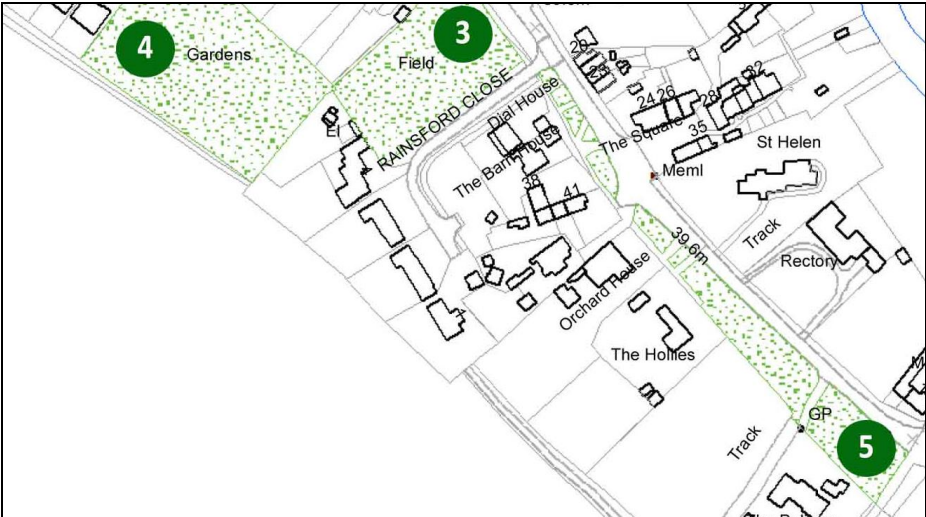


CLIFFORD CHAMBERS NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Local Green Space Site Assessment: January 2018

Site Address	Site Area	Site Ref
Village Green, West of Main Street	Approx. ha: 0.2	LGS No: 5
Plan		
		
Site Description and Current Land Use		
<p>The site is an exaggerated verge with mature and recently planted young trees. It is situated opposite the war memorial and Church of St Helens. Residential properties line the verge and the road frontage opposite. An informal path runs along a majority of the verge.</p>		
Relevant Planning History		
None		
Site Ownership		
The site is owned by Warwickshire County Council		
Site Constraints		
<p>The site is located within the conservation area and borders 15 Grade II listed buildings along its western boundary and 17 Grade II and 2 Grade II* (St Helen’s Church and the Rectory) listed buildings line the road opposite and it borders the setting of 2 Grade II and 1 Grade II* (the Manor) listed building at its southern boundary.</p> <p>It sits within an area of ‘High Sensitivity’ for archaeology as noted in the Historic Environment Assessment of Local Service Villages Stratford-on-Avon District County of Warwickshire (July 2012).</p>		

Public Access

The site is fully open to public access.

Site Photo



Taken in January 2018

Ecological Significance

The site contains a number of mature and young trees and there are numerous hedges and shrubs where the verge adjoins residential properties. 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 site is locally significant because it is well used and valued by the local community as evidenced by the informal path created by pedestrians and dog walkers. The verge forms part of the circular route around the village.

The special qualities of the site include its strong contribution to local character and distinctiveness due to its natural beauty and open aspect.

It is also highly appreciated and prized by the local community as an undeveloped tranquil area of open land in the heart of the historical part of the village which contributes to its green setting.

Summary and Suitability for Designation as Local Green Space

This site is well related to and used by the local community and makes a positive contribution to the health and well-being of local residents.

LGS5 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.