


CLIFFORD CHAMBERS NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Local Green Space Site Assessment: January 2018

Site Address	Site Area	Site Ref
Spinney Island East of Campden Road	Approx. ha: 0.3	LGS No: 1
Plan		
		
Site Description and Current Land Use		
<p>The site is a small elongated patch of land surround by roads on all sides with a dense spinney of trees, shrubs and some grassed areas. There is a ditch that runs along the east side of the site which is currently fenced along the site's edge.</p>		
Relevant Planning History		
None		
Site Ownership		
<p>The site is owned by Warwickshire County Council. The Parish Council by agreement will maintain the grass around the fringes from 2018.</p>		
Site Constraints		
<p>According to the Historic Environment Assessment of Local Service Villages Stratford-on-Avon District County of Warwickshire (July 2012), there are linear archaeological features and monuments, as identified by the Warwickshire Historic Environment Record and shown on the HEA Historic Environment Records map along the eastern boundary of the site.</p>		
Public Access		

Except for the area that is fenced off along the eastern perimeter, the site is accessible from all sides.

Site Photo



Taken in January 2018

Ecological Significance

The spinney contains a mix of mature trees and some shrubs. Mixed species of hedgerows and shrubs are important for a number of birds and mammals as they provide food, shelter and nesting sites. They increase the diversity of insect species (including butterflies and bees which are currently in decline), which are a food source for bird and mammal species and can also play an important role in the pollination of plants and crops in the surrounding area. The diversity and population numbers of insects directly impacts the food chain for other fauna in the area and has a wider impact on the cultivation of crops.

Trees provide nesting sites for birds as well as habitats for small mammal species e.g. squirrels. These are all vital for the wider food web and species diversity within the village ecosystem.

In the village there have been sightings of larger fauna species such as bats, birds of prey (e.g. buzzards and owls), rabbits and hedgehogs. The site plays an important contributory role in the wider ecological significance of the village.

Special Qualities and Local Significance

The special qualities of the site include its prominent position at the entrance to the village. As such, it serves as visual screen and noise barrier to the very busy B-road, the B4632.

The site is locally significant because it is highly appreciated and valued by the local community as an undeveloped tranquil area of land at the entrance to the village which contributes to its green setting.

Summary and Suitability for Designation as Local Green Space

This site is well related to and appreciated and valued by the local community and makes a positive contribution to the local distinctiveness of the village.

LGS1 as outlined on the above plan is considered to be suitable for Local Green Space designation in accordance with paragraph 77 of the National Planning Policy Framework in that it:

- is in very close proximity to the community it serves;
- is demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance because of its tranquillity and richness of its habitats and wildlife potential; and
- is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.