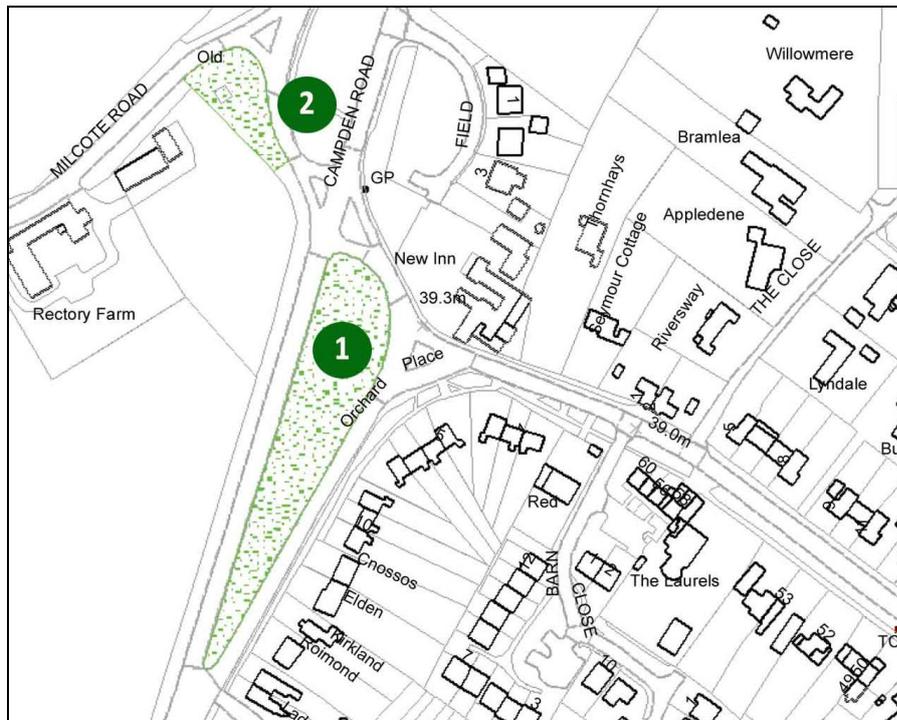


CLIFFORD CHAMBERS NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Local Green Space Site Assessment: January 2018

| Site Address | Site Area | Site Ref |
|---------------------------------|------------------|-----------|
| Clifford Pound off Milcote Road | Approx. ha: 0.09 | LGS No: 2 |

Plan



Site Description and Current Land Use

The site is a small, well maintained area of land enclosed by estate railings. It is a generally open space mainly laid to lawn with a brick path and the historic remains of Clifford Pound still present on the site. The site contains benches, a site information board and mature trees. Large shrubs line its western border. It is adjacent to a new residential development site currently under construction.

Relevant Planning History

None

Site Ownership

The site is owned by Warwickshire County Council and managed by the Parish Council.

Site Constraints

The site is noted on Warwickshire Historic Environment Record Timetrail as

number MWA9326 and was marked on the first OS map edition in 1887.

The site sits within 'Medium-High Sensitivity' for housing development and 'High Sensitivity' for commercial development according to the Stratford-on-Avon District Landscape Sensitivity Assessment For Villages, White Consultants (June 2012).

Public Access

There is a gated entrance at the northern end of the site which allows full public access to the site.

Site Photo



Taken in January 2018

Ecological Significance

The site contains a number of mature trees and shrubs. Mixed species of 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 site is locally significant because it is highly appreciated and valued by the local community as an undeveloped tranquil area of open land of historic importance and an attraction for visitors. It had become overgrown but was renovated by the community in 2003 in order to better protect its archaeological importance. As part of an associated art event, a large ceramic plaque made by the children and residents of Clifford Chambers became part of the information board.

Summary and Suitability for Designation as Local Green Space

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

LGS2 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 close proximity to the community it serves;
- is demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance because of its historical importance, tranquillity and richness of its habitats and wildlife potential; and
- is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.