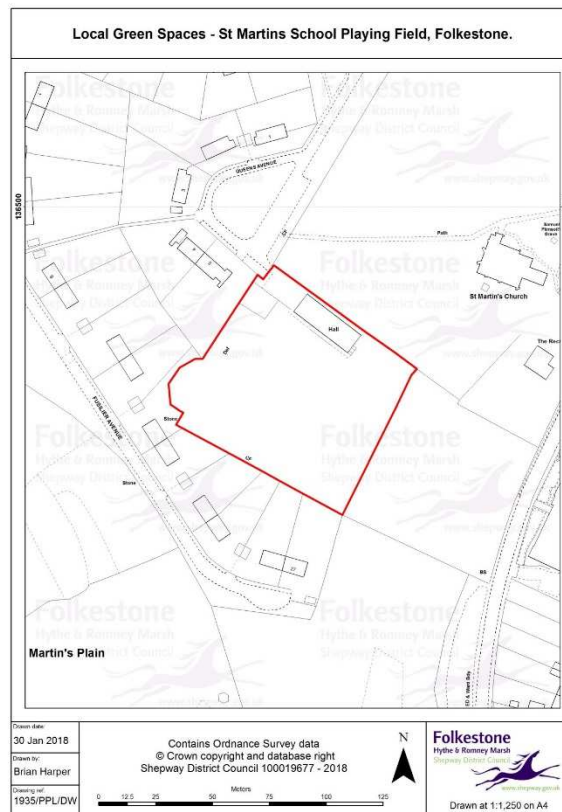
Site 17: Horn Street Recreation Ground, Hythe		
Details	Assessment	Rating
Size	Not an extensive tract of land	
Location - is the greenspace in close proximity to the community that it serves	The area is outside but adjacent to the settlement boundary for Hythe	
Beauty - a current landscape designation or	The recreation ground is on a steep slope that falls to the Seabrook Stream. The boundaries are heavily vegetated with trees and an associated understory flora. There are occasional trees within the site too.	Orange / Green

almost uniquely special quality		
Historic significance - a heritage asset / conservation design	None that is known of.	Red
Recreational value – with a recognised recreational value and permanent public access	The recreation ground contains a range of play equipment footpaths and picnic tables.	Green
Tranquillity – a pleasant calm environment	The recreation ground is in a tranquil location.	Green
Richness of wildlife	The trees and understorey vegetation provide cover and a food source for birds, mammals and insects.	Green
Number of representations received during the Preferred Options consultation		3
Conclusions: The recreational ground is not considered demonstrably special as it has no other unique qualities to set it apart from other recreational land. The site would be protected by national and local policies for open spaces.		



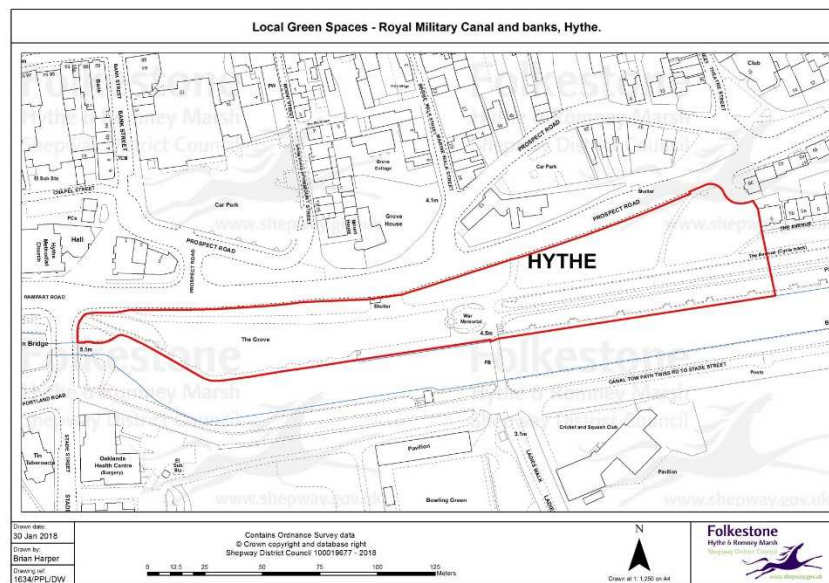
Site 18: Horn Street Allotments, Hythe		
Details	Assessment	Rating
Size	Not an extensive tract of land	
Location - is the greenspace in close proximity to the community that it serves	The submission comprises of four parcels of land, two are in or partially in the settlement boundary and two are outside but immediately adjacent to it.	
Beauty - a current landscape designation or almost uniquely special quality	The appearance of the four sites is variable. Those near to Craythorne Close are well-tended; the two that are to the rear of 25 Horn Street are a little overgrown. The allotments are pleasant in different ways.	Orange / Green
Historic significance - a heritage asset / conservation design	None that is known of.	Red
Recreational value – with a recognised recreational value and permanent public access	Although they support a singular activity. The recreational value is high.	Green
Tranquillity – a pleasant calm environment	Adjacent to Horn Street, which is generally not heavily trafficked, and by the Seabrook Stream that has a calming influence.	Orange / Green

Richness of wildlife	There was little evidence of wildlife in the well-tended plots although there is a lot of vegetation in very close proximity to both sites. The less cared-for sites provide more for local wildlife.	Orange
Number of representations received during the Preferred Options consultation		3
Conclusions: The allotments are not considered to be demonstrably special as they have no other unique qualities to set them aside from other allotments. The site would be protected by national and local policies for open spaces and allotments.		



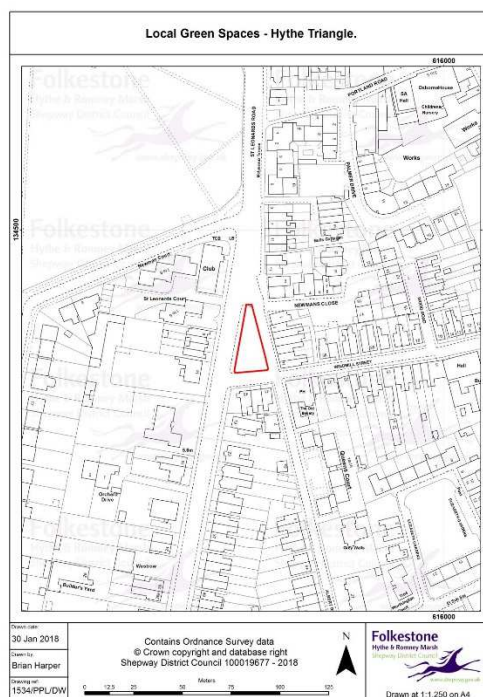
Site 19: St. Martin's School Playing Field, Folkestone		
Details	Assessment	Rating
Size	Not an extensive tract of land	
Location - is the greenspace in close proximity to the community that it serves	The area is outside but close to the settlement boundary.	
Beauty - a current landscape designation or almost uniquely special quality	The site provides for recreation and is practical rather than beautiful.	Orange
Historic significance - a heritage asset /	None that is known of.	Red

conservation design		
Recreational value – with a recognised recreational value and permanent public access	This is the primary purpose of the site.	Green
Tranquillity – a pleasant calm environment	At the time of the visit, the site was tranquil. It would be less when in use.	Green / Orange
Richness of wildlife	The site is gang mown grass with limited habitat for wildlife.	Red
Number of representations received during the Preferred Options consultation		3
Conclusions: There are no unique qualities that would set the land apart from other playing fields in the district. It is, therefore, not considered to be demonstrably special. The site would be protected through national policies (open spaces and playing fields) as well as local plan policies (open spaces and playing fields).		



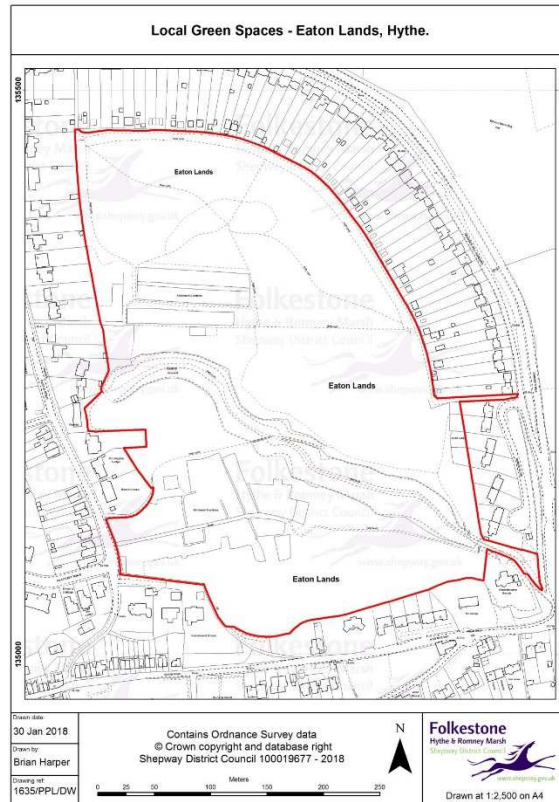
Site 20: Grove, Hythe		
Details	Assessment	Rating
Size	Not an extensive tract of land	
Location - is the greenspace in close proximity to the community that it serves	The area is within the settlement boundary for Hythe.	
Beauty - a current landscape designation or	This is a small section of the Royal Military Canal bank which includes grassed area and flower and shrub beds. It also includes the war memorial.	Orange /Green

almost uniquely special quality		
Historic significance - a heritage asset / conservation design	The area has significant historic significance as it forms part of the setting for the Royal Military Canal.	Green
Recreational value – with a recognised recreational value and permanent public access	The area is popular for informal recreation.	Orange /Green
Tranquillity – a pleasant calm environment	The area is adjacent to the A259 and close to the town centre. It is not that tranquil.	Orange
Richness of wildlife	It is basically an amenity area with limited wildlife interest.	Orange
Number of representations received during the Preferred Options consultation		3
Conclusions: The triangular shaped piece of land is located between three roads with a section of the Royal Military Canal running through it. Whilst the land has character it is not considered necessary to designate the land as Local Green Space as it is not considered to be demonstrably special. The site is already protected by national legislation and policy (setting of a Scheduled Monument and open space) as well as local policy (open space).		



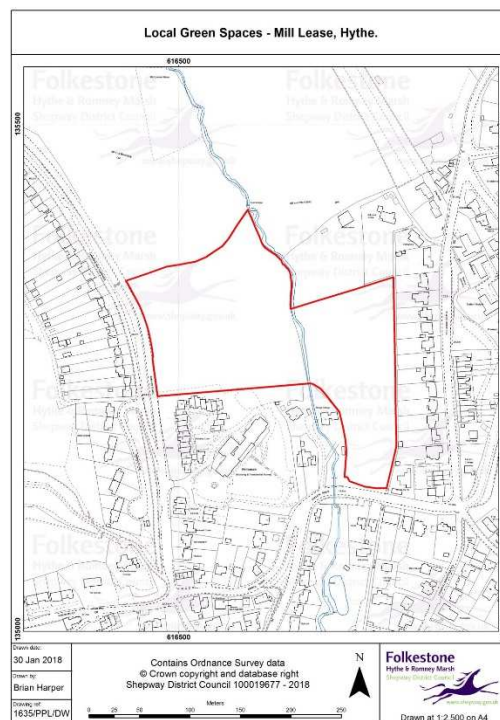
Site 21: Animal Pound (The Hythe Triangle), Hythe		
Details	Assessment	Rating
Size	The site is not an extensive tract of land	

Location - is the greenspace in close proximity to the community that it serves	The site is within the settlement boundary for Hythe.	
Beauty - a current landscape designation or almost uniquely special quality	Although the site is much valued by the local community it is overgrown and is not particularly attractive.	Orange
Historic significance - a heritage asset / conservation design	The wall and site has a Grade II listing due to the rarity of animal pounds of this era.	Green
Recreational value – with a recognised recreational value and permanent public access	It is valuable within the street scene as an open space but has limited recreational value.	Orange
Tranquillity – a pleasant calm environment	It forms a road island in a residential area.	Orange / Red
Richness of wildlife	It is overgrown and not open to the public so offers some protection for the local fauna.	Orange
Number of representations received during the Preferred Options consultation		4
Conclusions: The site is Grade II listed and is protected by national and local policies. A Local Green Space designation is not necessary as this site is afforded considerable protection.		



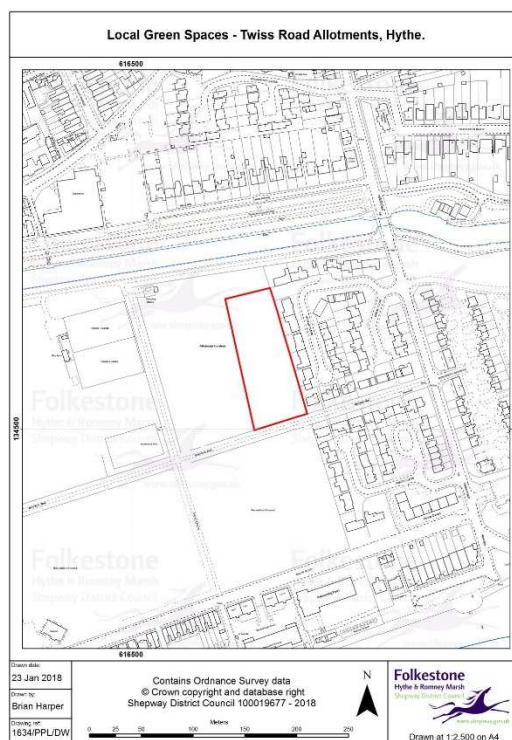
Site 22: Eaton Lands (including Eaton Lands Allotments), Hythe		
Details	Assessment	Rating
Size	Although the site is large it is contained within the urban fabric of Hythe and has a high degree of variation with easily distinguishable component parts.	
Location - is the greenspace in close proximity to the community that it serves	The site is within the settlement boundary for Hythe.	
Beauty - a current landscape designation or almost uniquely special quality	The area is varied and contains belts of trees, a sports area, a wild flowering meadow, the allotments and scrub. It is large enough to mean the gardens to the rear of Tanners Hill gardens do not overly impinge on it.	Green
Historic significance - a heritage asset / conservation design	None that is known.	Red
Recreational value – with a recognised recreational value and permanent public access	This is very high because of the complexity of the site and its multiple uses. It provides an informal sports pitch, a picnic area, walks and allotments.	Green*

Tranquility – a pleasant calm environment	High. The site is free from noise intrusion and large enough to provide for solitude if it is desired.	Green
Richness of wildlife	High. A kestrel was hovering over the meadow at the time of the visit.	Green
Number of representations received during the Preferred Options consultation		4
Conclusions: The land has scored well on all of the criteria and it is considered that this land could form a Local Green Space designation. The site is still protected through national and local open space policies. However, only four members of the community responded to the consultation, considering it to be special.		



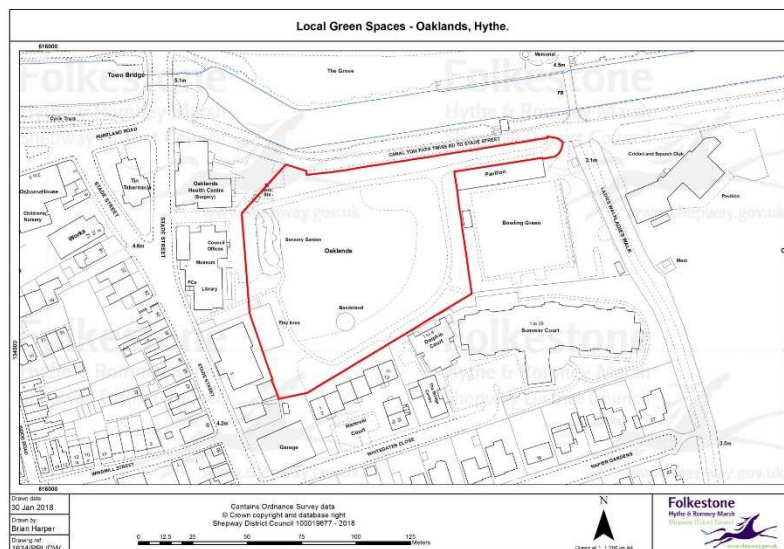
Site 23: Mill Lease near Station Road, Hythe		
Details	Assessment	Rating
Size	The site is not an extensive tract of land	
Location - is the greenspace in close proximity to the community that it serves	The area is adjacent to the settlement boundary for Hythe.	
Beauty - a current landscape designation or almost uniquely special quality	The area has a strong topography. It contains boundary sporadic trees and although overgrown is picturesque.	Green
Historic significance - a heritage asset /	It forms part of the valley for the Mill Stream, which is important in terms of the town.	Orange

conservation design		
Recreational value – with a recognised recreational value and permanent public access	The area is not publicly accessible.	Red
Tranquillity – a pleasant calm environment	The area is on the edge of the built area of the town. Most of the land is set back from the road so tranquillity is high.	Green
Richness of wildlife	Much of the site is unmanaged, it contains a large number of trees and vegetation so will provide habitat.	Green
Number of representations received during the Preferred Options consultation		5
<p>Conclusions: A large section of the site has been granted planning permission for development consisting of extra care facilities. The other part of the site has been put forward for development in the Places and Policies Local Plan.</p> <p>The site has some positive aspects but there are no unique qualities that would set this site apart from other sites on the edge of settlements.</p>		



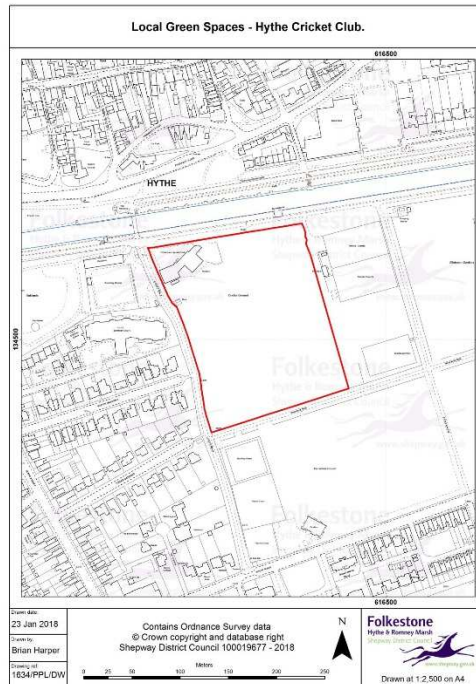
Site 24: Twiss Road Allotments, Hythe		
Details	Assessment	Rating
Size	The site is not an extensive tract of land	
Location - is the greenspace in close proximity	The area is within the settlement boundary and very close to the town centre.	

to the community that it serves		
Beauty - a current landscape designation or almost uniquely special quality	The allotments are generally well cared for.	Orange
Historic significance - a heritage asset / conservation design	The area is close to the Royal Military Canal, which is an Ancient Monument, but the allotments do not possess any specific historic qualities in their own right.	Orange
Recreational value – with a recognised recreational value and permanent public access	High.	Green
Tranquillity – a pleasant calm environment	The allotments are close to sports pitches, which are used at weekends but for much of the time would be quiet.	Orange / Green
Richness of wildlife	The overgrown areas offer some habitat.	Orange / Green
Number of representations received during the Preferred Options consultation		3
Conclusions: The site forms part of a larger open area with the Hythe Cricket Club and the south road recreational grounds. The site is an allotment with no qualities that would make it 'demonstrably special'. The site would be protected by national and local policies for open spaces and allotments.		



Site 25: Oaklands, Hythe		
Details	Assessment	Rating
Size	The site is not an extensive tract of land	

Location - is the greenspace in close proximity to the community that it serves	It is within the settlement boundary and very close to the town centre.	
Beauty - a current landscape designation or almost uniquely special quality	The parkland is very pleasant.	Orange / Green
Historic significance - a heritage asset / conservation design	A long established small park which was donated to the town for public use.	Orange
Recreational value – with a recognised recreational value and permanent public access	The area offers opportunities for informal games, events and play. It contains a bandstand and a range of play equipment.	Green
Tranquillity – a pleasant calm environment	This is changeable, but the area is generally quiet, screened by housing and the banks of the Royal Military Canal.	Orange / Green
Richness of wildlife	The trees and shrub borders offer some cover.	Orange
Number of representations received during the Preferred Options consultation		5
Conclusions: The site is pleasant and offers opportunities for informal sports but there are no qualities identified that would make the site 'demonstrably special'. The site is protected by national and local policies for open spaces.		

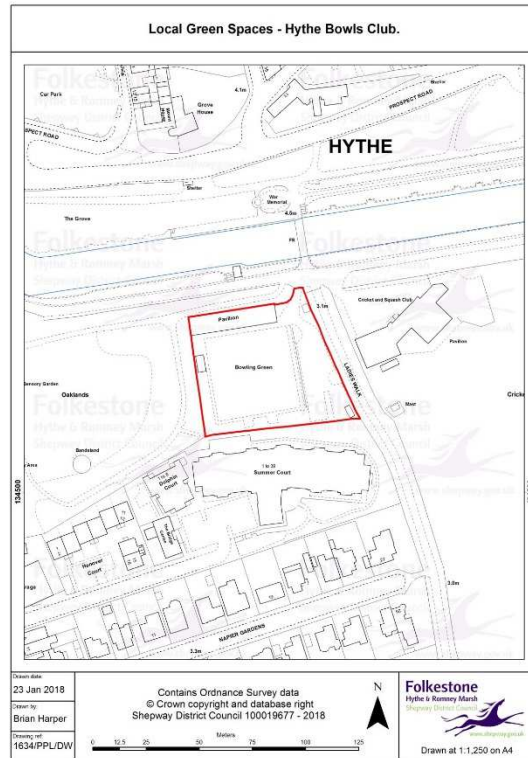


Site 26: Hythe Cricket Club, Hythe		
Details	Assessment	Rating
Size	The site is not an extensive tract of land	
Location - is the greenspace in close proximity to the community that it serves	The greenspace is close to the town centre and within the settlement boundary for Hythe.	
Beauty - a current landscape designation or almost uniquely special quality	It is a pleasant large greenspace with boundary vegetation and open vistas.	Orange / Green
Historic significance - a heritage asset / conservation design	Nothing that is known of.	Red
Recreational value – with a recognised recreational value and permanent public access	This is high as it has a dedicated purpose.	Green
Tranquillity – a pleasant calm environment	Variable, at the time of the visit it was very tranquil. The cricket matches that take place at the venue do not cause a high degree of disturbance.	Green
Richness of wildlife	Much of the site is mown grassland, but there is cover along the site boundaries that will offer some habitat.	Orange

Number of representations received during the Preferred Options consultation

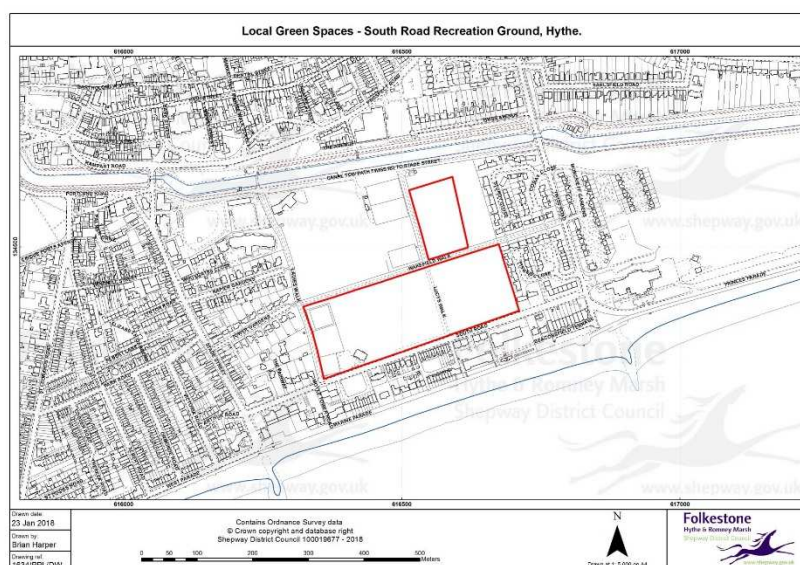
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Conclusions: The site forms part of a larger open area with the South Road Recreational grounds and the Twiss Road allotments. The site has a dedicated use that provides a community facility (club) but there are no qualities identified that would make the site 'demonstrably special'. The site is protected by national and local policies for open spaces and sports grounds.



Site 27: Hythe Bowls Club, Hythe		
Details	Assessment	Rating
Size	The site is not an extensive tract of land.	
Location - is the greenspace in close proximity to the community that it serves	The greenspace is close to the town centre and within the settlement boundary for Hythe.	
Beauty - a current landscape designation or almost uniquely special quality	This is a well-cared for pleasant space.	Orange
Historic significance - a heritage asset / conservation design	None that is known of.	Red
Recreational value – with a	High; the site has a dedicated purpose as a bowls club.	Green

recognised recreational value and permanent public access		
Tranquillity – a pleasant calm environment	High.	Green
Richness of wildlife	The site is well planted, hedges and trees provide cover for birds	Orange
Number of representations received during the Preferred Options consultation		3
Conclusions: The site has a dedicated use that provides a community facility (club) but there are no qualities identified that would make the site 'demonstrably special'. The site is protected by national and local policies for open spaces and sports grounds.		



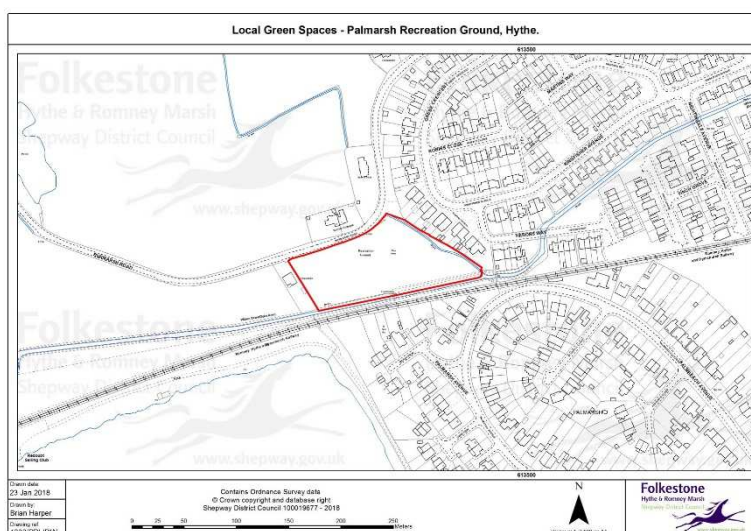
Site 28: South Road Recreation Ground, Hythe		
Details	Assessment	Rating
Size	The site is not an extensive tract of land	
Location - is the greenspace in close proximity to the community that it serves	The greenspace is close to the town centre and within the settlement boundary for Hythe.	
Beauty - a current landscape designation or almost uniquely special quality	This is an open space with views up towards the town.	Orange / Green
Historic significance - a heritage asset /	The path network was laid out in the late nineteenth or early twentieth century.	Orange

conservation design		
Recreational value – with a recognised recreational value and permanent public access	Very high; the area is used for football cricket, races, community events, tennis, skateboarding and informal recreation.	Green*
Tranquillity – a pleasant calm environment	The area is open and generally tranquil. It is busy when used for active organised sporting events.	Orange / Green
Richness of wildlife	This mainly comprises mown grass, but there are hedges and some occasional trees.	Orange
Number of representations received during the Preferred Options consultation		5
Conclusions: The site forms part of a larger open area with the Hythe Cricket Club and the Twiss Road allotments. The site provides multiple opportunities for recreation, but there are no qualities identified that would set the site above other recreational grounds that would lead it to be described as 'demonstrably special'. The site is protected by national and local policies for open spaces and sports grounds.		



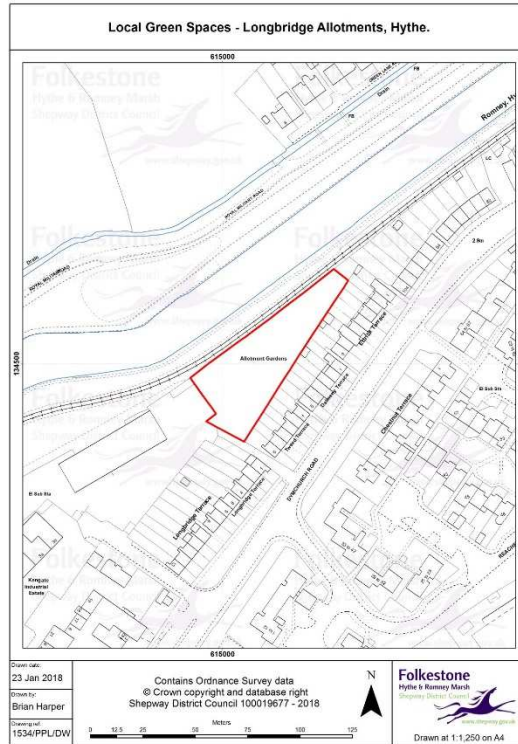
Site 29: Water Board Land, North Road, Hythe		
Details	Assessment	Rating
Size	The site is not an extensive tract of land.	
Location - is the greenspace in close proximity	The greenspace is within the settlement boundary for Hythe.	

to the community that it serves		
Beauty - a current landscape designation or almost uniquely special quality	The space is a small area of enclosed grass and is very pleasant.	Orange / Green
Historic significance - a heritage asset / conservation design	None that is known of.	Red
Recreational value – with a recognised recreational value and permanent public access	The site is not open to the public.	Red
Tranquillity – a pleasant calm environment	The roads that run along the two long boundaries that define the site are not heavily used and so it is relatively tranquil.	Green
Richness of wildlife	The longer grass and vegetated borders provide habitat for birds and insects.	Orange / Green
Number of representations received during the Preferred Options consultation		5
Conclusions: An informal open space with no public access but which contributes to the hill side, lower density character of the urban form in this part of Hythe. The site, however, does not possess any special characteristics that would make the land 'demonstrably special'. The site would be protected by national and local policies for open spaces.		



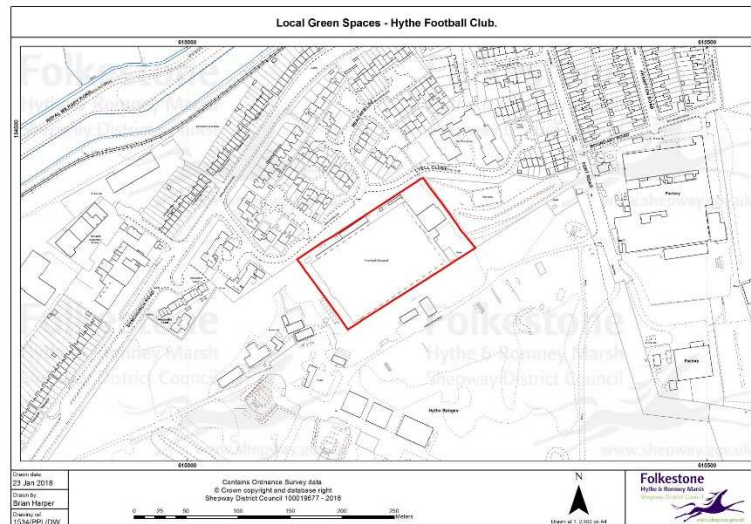
Site 30: Palmarsh Recreation Ground, Hythe		
Details	Assessment	Rating
Size	The site is not an extensive tract of land.	

Location - is the greenspace in close proximity to the community that it serves	The recreation ground is adjacent to the settlement boundary and provides a useful local greenspace for the people in the area.	
Beauty - a current landscape designation or almost uniquely special quality	The space is simple, grass, edged with trees and the edge of the built area for Hythe. There is a small watercourse along its southern boundary. There are good views out of the site to Lympne escarpment.	Orange / Green
Historic significance - a heritage asset / conservation design	The houses surrounding the site are relatively new. This greenspace as it currently is likely to date from the same period.	Red
Recreational value – with a recognised recreational value and permanent public access	High; the site provides for active and informal recreation.	Green
Tranquillity – a pleasant calm environment	High; the location is very peaceful, there would be occasional disturbance from the Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch Railway.	Green
Richness of wildlife	The heavily vegetated boundaries and watercourse means that the site is likely to provide habitat for birds, insects, possibly fish and amphibians too.	Green
Number of representations received during the Preferred Options consultation		3
Conclusions: The site provides multiple opportunities for recreation but there are no qualities identified that would set the site above other recreational grounds and could lead it to be described as 'demonstrably special'. The site is protected by national and local policies for open spaces and sports grounds.		



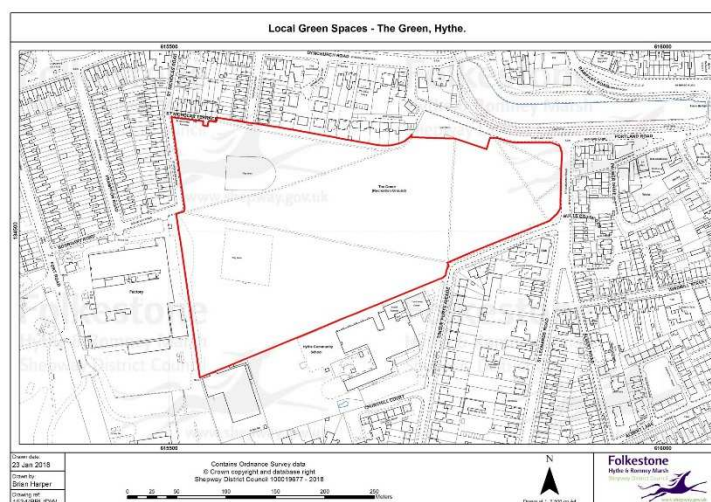
Site 31: Longbridge Allotments, Hythe		
Details	Assessment	Rating
Size	The site is not an extensive tract of land	
Location - is the greenspace in close proximity to the community that it serves	The allotments are within the settlement boundary for Hythe.	
Beauty - a current landscape designation or almost uniquely special quality	Some of the allotments are a little overgrown. The site benefits from the mature trees on the banks of the Royal Military Canal.	Orange
Historic significance - a heritage asset / conservation design	None that is known of.	Red
Recreational value – with a recognised recreational value and permanent public access	High; the allotments have a dedicated purpose.	Green
Tranquillity – a pleasant calm environment	High; the noise from the A259 is screened by the houses that front the road. The trees and canal to the north of the site are important in terms of its character.	Green

Richness of wildlife	Potentially high as the allotments appeared fairly overgrown.	Orange / Green
Number of representations received during the Preferred Options consultation		3
Conclusions: The site provides multiple opportunities for recreation but there are no qualities identified that would set the site above other recreational grounds and lead it to be described as 'demonstrably special'. The site is protected by national and local policies for open spaces and sports grounds.		



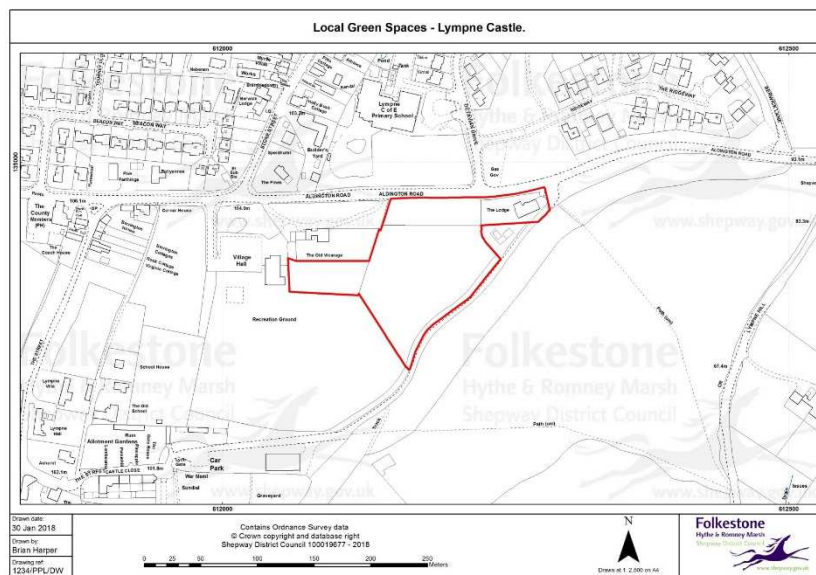
Site 32: Hythe Football Club, Hythe		
Details	Assessment	Rating
Size	The site is not an extensive tract of land	
Location - is the greenspace in close proximity to the community that it serves	The football stadium is lies to the west of Hythe and is easily accessible for local people. It is just outside the settlement boundary for Hythe.	
Beauty - a current landscape designation or almost uniquely special quality	Poor.	Red
Historic significance - a heritage asset / conservation design	None that is known of.	Red
Recreational value – with a recognised recreational value and permanent public access	High.	Green

Tranquility – a pleasant calm environment	Low; although the stadium is generally empty it does not have this quality.	Red
Richness of wildlife	Low.	Red
Number of representations received during the Preferred Options consultation		3
Conclusions: The site has a dedicated use that provides a community facility for social interaction (the club) but there are no qualities identified that would make the site 'demonstrably special'. The site is protected by national and local policies for open spaces and sports grounds.		

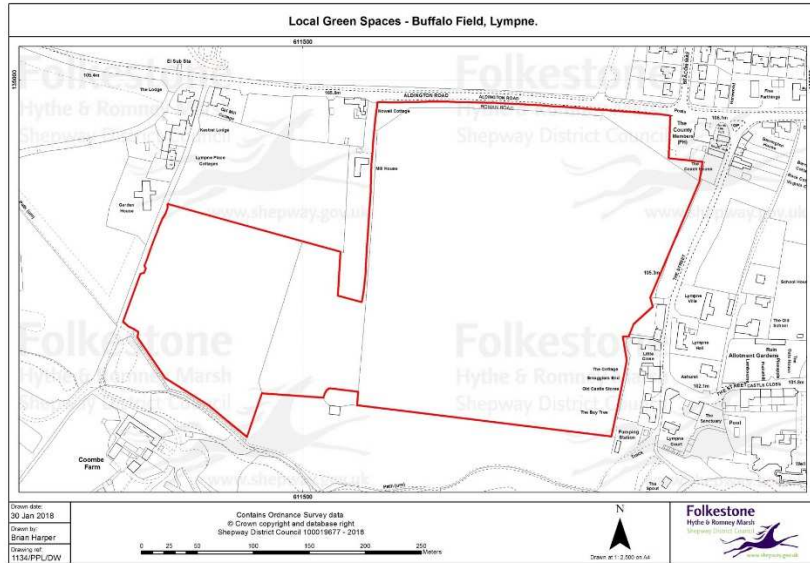


Site 33: The Green, Hythe		
Details	Assessment	Rating
Size	The site is not an extensive tract of land	
Location - is the greenspace in close proximity to the community that it serves	The Green is within the settlement boundary and very close to the town centre.	
Beauty - a current landscape designation or almost uniquely special quality	The Green is a large open and somewhat desolate space.	Orange
Historic significance - a heritage asset / conservation design	The site is highly valued by local people and may be covered by some form of covenant that restricts how the land can be used.	Orange / Green
Recreational value – with a recognised recreational value and	High; the site offers a place for informal sporting activities and a play space. It is also the location in the town that is used for events such as fairs or bonfire night celebrations.	Green

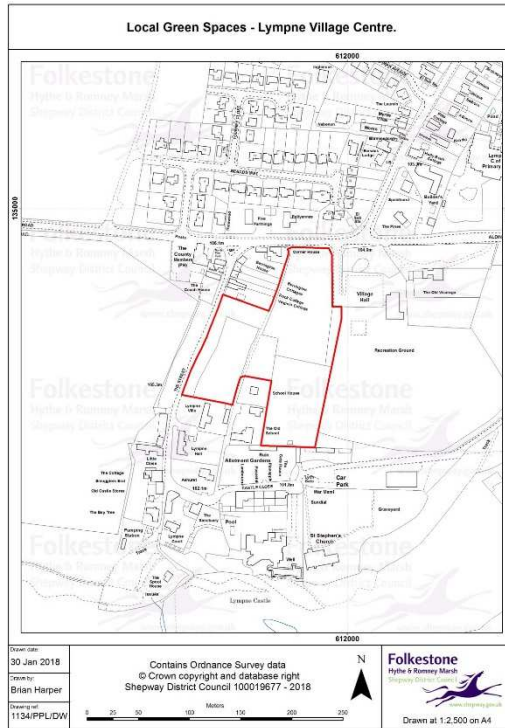
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Tranquillity – a pleasant calm environment	High.	Green
Richness of wildlife	The area is almost entirely mown grass. There is some boundary vegetation.	Orange / Red
Number of representations received during the Preferred Options consultation		4
Conclusions: The site provides multiple opportunities for recreation and for social and community events but there are no qualities identified that would set the site above other recreational grounds and would lead it to be described as 'demonstrably special'. The site is protected by national and local policies for open spaces and sports grounds.		



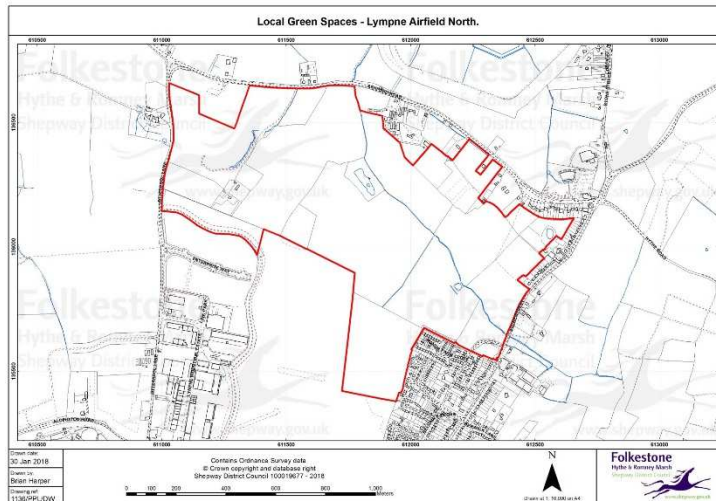
Site 34: Lympe Castle	
Details	Assessment
The site is within the AONB	
Number of representations received during the Preferred Options consultation	1
Conclusions: The site falls within the national the AONB designation. The site is already afforded a high level of protection from development.	



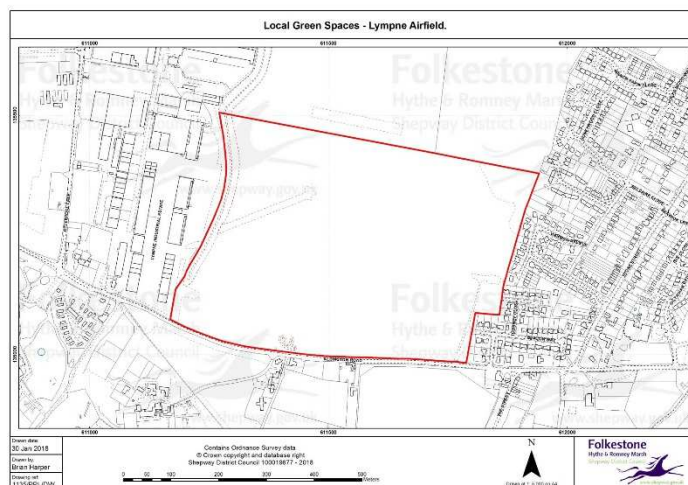
Site 35: Buffalo Field, Lympe		
Details	Assessment	
The site is within the AONB		
Number of representations received during the Preferred Options consultation		3
Conclusions: The site falls within the national AONB designation. The site is already afforded a high level of protection from development.		



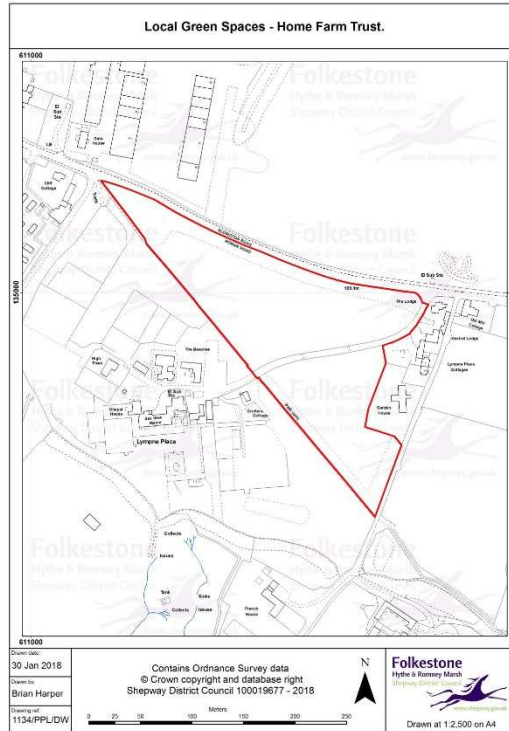
Site 36: Lympe Village Centre		
Details	Assessment	



Site 38: Lympe Airfield north		
Details	Assessment	
Size	An extensive tract of land	
Number of representations received during the Preferred Options consultation		Petition submitted
Conclusions: The site is an extensive tract of land and would not meet the NPPF criteria.		

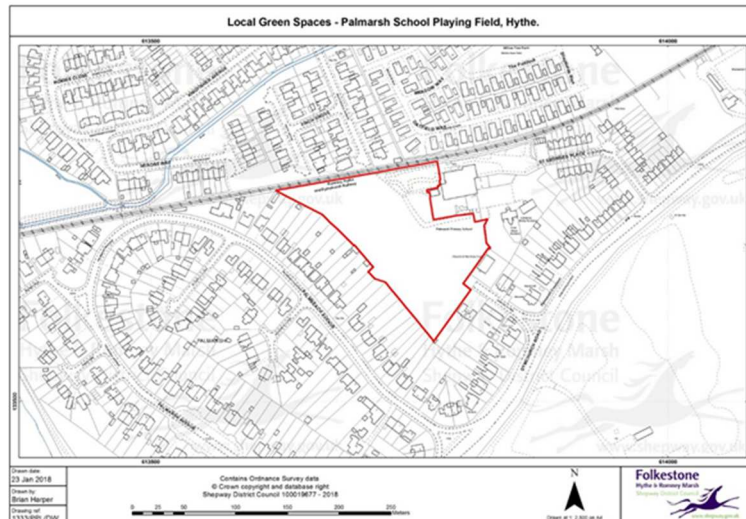


Site 39: Lympe Airfield		
Details	Assessment	
Size	An extensive tract of land	
Number of representations received during the Preferred Options consultation		Petition submitted
Conclusions: The site is an extensive tract of land and would not meet the NPPF criteria.		



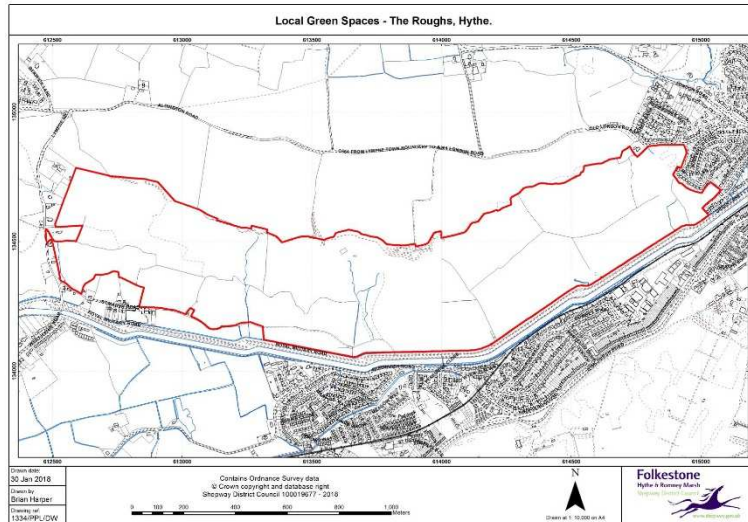
Site 40: Home Farm Trust, Lympne

Details	Assessment	
The site is within the AONB		
Number of representations received during the Preferred Options consultation		1
Conclusions: The site falls within the national AONB designation. The site is already afforded a high level of protection from development.		

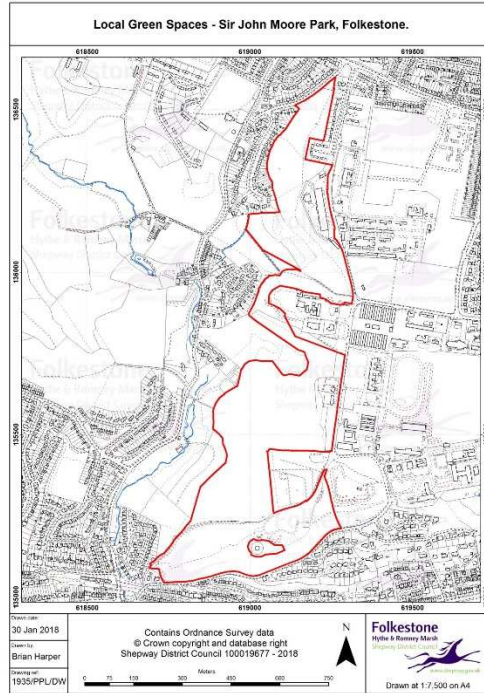


Site 41: Palmarsh School, Hythe		
Details	Assessment	Rating
Size	The site is not an extensive tract of land	
Location - is the greenspace in close proximity to the community that it serves	The greenspace is within the settlement boundary for Hythe.	
Beauty - a current landscape designation or almost uniquely special quality	The site is a school playing field with some boundary trees.	Orange
Historic significance - a heritage asset / conservation design	None that is known of.	Red
Recreational value – with a recognised recreational value and permanent public access	High for school children but the site is not accessible to the public.	Orange
Tranquillity – a pleasant calm environment	Outside the school day the area would be quiet.	Orange
Richness of wildlife	Poor.	Red / Orange
Number of representations received during the Preferred Options consultation		3

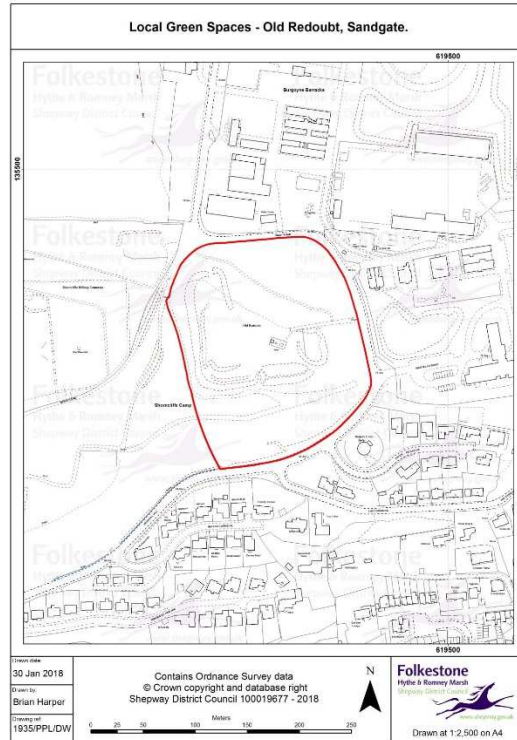
Conclusions: The site provides opportunities for recreation but there are no qualities identified that would set the site above other school grounds and be described as 'demonstrably special'. The site is protected by national and local policies for open spaces and sports grounds.



Site 42: The Roughts, Hythe		
Details	Assessment	
Size	An extensive tract of land and within the AONB	
Number of representations received during the Preferred Options consultation		Petition submitted
Conclusions: The site is an extensive tract of land and would not meet the NPPF criteria. All but a small area is within the AONB and SSSI. The land is also unstable and has been under the Latchgate designation.		

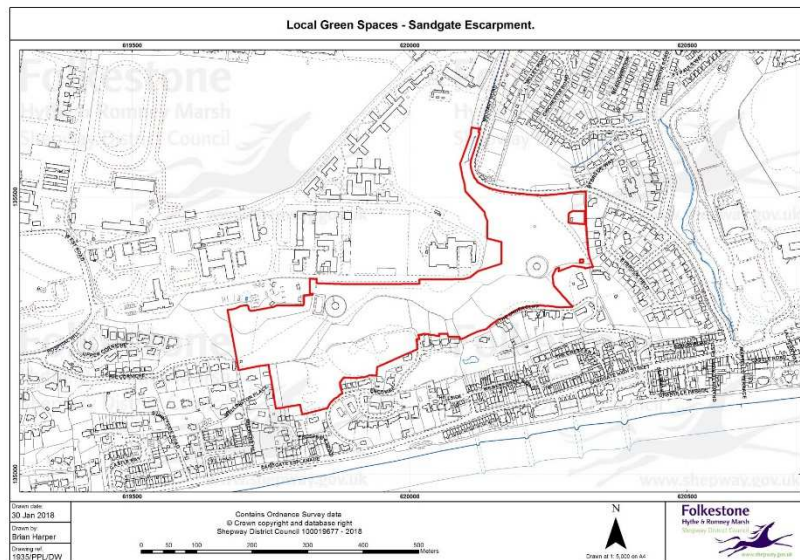


Site 43: Sir John Moor Park, Folkestone		
Details	Assessment	
Size	An extensive tract of land	
Number of representations received during the Preferred Options consultation	-	
<p>Conclusions: The site is an extensive tract of land and would not meet the NPPF criteria. The land is also subject to Policy SS7: Spatial Strategy for Shorncliffe Garrison in the adopted Core Strategy (2013).</p>		



Site 44: Redoubt, Shorncliffe		
Details	Assessment	Rating
Size	The site is not an extensive tract of land.	
Location - is the greenspace in close proximity to the community that it serves	The greenspace is outside, but adjacent to the settlement boundary.	
Beauty - a current landscape designation or almost uniquely special quality	A small section of the site falls within a Local Landscape Area.	Orange
Historic significance - a heritage asset / conservation design	The Redoubt is a Scheduled Monument and, therefore, has high historic significance.	Green
Recreational value – with a recognised recreational value and permanent public access	Much of the site is inaccessible, having minimum land maintenance. The site does have a footpath though.	Orange
Tranquillity – a pleasant calm environment	Although the site is adjacent to a 'B' road, once into the site it is tranquil.	Green

Richness of wildlife	Given the minimal maintenance, there should be good habitat for wildlife.	Green
Number of representations received during the Preferred Options consultation		-
Conclusions: Most of the site falls under an Ancient Monument designation and is afforded considerable protection. The site also falls under Policy SS7 in the Core Strategy (2013) and falls within a Local Landscape Area.		



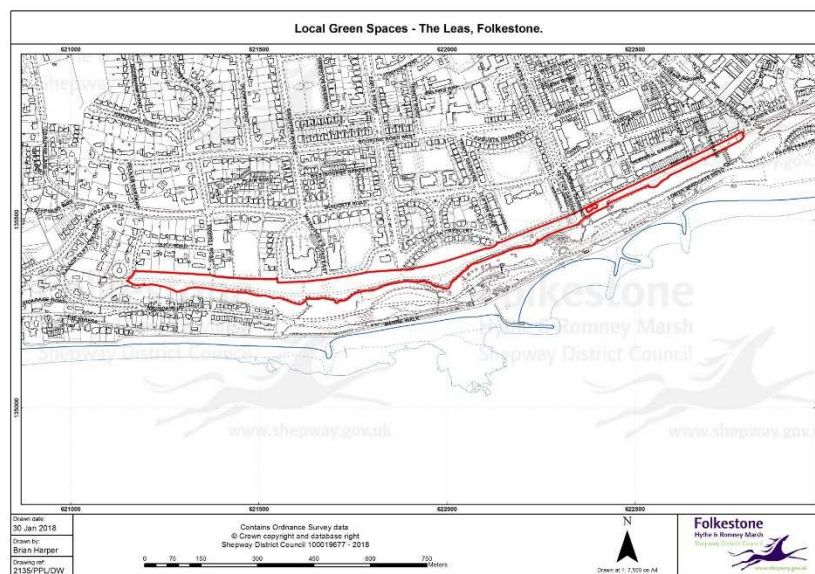
Site 45: Sandgate Escarpment, Sandgate		
Details	Assessment	Rating
Size	The site is not an extensive tract of land	
Location - is the greenspace in close proximity to the community that it serves	The greenspace is outside, but adjacent to the settlement boundary. It is quite hard to access.	
Beauty - a current landscape designation or almost uniquely special quality	The site falls within the Local Landscape Area. Important for the setting of Sandgate.	Green/ Orange
Historic significance - a heritage asset / conservation design	There are two Ancient Monuments (Martello Towers) within the site area.	Green
Recreational value – with a recognised recreational value and permanent public access	As the site mainly consists of an escarpment, the site is not very accessible.	Red

Recreational value – with a recognised recreational value and permanent public access	High; the site provides for active and informal recreation.	Green
Tranquillity – a pleasant calm environment	The site is bounded by Military Road (a 'B' class road).	Orange
Richness of wildlife	Appears to be subject to grounds maintenance (mowed lawns) but there could be interest in trees within and on the boundary with site	Orange
Number of representations received during the Preferred Options consultation		-
Conclusions: The site provides multiple opportunities for recreation but there are no qualities identified that would set the site above other recreational grounds and be described as 'demonstrably special'. The site is protected by national and local policies for open spaces and sports grounds.		



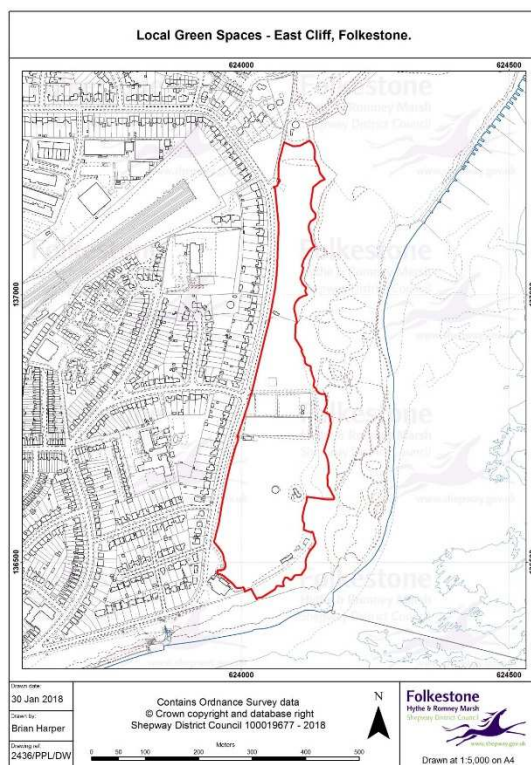
Site 47: Enbrook Park, Folkestone		
Details	Assessment	Rating
Size	The site is not an extensive tract of land	
Location - is the greenspace in close proximity to the community that it serves	The greenspace is within the settlement boundary.	
Beauty - a current landscape designation or	Approximately half of the site falls within the Local Landscape Area.	Green

almost uniquely special quality		
Historic significance - a heritage asset / conservation design	Site is adjacent to a Scheduled Monument and the Pavilion and House would have some local importance.	Orange
Recreational value – with a recognised recreational value and permanent public access	The site is private and only employees have access to the site.	Orange
Tranquillity – a pleasant calm environment	The site is a pleasant landscaped space.	Green
Richness of wildlife	Some grounds maintenance but there are a number of mature trees and shrubs.	Green
Number of representations received during the Preferred Options consultation		-
Conclusions: The site is already protected through other designations, most notably through the Local Landscape Area. The site privately owned by an insurance company with some amenity value but it is not considered to be 'demonstrably special'.		

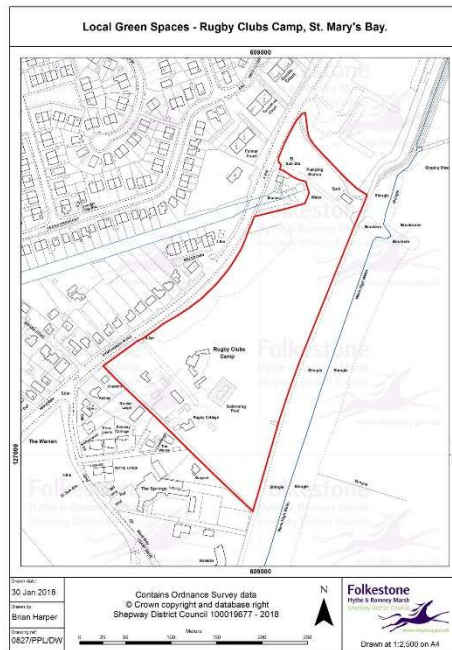


Site 48: The Leas, Folkestone		
Details	Assessment	Rating
Size	The site is not an extensive tract of land	
Location - is the greenspace in close proximity to the community that it serves	The greenspace is within the settlement boundary.	

Beauty - a current landscape designation or almost uniquely special quality	The long stretch of green space runs along promenade at the top of the cliffs in Folkestone and whilst not beautiful itself (grass lawns and flower beds) it contributes to the seaside character of this part of town.	Green
Historic significance - a heritage asset / conservation design	Reflects the character of the town which developed during the Victorian period as a seaside resort and includes a number of heritage assets such as the Bandstand, which is a Grade II listed building.	Green
Recreational value – with a recognised recreational value and permanent public access	The site is accessible to the public.	Green
Tranquillity – a pleasant calm environment	The site is open to the public and is open. Tranquillity would be dependent upon activity in the area.	Orange
Richness of wildlife	Wildlife would be low as the grass is highly maintained.	Red
Number of representations received during the Preferred Options consultation		-
Conclusions: Public open space primarily important for aesthetic purposes for the promenade and the town's heritage. The grassed areas are, however, not considered to be 'demonstrably special'. They are protected through national and local opens space policies.		



Site 49: East Cliff, Folkestone		
Details	Assessment	Rating
Size	The site is not an extensive tract of land	
Location - is the greenspace in close proximity to the community that it serves	The greenspace is adjacent to the settlement boundary.	
Beauty - a current landscape designation or almost uniquely special quality	The long stretch of green space runs along the top of the cliffs in East Folkestone and whilst not beautiful itself (grass) it contributes to the character of this part of town overlooking the cliff.	Green
Historic significance - a heritage asset / conservation design	There are three Scheduled Monuments (two Martello Towers and the remains of an old Roman Villa).	Green
Recreational value – with a recognised recreational value and permanent public access	The site is accessible to the public and half the site has formal sports provided (golf, crown green bowling and tennis).	Green
Tranquillity – a pleasant calm environment	The site is open to the public and is open. Tranquillity would be dependent upon location within the site and activity in the area.	Orange
Richness of wildlife	Wildlife value would be low as the grass is maintained but is adjacent to the cliffs (the Warren) which would provide more natural habitat.	Orange
Number of representations received during the Preferred Options consultation		-
<p>Conclusions: Public open space primarily important for aesthetic purposes for the promenade and the town's heritage. The grassed areas are, however, not considered 'demonstrably special'. They are protected through national and local open space policies. This area is also unstable and slowly falling away towards the sea.</p>		



Site 50: The Rugby Club, St Mary's Bay		
Details	Assessment	Rating
Size	The site is not an extensive tract of land	Green
Location - is the greenspace in close proximity to the community that it serves	The greenspace is adjacent to the settlement boundary for St Mary's Bay.	Green
Beauty - a current landscape designation or almost uniquely special quality	No formal landscape designation. The site consists of derelict recreational buildings and sports areas set within a large flat open area which has limited maintenance. No evidence provided to demonstrate that it is demonstrably special in terms of beauty to the local residents.	Orange
Historic significance - a heritage asset / conservation design	None that is known. No evidence provided to demonstrate that it is demonstrably special in terms of its historic significance for the local residents.	Red
Recreational value – with a recognised recreational value and permanent public access	The site is in private ownership but there is access from the adjacent promenade/sea defences. Routes through the site have been established in the grass/vegetation, which suggests that the site is used site for informal recreation, such as running or dog walking. No evidence provided to demonstrate that it is demonstrably special in terms of its recreational value for the local residents.	Orange
Tranquillity – a pleasant calm environment	The site lies adjacent to Dymchurch Road, a busy 'A' road. Noise from this is, however, afforded some screening by scrub/hedgerow along the northern western boundary. Coastal in character. No evidence provided to demonstrate that it is demonstrably special for the local community in terms of its tranquillity.	Orange

Richness of wildlife	The site forms part of the larger Dungeness, Romney Marsh and Rye Bay SSSI designation. Nationally important site by reason of a diverse range of biological and geological features, specifically the coastal geomorphology and habitats. Some of the existing buildings have been excluded from this designation. The site is special for its contribution to wildlife habitat but is provided strong protection from development through this nationally important designation.	Green
Number of representations received during the Preferred Options consultation (submitted during PPLP Preferred Options consultation)		1
Conclusions: The site provides opportunities nature conservation and tourism (work has commenced on the site for a new holiday park) but there are no qualities identified that would set the site above sites and be described as 'demonstrably special'. The site is protected by national and local policies relating to SSSIs.		

Summary of Comments Received During Preferred Options Consultation

Area identified	Comments received in relation to the site (summarised)
General	The Green Infrastructure Strategy should be completed before allocating sites which have value as greenspaces. Of the sites identified, fully support all sites with exception of Eversley Woods and Foxwood School.
Princes Parade	<p>Strong support for the allocation of Princes Parade as a Local Green Space.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am completely opposed to Princes Parade being developed for housing; • These type of designated green spaces are there for a reason and past councils understood the health needs of their people. Princes Parade is "Special" and deserves special status, please do not build on it as it will ruin Hythe and the beauty of the Canal; • It is a superb amenity in an ideal location for local residents and visitors alike and requires no additional investment; • Forms the setting of the Royal Military Canal, which is a site of historic significance, with a historical vista of Hythe's hillside, which also forms a natural break in the line of building along the seafront, and separates Hythe from Sandgate. • This space provides a natural urban "break" between Hythe and Sandgate, is a haven for wildlife, allows fine views towards St Leonards church tower and the rising ground towards Shorncliffe, and a tranquil area to enhance the walks and other informal recreation beside the canal; • Maintaining this area as a green space would be an appropriate use of the space and will save it for future generations
Land off Range Road	Support the allocation of this site as a Local Green Space.
Hythe Ranges	Support the allocation of this site as a Local Green Space.
Imperial Hotel Golf Course	Support the allocation of this site as a Local Green Space.
Land from East Cliff to West Hythe	Support the allocation of this site as a Local Green Space.
Eversley Wood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the allocation of this site as a Local Green Space. • Do not support the allocation of this site as a Local Green Space. It is KCC owned and was intended as a site for a new school. Seabrook Primary School is badly in need of a purpose built school.
Hythe Bowls Club	Support the allocation of this site as a Local Green Space.

Area identified	Comments received in relation to the site (summarised)
Hythe Cricket Club	Support the allocation of this site as a Local Green Space.
Hythe Football Club Reachfields	Support the allocation of this site as a Local Green Space.
Longbridge Allotments	Support the allocation of this site as a Local Green Space.
Palmarsh Recreation Ground	Support the allocation of this site as a Local Green Space.
Palmarsh School & Playing Fields	Support the identification of Palmarsh School and Playing fields as a Local Green Space.
South Road Recreation Ground	Support the allocation of this site as a Local Green Space.
The Green, Hythe	Support the allocation of this site as a Local Green Space.
Twiss Road Allotments	Support the identification of Twiss Road Allotments as a Local Green Space.
Western edge of Hythe	I support the identification of the countryside on the Western edge of Hythe as a Local Green Space.
Eaton Lands Allotments	Support the allocation of Eaton Lands Allotments as a Local Green Space.
Fishermans Beach	Support the identification of Fishermans Beach as a Local Green Space.
Gallows Corner	Support the allocation of this site as a Local Green Space.
Green Lane Allotments	Support the allocation of this site as a Local Green Space.
Horn Street Allotments	Support the allocation of this site as a Local Green Space.
Horn Street Recreation Ground	Support the allocation of this site as a Local Green Space.
Hythe Bay School Playing Field	Support the allocation of this site as a Local Green Space.
Land south of London Road A261	I support the allocation of this site as a Local Green Space.
Mill Leese near Station Road	Support the identification of the Mill Leese Land (SHLAA ref 622) which includes the Land Opposite 24 Station Road Hythe (SHLAA ref 621) as a Local Green Space
MOD Ranges	Support the allocation of this site as a Local Green Space.
Oaklands	Strongly support the allocation of Oaklands as a Local Green Space.
Old Poultry Site Horn Street	Support the allocation of this site as a Local Green Space.
Play Area Princes Parade	Support the Play Area Princes Parade as Local Green Space
Royal Military Canal and Banks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support The Royal Military Canal and Banks as Local Green Space

Area identified	Comments received in relation to the site (summarised)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I would specifically like to propose the area of open green space next to the end of the canal in Seabrook adjacent to 280 Seabrook Road and opposite 203 and 205 Seabrook Road as a LGS. This site is important for historical and archaeological reasons as well as much valued by local people for both its beauty and also for recreation - picnics, blackberry picking etc not to mention maintaining the openness of the end of the canal. And it is much appreciated by the swans and ducks! <i>[the area described forms part of the Military Canal and Banks]</i>.
St Martins School playing field	Support the identification of the St Martins School playing field as a Local Green Space.
The Grove	Support the allocation of this site as a Local Green Space
Water Board Land, North Road, Hythe	Support the identification of the Water Board Land, North Road, Hythe as a Local Green Space.
Foxwood School	Shepway Green Party supports the allocation of this site as a Local Green Space.
Hythe Triangle	Support the identification of the Hythe Triangle as a Local Green Space.
Area around Lymgne Village Hall	This is an important green space for the residents of all ages for exercise, community events, well being, as a green space link to the rest of the village footpaths and rights of way. Should remain as a green space.
Buffalo Field	I support the identification of Buffalo Field as a Local Green Space.
Pedlinge and the Roughts as a Local Green Space.	This is an important boundary between the urban area of Hythe and surrounding villages with an underused bridleway running to the top of the Old Hythe Hill. The bridleway could be made more useable by adding some aggregate as it is so muddy at times. This would encourage more people to cycle, walk from villages and thereby reduce traffic congestion and the danger of cycling, walking from Pedlinge down the hill into Hythe.
Home Farm Trust	Shepway Green Party supports the allocation of this site as a Local Green Space.
Lymgne Airfield site	<p>It should be designated as a LGS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This airfield is steeped in history, it separates the huge area of the as yet underdeveloped Link Industrial Park from the historic village of Lymgne. It forms part of the setting of the AONB; It is a potential green asset if developers stopped trying to build on all of it, it has so much potential to provide a really important green space not just for Lymgne villagers but from around the wider area. Residents have used it as such for many years. Support from Parish Council.

Area identified	Comments received in relation to the site (summarised)
Lympne Airfield North	An important area of green space separating the huge Link Industrial Park space from the village of Lympne, if the Industrial park is fully used and the Airfield is not maintained as a green space there will be no distinction between the village and the industrial park. Tourists and visitors come to Lympne for the zoo, the castle and the church as well as outdoor exercise and recreation. It should be used as a Local Green Space especially if the new Otterpool Town plans go ahead.
Lympne Castle	Shepway Green Party supports the allocation of this site as a Local Green Space.
Lympne Village Centre	This is a very small piece of Green Space, it should be retained.
The Roughts Hythe	<p>Petition submitted with around 400 signatures in total.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpath, bridle path and cycle route cross the area and are regularly used by local people ('reasonably close proximity to community'); • The area is SSSI & AONB with habitat for local wildlife. It is a tranquil area and has important archaeological remains ('demonstrably special').
The Rugby Club, St Mary's Bay.	<p>The seaward side of the land is already SSSI and therefore unusable but the land from Dymchurch Road to the public footpath should be considered as a Local Green Space and would work in harmony with the development of leisure facilities, including community swimming pool, on the site.</p> <p>This remains the only open space within the urban area of St. Mary's Bay.</p>