

Local Green Space Designation Assessment process.

This note outlines the process used to decide on sites for designation as Local Green Spaces within the Bridport Area Neighbourhood Plan. It was undertaken by the Environment and Heritage Working Group.

Potential sites were initially identified from a mix of: information in Conservation Area Appraisals, consulting parish and local plans; speaking to Parish Clerks; visited the sites, taking notes and talking to those who use them. Local knowledge of the many green spaces in the area also fed into the process. This work enabled all the potential sites to be assessed on a consistent and fair basis. The template assessments are appended to this note.

In filling out the templates provided to identify sites which fitted the Neighbourhood Plan criteria, we have adhered to the Neighbourhood Planning Guidance on Local Green Spaces issued by North Dorset District Council. This is consistent with the designation criteria that are set out in the National Planning Policy Framework. No sites have been included on the full list where there is planning permission for development or where the site has been allocated for development under the Local or Neighbourhood Plan. Among the sites listed there are no extensive tracts of land, all are close to the communities they serve and they are demonstrably special to the people who regularly use them.

Our aim in this was to identify those sites – ‘green infrastructure’ in planning jargon – which were most valued by the community and best suited to this type of protection.

We have included recreation facilities, public gardens, churchyards, nature reserves, woodland and ‘green corridors’ along rivers. Bridport and the surrounding villages are unusually rich in such green areas and all the sites we considered can be found on the map.

See Appendix A for the list of all Green Space sites identified.

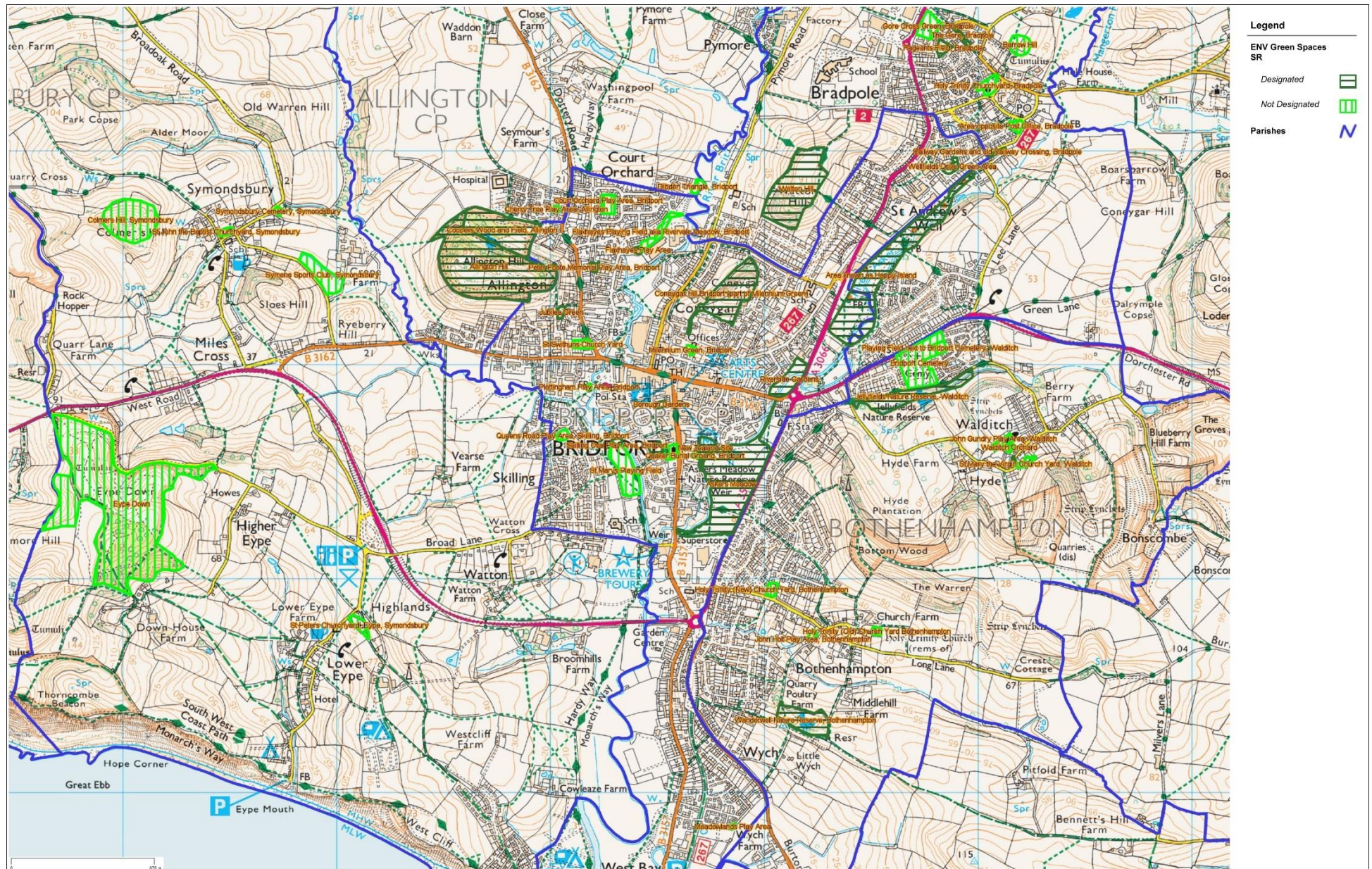
Sites from the lengthy list were then selected by their beauty, historical significance, recreational value or richness in wildlife, presence of rare creatures etc. (see Appendix B). Churchyards were omitted as they have protection because of what they are.

Assessing sites spread over the five parishes, we recognised a need to limit numbers. There could be a risk at the examination stage that we might seem to have applied the Local Green Space policy too liberally, failing to show the discretion advised by the National Planning Policy Framework. This led to some difficult choices. We decided to concentrate on those sites with greatest appeal to the community as a whole.

See Appendix B for the list of sites we propose for Local Green Space Designation.

The Neighbourhood Plan’s position on allotments is that all should be protected due to their great popularity and their essential role in helping to re-localise food production – there are currently 60 names on the Bridport waiting list alone. But to have given them this designation would have left us with an unmanageably lengthy list. Most of the sites in Bridport are owned by the Town Council, which is currently expanding provision and is highly sympathetic to the needs of local people in this regard.

This draft list of sites selected to become Local Green Spaces will, of course, be further tested for local public support or otherwise during the upcoming Neighbourhood Plan consultation.



Appendix A: Sites Considered for Local Green Space Designation

Grouped alphabetically by Parish

Name	Parish	Ownership	Designate?
Allington Hill	Allington	Woodland Trust	Yes
Cherry Tree Play Area, Allington	Allington	Allington Parish Council	No
Cooper's Wood and Field, Allington	Allington	Leased by Allington Parish Council from Woodland Trust	Yes
St Saviour's Churchyard, Dottery, Allington	Allington	Parochial C	
Area opposite Post Office, Bradpole	Bradpole	Privately owned	No
Area known as Happy Island	Bradpole / Bridport	The Co-op, Travis Perkins, Mr Ted Seal, Spray Copse Farm	Yes
Gore Cross Green, Bradpole	Bradpole	Bradpole Parish Council	No
Holy Trinity Churchyard, Bradpole	Bradpole	Parochial Church Council	No
Pageants Field, Bradpole	Bradpole	Bradpole Parish Council	Yes
Railway Gardens and old Railway Crossing, Bradpole	Bradpole	Bradpole Parish Council	Yes
The Gore, Bradpole	Bradpole	Bradpole Parish Council	Yes
Watton Hill	Bradpole	Symondsbury Estate	Yes
Bridport Cemetery	Bothenhampton & Walditch	Bridport Town Council	No
Holy Trinity (New) Churchyard, Bothenhampton	Bothenhampton & Walditch	Parochial Church Council	No
Holy Trinity (Old) Church Yard Bothenhampton	Bothenhampton & Walditch	Parochial Church Council	No
Jellyfields Nature Reserve, Walditch	Bothenhampton & Walditch	Dorset County Council	Yes
John Gundry Play Area, Walditch	Bothenhampton & Walditch	Bothenhampton and Walditch Parish Council	No
John Holt Play Area, Bothenhampton	Bothenhampton & Walditch	Bothenhampton and Walditch Parish Council	No
Playing Field next to Bridport Cemetery, Walditch	Bothenhampton & Walditch	Leased by Bothenhampton and Walditch PC from Bridport	No

		Town Council	
Wanderwell Nature Reserve, Bothenhampton	Bothenhampton & Walditch	West Dorset District Council	Yes
St Mary the Virgin Churchyard, Walditch	Bothenhampton & Walditch	Parochial Church Council	No
Village Green, Walditch	Bothenhampton & Walditch	Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council?	Yes
Walditch Orchard	Bothenhampton & Walditch	Privately owned	No
Askers Meadow	Bridport	Bridport Town Council	Yes
Borough Gardens	Bridport	Bridport Town Council	Yes
Community Orchard	Bridport	Bridport Town Council	Yes
Court Orchard Play Area, Bridport	Bridport	Bridport Town Council	Yes
Coneygar Hill Bridport (part of Millennium Green)	Bridport	Bridport Millennium Green Trust	Yes
Flaxhayes Play Area	Bridport	Bridport Town Council	Yes
Jubilee Green	Bridport	Bridport Town Council	Yes
Meadowlands Play Area	Bridport	Bridport Town Council	No
Millennium Green, Bridport	Bridport	Bridport Town Council	No
New Zealand Site	Bridport	Bridport Town Council	Yes
Peter Foote Memorial Play Area, Bridport	Bridport	Bridport Town Council	Yes
Plottingham Play Area, Bridport	Bridport	Bridport Town Council	No
Queens Road Play Area, Skilling, Bridport	Bridport	Bridport Town Council	No
Riverside Gardens	Bridport	Bridport Town Council	Yes
St Mary's Church Yard	Bridport	Parochial Church Council	No
St Mary's Playing Field	Bridport	Bridport Town Council	No
St Swithun's Church Yard	Bridport	Parochial Church Council	No
Skilling Oval Play Area, Bridport	Bridport	Bridport Town Council	Yes
Wellfields Drive Green Area	Bridport	Dorset County Council	Yes
Colmers Hill	Symondsbury	Symondsbury	No

		Estate	
Eype Down	Symondsbury	Private Ownership. Part is registered Common Land	No
St John the Baptist Churchyard, Symondsbury	Symondsbury	Parochial Church Council	No
St Paul's Churchyard, Broadoak, Symondsbury	Symondsbury	Parochial Church Council	No
St Peter's Churchyard, Eype, Symondsbury	Symondsbury	Parochial Church Council	No
Symondsbury Cemetery, Symondsbury	Symondsbury	Parochial Church Council	No
Symene Sports Club, Symondsbury	Symondsbury	Symondsbury Farms Ltd	No

Appendix B: Sites Proposed for Local Green Space Designation

Alphabetically by name, the Local Green Space Designation forms follow.

1. Allington Hill, Allington
2. Area known as Happy Island, Bradpole / Bridport
3. Askers Meadow, Bridport
4. Borough Gardens, Bridport
5. Bridport Community Orchard, Bridport
6. Coneygar Hill, Bridport (part of Millennium Green)
7. Cooper's Wood and Field, Allington
8. Court Orchard Play Area, Bridport
9. Flaxhayes Play Area, Bridport
10. Jellyfields Nature Reserve, Walditch
11. Jubilee Green, Bridport
12. New Zealand Site, Bridport
13. Pageants Field, Bradpole
14. Peter Foote Memorial Play Area, Bridport
15. Railway Gardens and old Railway Crossing, Bradpole
16. Riverside Gardens, Bridport
17. Skilling Oval Play Area, Bridport
18. The Gore, Bradpole
19. Village Green, Walditch
20. Wanderwell Nature Reserve, Bothenhampton
21. Watton Hill, Bradpole
22. Wellfields Drive Green Area, Bridport

1. Allington Hill.

Site information:

Information type:	To be completed:
Name of the space	Allington Hill
Location (settlement and/or parish)	Allington Civil Parish
Name of the site landowner	Woodland Trust
Any other information considered important	Allington Hill was purchased by the Woodland Trust in 1986 on behalf of the local populace, who raised a lot of money for this purchase. The hill is characteristic of the Upper Greensand hills and ridges found in the Marshwood and Powerstock Vales National Character Area.

Site eligibility assessment: *note that the answer must be yes to all of these questions if the site is to be designated as Local Green Space*

Eligibility issue:	Assessment:
Is it the case that the site is not currently subject to a planning application for development?	Yes
Is it the case that the site is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?	Yes
Is it the case that the site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character? State its size.	Yes, 12.9 ha.
Is it the case that the site is in close proximity to a community (i.e. a settlement)?	Yes – close to Bridport, Allington and Symondsbury settlements

NPPF criteria assessment: *note that the site must meet at least one of the following criteria if it is to be designated as Local Green Space*

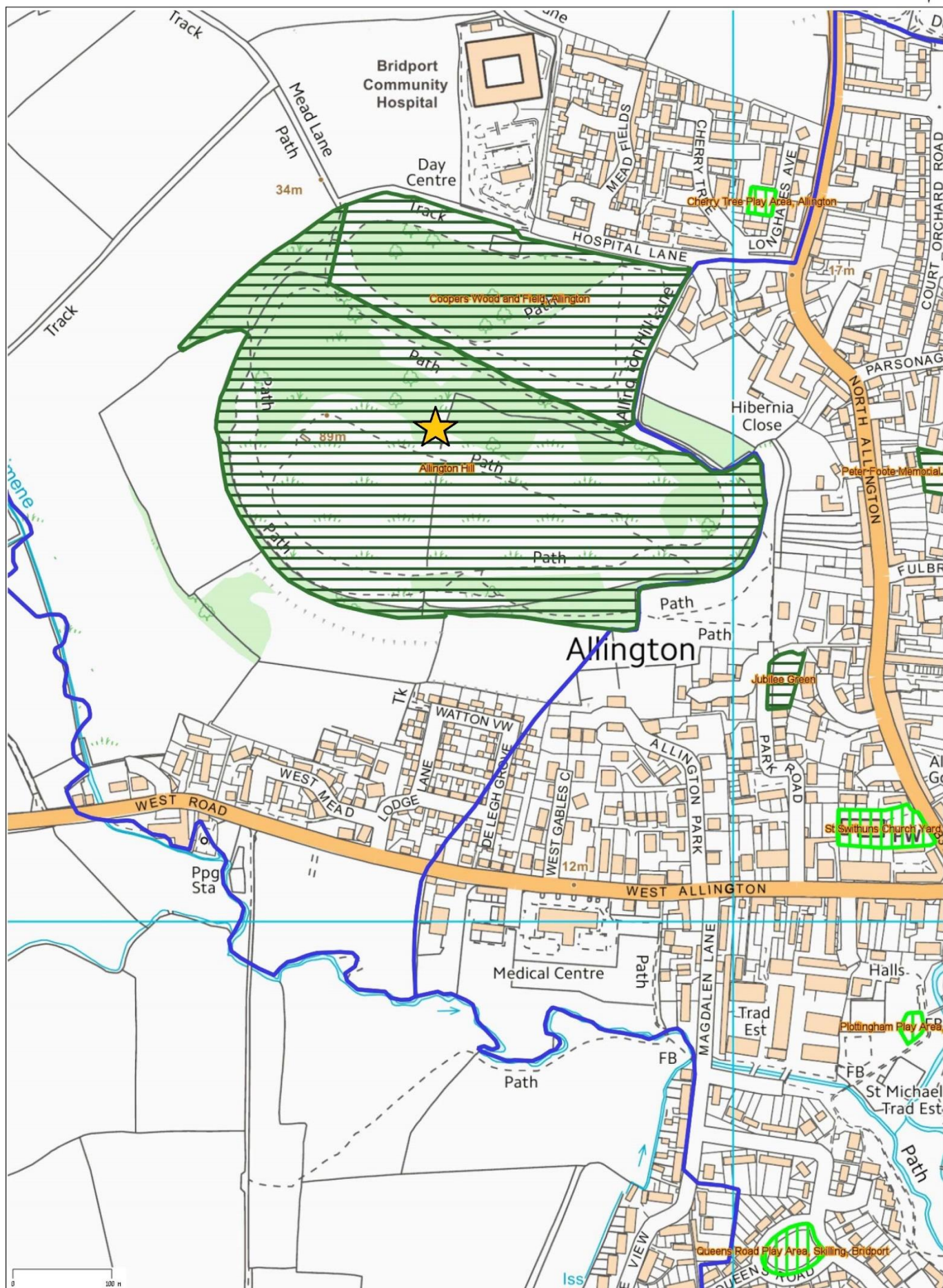
Criteria:	Assessment:
If the site has significance because of its <u>beauty</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this e.g. a designation.	Allington Hill has a beguiling mix of broadleaved woodland, colourful (and species-rich) scrub and open grassland on the hill top. The Hill is much valued by locals for its variety and natural beauty.
If the site has significance because of its <u>historic value</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	Allington Hill has been used for quarrying in the past and there is evidence of lime kilns. The remains of an old wall running north south across the hill (shown on an 18 th Century map) are still visible.
If the site has significance because of its <u>recreational value</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	The hill is used by many people both dog walkers and those just wanting to walk and enjoy the tranquility, nature and views.
If the site has significance because of its <u>tranquillity</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	Yes, it is tranquil and the views from the summit of Allington Hill are extensive (height 89 metres (292 ft))

Conclusion, whether the site appears to be suitable for designation or not:

Yes, it should be designated

Date of assessment: February 2017

Completed by: Sal Robinson and Nick Gray



2. Area Known as Happy Island.

Site information:

Information type:	To be completed:
Name of the space	Happy Island
Location (settlement and/or parish)	Bridport
Name of the site landowner	Groves, Travis Perkins, The Co-Operative, Ted Seal
Any other information considered important	

Site eligibility assessment: *note that the answer must be yes to all of these questions if the site is to be designated as Local Green Space*

Eligibility issue:	Assessment:
Is it the case that the site is not currently subject to a planning application for development?	Yes
Is it the case that the site is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?	Yes
Is it the case that the site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character? State its size.	Yes 9 HA
Is it the case that the site is in close proximity to a community (i.e. a settlement)?	Yes

NPPF criteria assessment: *note that the site must meet at least one of the following criteria if it is to be designated as Local Green Space*

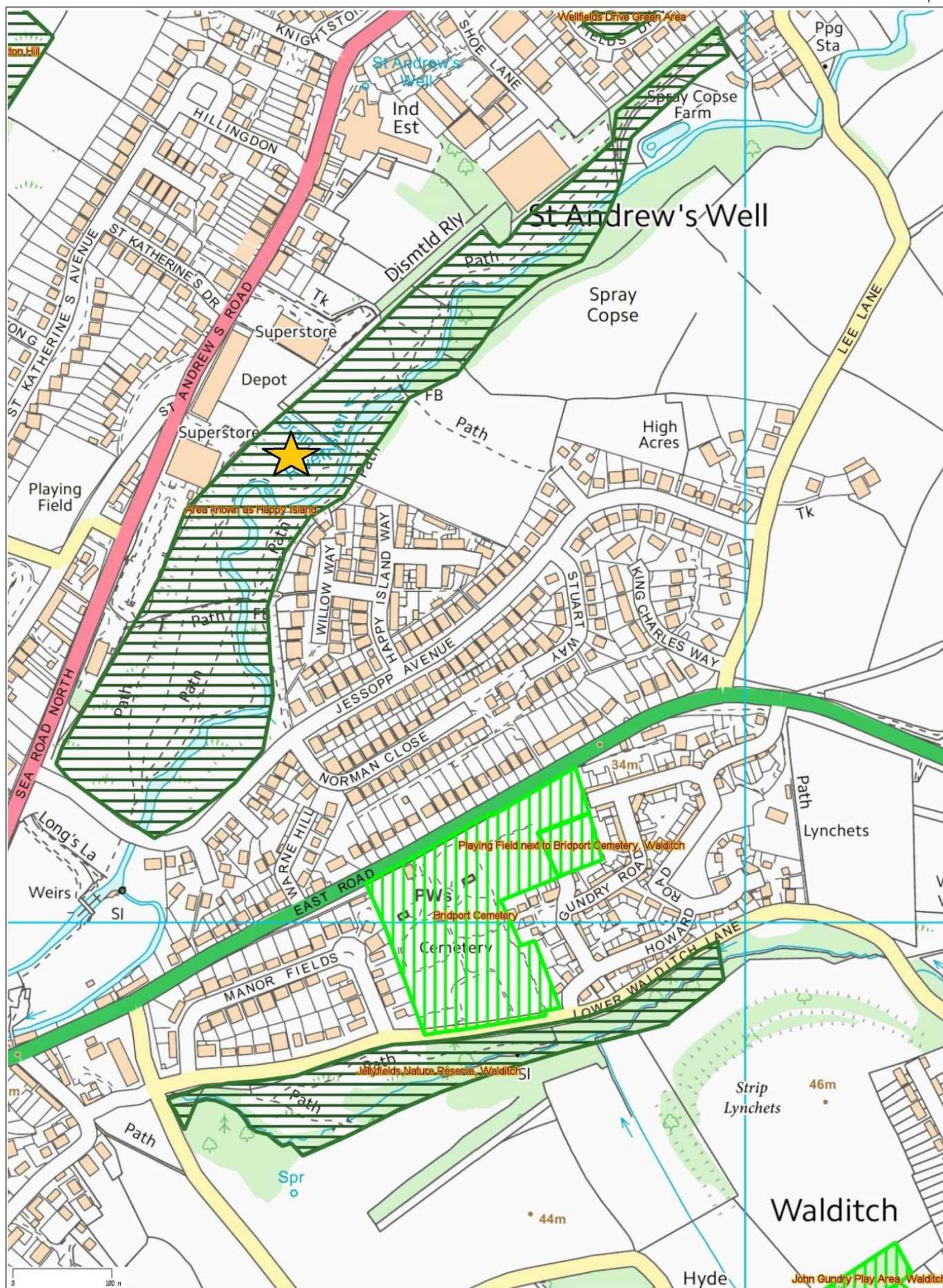
Criteria:	Assessment:
If the site has significance because of its <u>beauty</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this e.g. a designation.	An 11-year-old told me what she liked about it was the winding course of the river and the old trees. With the Asker and the woodland on the far bank, this is one of the loveliest parts of the town.
If the site has significance because of its <u>historic value</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	The old railway station has gone but the raised ground on which the tracks were paid is now a cycle path.
If the site has significance because of its <u>recreational value</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	Popular with dog-walkers.
If the site has significance because of its <u>tranquillity</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	Otter tracks, kingfishers, egrets, brown trout are all regularly to be seen.

Conclusion, whether the site appears to be suitable for designation or not:

It does appear to be suitable

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Completed by: Horatio Morpurgo



3. Askers Meadow.

Site information:

Information type:	To be completed:
Name of the space	Asker Meadows
Location (settlement and/or parish)	Bridport
Name of the site landowner	Bridport Town Council
Any other information considered important	

Site eligibility assessment: *note that the answer must be yes to all of these questions if the site is to be designated as Local Green Space*

Eligibility issue:	Assessment:
Is it the case that the site is not currently subject to a planning application for development?	Yes
Is it the case that the site is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?	Yes
Is it the case that the site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character? State its size.	Yes 9 Ha
Is it the case that the site is in close proximity to a community (i.e. a settlement)?	Yes

NPPF criteria assessment: *note that the site must meet at least one of the following criteria if it is to be designated as Local Green Space*

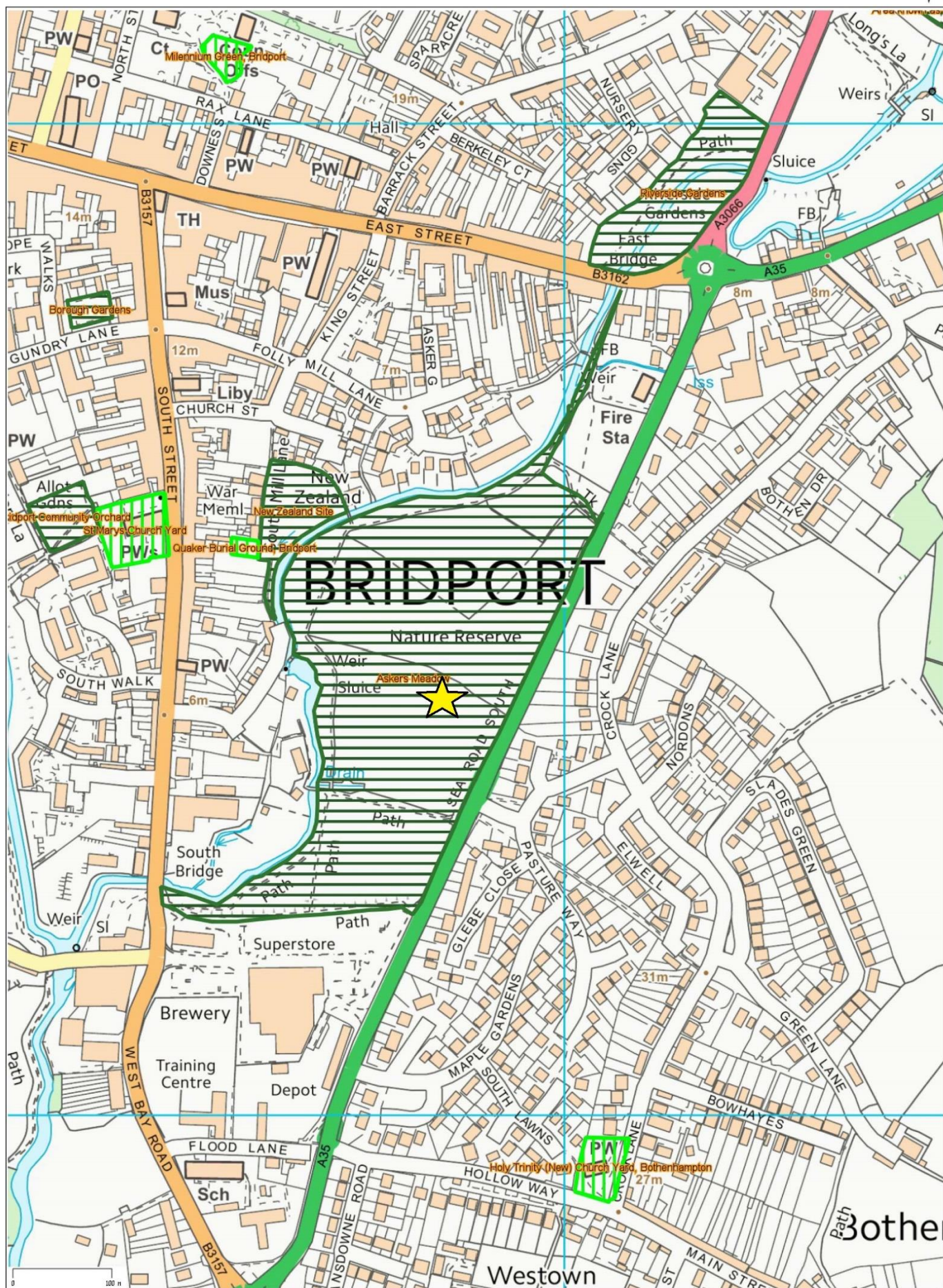
Criteria:	Assessment:
If the site has significance because of its <u>beauty</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this e.g. a designation.	Broad gravel path set back from tree-lined river bank, overlooked by hills
If the site has significance because of its <u>historic value</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	Historic floodplain alongside former railway line (now A35 Bridport bypass) has remained undeveloped as the town and surrounding parishes have expanded around it.
If the site has significance because of its <u>recreational value</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	Functions as exercise area and main footpath to Bothenhampton, West Bay, Morrisons etc
If the site has significance because of its <u>tranquillity</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	It's old stone walls, hedgerows and grazing cattle remind townspeople they are in a country town. Asker Meadows also holds a flower-rich 'Coronation Meadow' managed by Bridport Town Council and local volunteers. Kingfishers, water voles and occasionally otters are seen on the River Asker alongside Asker Meadows

Conclusion, whether the site appears to be suitable for designation or not:

It is suitable.

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Completed by: Horatio Morpurgo and Nick Gray



4. Borough Gardens.

Site information:

Information type:	To be completed:
Name of the space	Borough Gardens
Location (settlement and/or parish)	Bridport
Name of the site landowner	Bridport Town Council
Any other information considered important	Part of the garden is managed by volunteers and a nursery group

Site eligibility assessment: *note that the answer must be yes to all of these questions if the site is to be designated as Local Green Space*

Eligibility issue:	Assessment:
Is it the case that the site is not currently subject to a planning application for development?	Yes
Is it the case that the site is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?	Yes
Is it the case that the site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character? State its size.	Yes 0.11h
Is it the case that the site is in close proximity to a community (i.e. a settlement)?	Yes

NPPF criteria assessment: *note that the site must meet at least one of the following criteria if it is to be designated as Local Green Space*

Criteria:	Assessment:
If the site has significance because of its <u>beauty</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this e.g. a designation.	Inside a walled space, York Stone flags run round a lawn. Flower gardens and benches
If the site has significance because of its <u>historic value</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	There are two Yew trees, one of them 500 years old
If the site has significance because of its <u>recreational value</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	This is an invaluable quiet space close to Town Centre
If the site has significance because of its <u>tranquillity</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	It catches a lot of sun in the summer

Conclusion, whether the site appears to be suitable for designation or not:

It is suitable

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5. Community Orchard.

Site information:

Information type:	To be completed:
Name of the space	Community Orchard
Location (settlement and/or parish)	Bridport
Name of the site landowner	Bridport Town Council
Any other information considered important	Managed by volunteers, 'Bridport Community Orchard Group', and Bridport Town Council

Site eligibility assessment: *note that the answer must be yes to all of these questions if the site is to be designated as Local Green Space*

Eligibility issue:	Assessment:
Is it the case that the site is not currently subject to a planning application for development?	Yes
Is it the case that the site is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?	Yes
Is it the case that the site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character? State its size.	Yes 0.33h
Is it the case that the site is in close proximity to a community (i.e. a settlement)?	Yes

NPPF criteria assessment: *note that the site must meet at least one of the following criteria if it is to be designated as Local Green Space*

Criteria:	Assessment:
If the site has significance because of its <u>beauty</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this e.g. a designation.	Burgeoning collection of apple trees, a bee-hive and a pond between a sunken lane and a 14 th Century church.
If the site has significance because of its <u>historic value</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	It was once an area of Glebe land
If the site has significance because of its <u>recreational value</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	The trees were planted and are tended by volunteers
If the site has significance because of its <u>tranquillity</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	Bounded by hedges old and new, it offers trees, benches and along the back of South Street. Enhancement for wildlife includes a small wild flower meadow, bird boxes and a bug hotel and a wildlife rich pond in a tranquil corner

Conclusion, whether the site appears to be suitable for designation or not:

It is suitable

Date of assessment: February 2017

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6. Coneygar Hill.

Site information:

Information type:	To be completed:
Name of the space	Coneygar Hill
Location (settlement and/or parish)	Bridport
Name of the site landowner	Bridport Town Council
Any other information considered important	Forms part of the Bridport "Millennium Green" and is registered with Fields in Trust. It is managed and maintained by the Millennium Green Trust.

Site eligibility assessment: *note that the answer must be yes to all of these questions if the site is to be designated as Local Green Space*

Eligibility issue:	Assessment:
Is it the case that the site is not currently subject to a planning application for development?	Yes
Is it the case that the site is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?	Yes
Is it the case that the site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character? State its size.	Yes 4.6
Is it the case that the site is in close proximity to a community (i.e. a settlement)?	Yes

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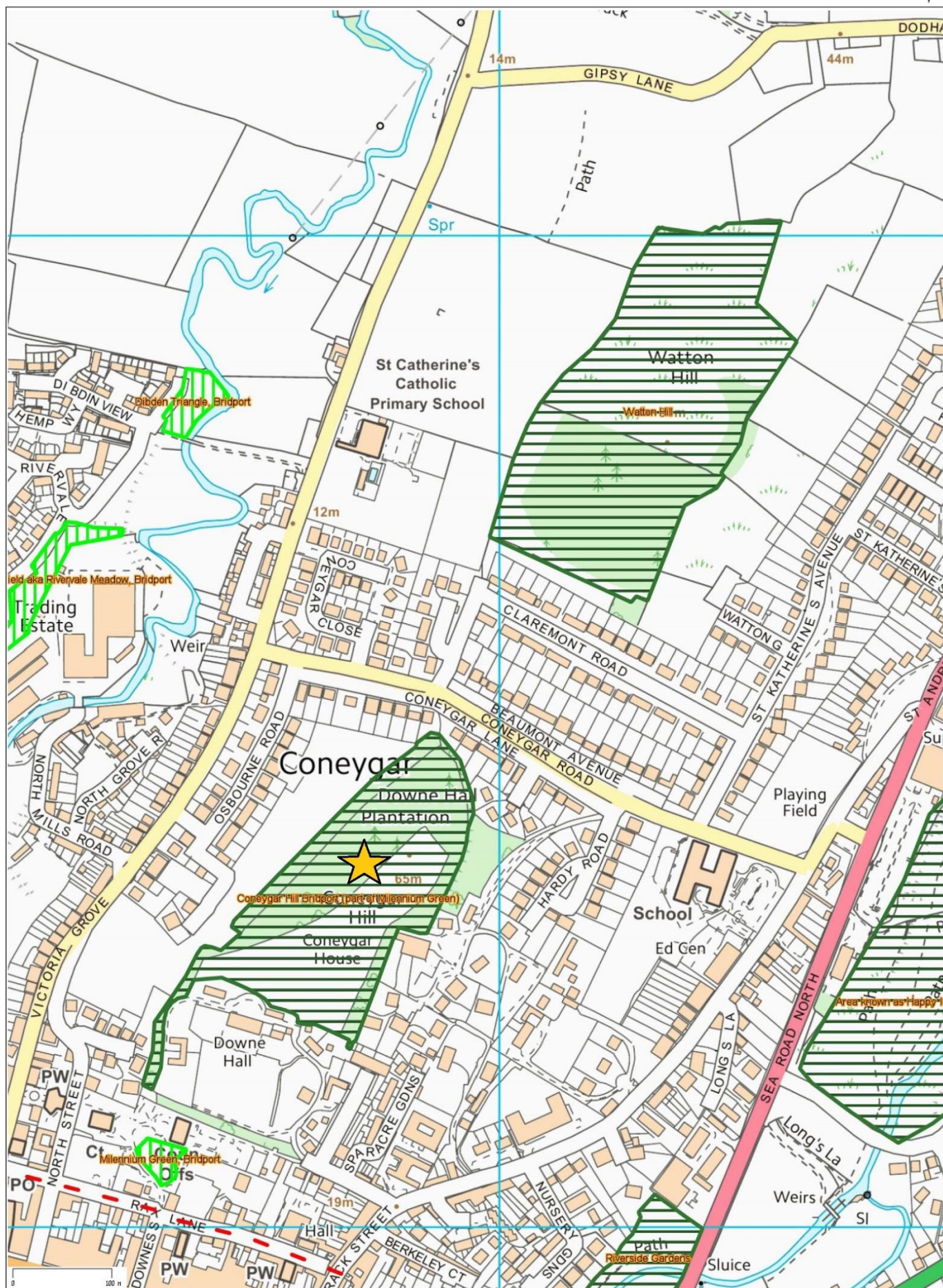
Criteria:	Assessment:
If the site has significance because of its <u>beauty</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this e.g. a designation.	Views over Downe Hall and Town to the Jurassic Coast
If the site has significance because of its <u>historic value</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	
If the site has significance because of its <u>recreational value</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	Popular with all ages – children, teenagers, dog walkers
If the site has significance because of its <u>tranquillity</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	Surrounded by woodland on three sides, including trees planted by children

Conclusion, whether the site appears to be suitable for designation or not:

It is suitable

Date of assessment: March 2016

Completed by: Horatio Morpurgo



7. Cooper's Wood and Field.

Site information:

Information type:	To be completed:
Name of the space	Cooper's Wood and Field
Location (settlement and/or parish)	Allington Civil Parish
Name of the site landowner	Woodland Trust, leased to Allington Parish Council
Any other information considered important	Cooper's Field was purchased by the Woodland Trust in 2002 on behalf of the local populace, who raised a lot of money for this purchase. The wood was planted in 2004.

Site eligibility assessment: *note that the answer must be yes to all of these questions if the site is to be designated as Local Green Space*

Eligibility issue:	Assessment:
Is it the case that the site is not currently subject to a planning application for development?	Yes
Is it the case that the site is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?	Yes
Is it the case that the site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character? State its size.	Yes, 4.6 ha.
Is it the case that the site is in close proximity to a community (i.e. a settlement)?	Yes – close to Bridport, Allington and Symondsburry settlements

NPPF criteria assessment: *note that the site must meet at least one of the following criteria if it is to be designated as Local Green Space*

Criteria:	Assessment:
If the site has significance because of its <u>beauty</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this e.g. a designation.	The site holds a burgeoning wild flower meadow with spacious woodland edge habitat as well as the woodland itself. There is also the marvellous backdrop of wooded Allington Hill.
If the site has significance because of its <u>historic value</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	
If the site has significance because of its <u>recreational value</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	Cooper's Wood and Field is used by many people both dog walkers and those just wanting to walk and enjoy the tranquility, nature and views. Coopers Field - 6 items of play equipment have been installed by the Allington Hill and Cooper's Wood & Field Community Group – these are owned and insured by Allington Parish Council. These are regularly used by people of all ages. There is also a five a side football pitch which is regularly used. The Allington Hill and Cooper's Wood & Field Community Group hold regular community events, with activities for both adults and children. Their events are well supported by the local community.

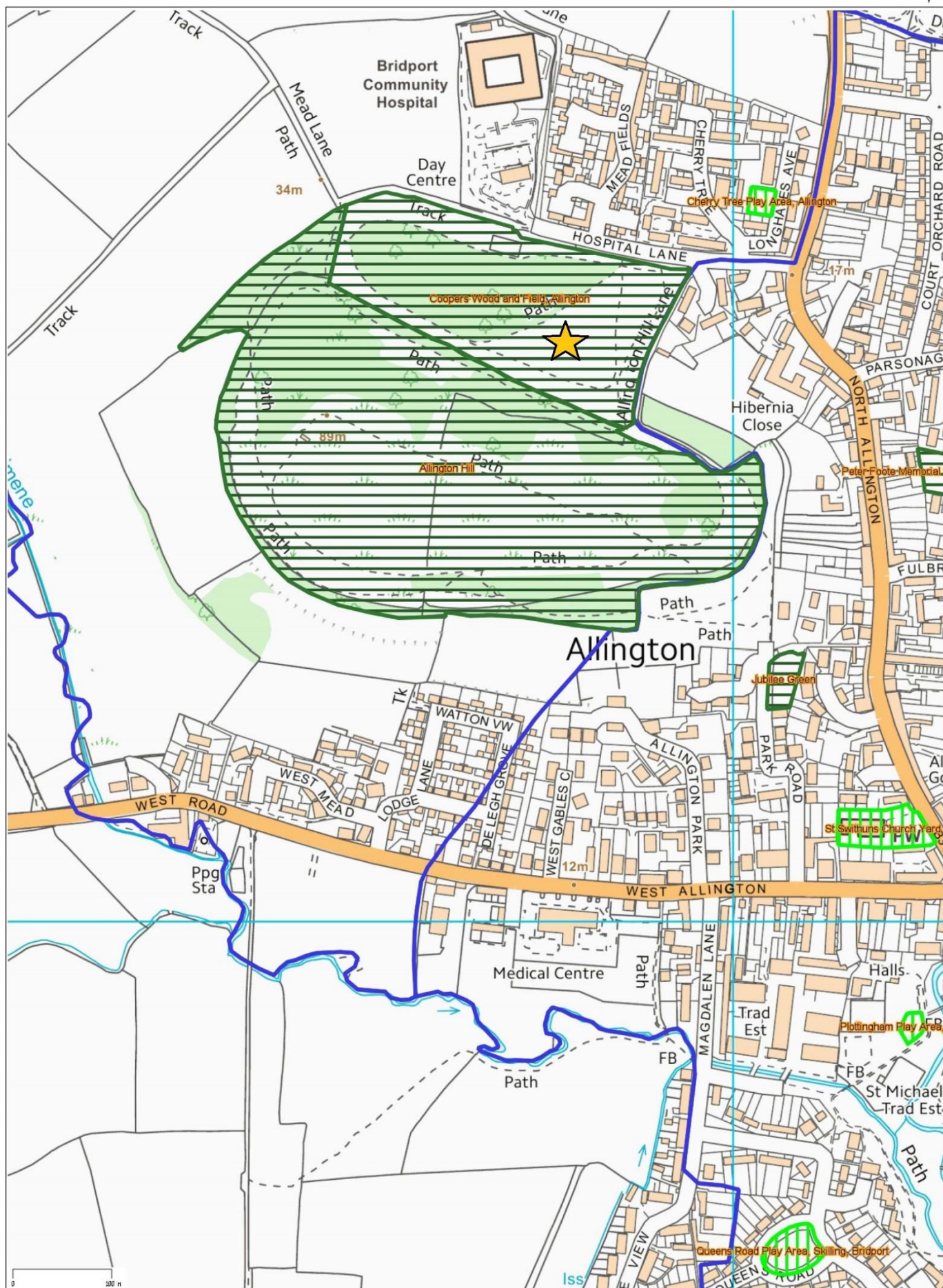
	A “community circle” has been created for the community to use as they wish, as well as being a venue for music, storytelling and Forest School activities.
If the site has significance because of its <u>tranquillity</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	The field offers a valuable ‘transition zone’ between residential development and the natural surroundings of Allington Hill. Tranquillity starts to increase as soon as you step into Cooper’s Field and experience the sympathetically managed habitats therein.

Conclusion, whether the site appears to be suitable for designation or not:

Yes, it should be designated

Date of assessment: March 2017

Completed by: Sal Robinson and Nick Gray



8. Court Orchard Play Area.

Site information:

Information type:	To be completed:
Name of the space	Court Orchard Play Area
Location (settlement and/or parish)	Bridport
Name of the site landowner	Bridport Town Council
Any other information considered important	

Site eligibility assessment: *note that the answer must be yes to all of these questions if the site is to be designated as Local Green Space*

Eligibility issue:	Assessment:
Is it the case that the site is not currently subject to a planning application for development?	Yes
Is it the case that the site is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?	Yes
Is it the case that the site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character? State its size.	Yes 0.52h
Is it the case that the site is in close proximity to a community (i.e. a settlement)?	Yes, it is on the outskirts of Bridport and close to Allington

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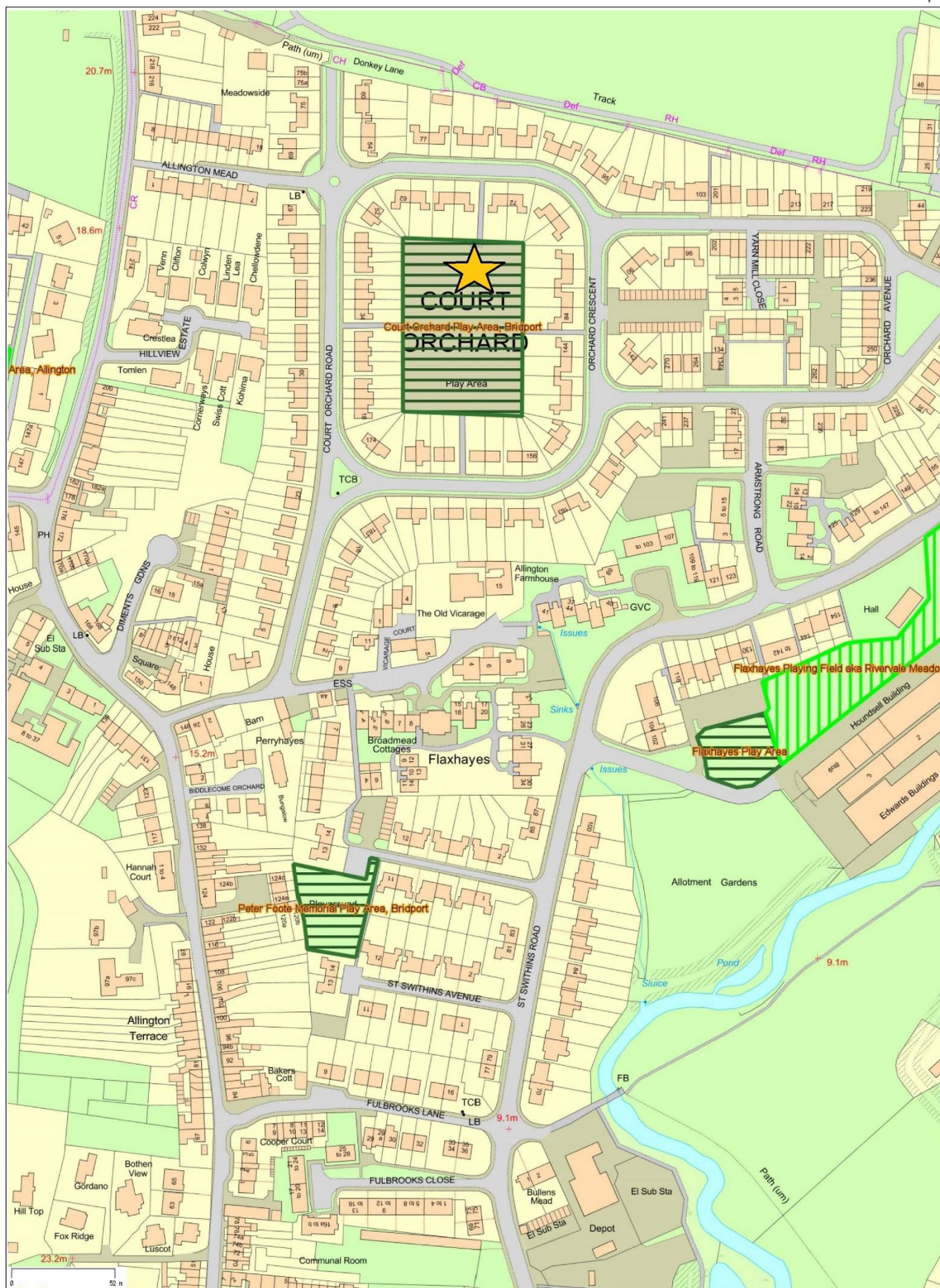
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If the site has significance because of its <u>historic value</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	
If the site has significance because of its <u>recreational value</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	This is mainly a football pitch but the small play area is due to be improved. It provides a valued space away from the road in a built-up area.
If the site has significance because of its <u>tranquillity</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	

Conclusion, whether the site appears to be suitable for designation or not:

It should be designated.

Date of assessment: 3/03/16

Completed by: Horatio Morpurgo



9. Flaxhayes Play Area, Bridport

Site information:

Information type:	To be completed:
Name of the space	Flaxhayes Play Area
Location (settlement and/or parish)	Bridport
Name of the site landowner	Bridport Town Council
Any other information considered important	Due to be expanded soon

Site eligibility assessment: *note that the answer must be yes to all of these questions if the site is to be designated as Local Green Space*

Eligibility issue:	Assessment:
Is it the case that the site is not currently subject to a planning application for development?	Yes
Is it the case that the site is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?	Yes
Is it the case that the site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character? State its size.	Yes 0.6h
Is it the case that the site is in close proximity to a community (i.e. a settlement)?	Yes

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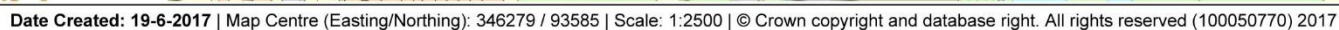
Criteria:	Assessment:
If the site has significance because of its <u>beauty</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this e.g. a designation.	
If the site has significance because of its <u>historic value</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	
If the site has significance because of its <u>recreational value</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	There are benches and car park for parents, climbing frames for children
If the site has significance because of its <u>tranquillity</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	The sound of children playing there described by local as 'happily noisy'

Conclusion, whether the site appears to be suitable for designation or not:

It is suitable, so long as this does not prevent refurbishment

Date of assessment: March 2016

Completed by: Horatio Morpurgo



10. Jellyfields Nature Reserve.

Site information:

Information type:	To be completed:
Name of the space	Jellyfields Nature Reserve
Location (settlement and/or parish)	Walditch
Name of the site landowner	Dorset County Council
Any other information considered important	Managed by DCC Countryside Rangers

Site eligibility assessment: *note that the answer must be yes to all of these questions if the site is to be designated as Local Green Space*

Eligibility issue:	Assessment:
Is it the case that the site is not currently subject to a planning application for development?	Yes
Is it the case that the site is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?	Yes
Is it the case that the site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character? State its size.	Yes (2.6 Ha)
Is it the case that the site is in close proximity to a community (i.e. a settlement)?	Yes

NPPF criteria assessment: *note that the site must meet at least one of the following criteria if it is to be designated as Local Green Space*

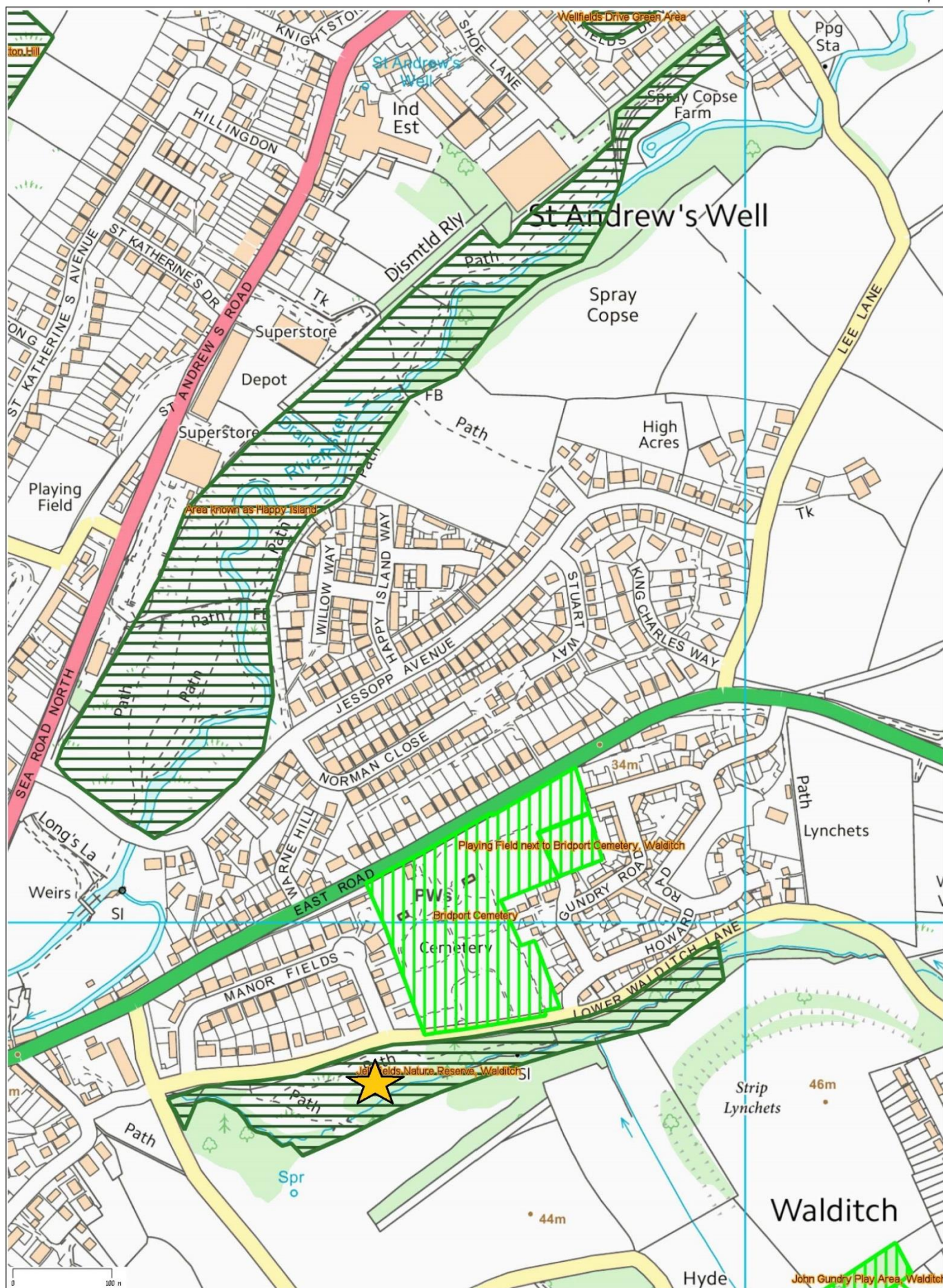
Criteria:	Assessment:
If the site has significance because of its <u>beauty</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this e.g. a designation.	The site is managed as a nature reserve with woodland, wetland and open areas. Rolling hills extend to south (low-input pasture and in-field mature trees). WWI memorial wildflower patch planted at west end in 2014 by local community
If the site has significance because of its <u>historic value</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	N/A
If the site has significance because of its <u>recreational value</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	Peaceful circular walk around the site; popular dog walking area. Also used in recent years to train people in hedge-laying and woodland management by DCC Rangers (Adam Butcher)
If the site has significance because of its <u>tranquillity</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	Much bird life and evidence of use by otters in recent years (EA). Woodland and bushy hedgerows absorb noise from nearby roads

Conclusion, whether the site appears to be suitable for designation or not:

Yes

Date of assessment: March 2016

Completed by: Nick Gray



11. Jubilee Green.

Site information:

Information type:	To be completed:
Name of the space	Park Road / 'Jubilee Green'
Location (settlement and/or parish)	Bridport
Name of the site landowner	Bridport Town Council
Any other information considered important	Managed by volunteers 'Bridport Community Orchard Group' and Bridport Town Council

Site eligibility assessment: *note that the answer must be yes to all of these questions if the site is to be designated as Local Green Space*

Eligibility issue:	Assessment:
Is it the case that the site is not currently subject to a planning application for development?	Y
Is it the case that the site is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?	Y
Is it the case that the site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character? State its size.	Y (0.1 Ha)
Is it the case that the site is in close proximity to a community (i.e. a settlement)?	Y

NPPF criteria assessment: *note that the site must meet at least one of the following criteria if it is to be designated as Local Green Space*

Criteria:	Assessment:
If the site has significance because of its <u>beauty</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this e.g. a designation.	The site is managed as a small orchard and wild flower grassland by Bridport Community Orchard Group with regular volunteer work parties. Fantastic views to the sea.
If the site has significance because of its <u>historic value</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	N/A
If the site has significance because of its <u>recreational value</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	On a very popular (dog) walking route (to Allington Hill). Also holds two well-positioned benches with views over Bridport town to the sea
If the site has significance because of its <u>tranquillity</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	In a quiet corner (dead-end road) on the flanks of Allington Hill. Benches well-used for tranquil enjoyment of the view.

Conclusion, whether the site appears to be suitable for designation or not:

Very suitable.

Date of assessment: February 2017

Completed by: Nick Gray



12. New Zealand Site.

Site information:

Information type:	To be completed:
Name of the space	New Zealand Site
Location (settlement and/or parish)	Bridport
Name of the site landowner	Bridport Town Council
Any other information considered important	Managed by volunteers 'Asker Nature Reserve Project' Steering Group & Bridport Town Council

Site eligibility assessment: *note that the answer must be yes to all of these questions if the site is to be designated as Local Green Space*

Eligibility issue:	Assessment:
Is it the case that the site is not currently subject to a planning application for development?	Yes
Is it the case that the site is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?	Yes 0.6h
Is it the case that the site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character? State its size.	Yes
Is it the case that the site is in close proximity to a community (i.e. a settlement)?	Yes

NPPF criteria assessment: *note that the site must meet at least one of the following criteria if it is to be designated as Local Green Space*

Criteria:	Assessment:
If the site has significance because of its <u>beauty</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this e.g. a designation.	It's a green, undulating area with a mosaic of open grassland and scrub thickets, valuable for wildlife. Overlooked by attractive terrace of old cottages
If the site has significance because of its <u>historic value</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	Formerly held the original course of the river. It was used as an area for Rope Walks
If the site has significance because of its <u>recreational value</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	A new pond should attract wildlife and form a point of interest. A small wild flower meadow has also been sown and a group of local volunteers are engaged in management activity
If the site has significance because of its <u>tranquillity</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	The bench overlooks the river, meadows, and hills beyond. Water voles and kingfisher regularly encountered.

Conclusion, whether the site appears to be suitable for designation or not:

It is suitable

Date of assessment: February 2017

Completed by: Horatio Morpurgo and Nick Gray



13. Pageants Field, Bradpole

Site information:

Information type:	To be completed:
Name of the space	Pageants Field
Location (settlement and/or parish)	Bradpole
Name of the site landowner	Bradpole Parish Council
Any other information considered important	

Site eligibility assessment: *note that the answer must be yes to all of these questions if the site is to be designated as Local Green Space*

Eligibility issue:	Assessment:
Is it the case that the site is not currently subject to a planning application for development?	Yes
Is it the case that the site is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?	Yes
Is it the case that the site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character? State its size.	Yes. 0.32 ha.
Is it the case that the site is in close proximity to a community (i.e. a settlement)?	Yes, Bradpole

NPPF criteria assessment: *note that the site must meet at least one of the following criteria if it is to be designated as Local Green Space*

Criteria:	Assessment:
If the site has significance because of its <u>beauty</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this e.g. a designation.	N/A
If the site has significance because of its <u>historic value</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	N/A
If the site has significance because of its <u>recreational value</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	An amenity field within the residential estate. There is an equipped children's play area. There are badger setts around the partly hedged perimeter.
If the site has significance because of its <u>tranquillity</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	N/A

Conclusion, whether the site appears to be suitable for designation or not:

Yes

Date of assessment: April 2016

Completed by: Sal Robinson



14. Peter Foote Memorial Play Area.

Site information:

Information type:	To be completed:
Name of the space	Peter Foote Memorial Play Area
Location (settlement and/or parish)	Bridport
Name of the site landowner	Bridport Town Council
Any other information considered important	

Site eligibility assessment: *note that the answer must be yes to all of these questions if the site is to be designated as Local Green Space*

Eligibility issue:	Assessment:
Is it the case that the site is not currently subject to a planning application for development?	Yes
Is it the case that the site is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?	Yes
Is it the case that the site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character? State its size.	Yes 0.12h
Is it the case that the site is in close proximity to a community (i.e. a settlement)?	Yes

NPPF criteria assessment: *note that the site must meet at least one of the following criteria if it is to be designated as Local Green Space*

Criteria:	Assessment:
If the site has significance because of its <u>beauty</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this e.g. a designation.	
If the site has significance because of its <u>historic value</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	
If the site has significance because of its <u>recreational value</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	A multi-purpose open space with slide and a see-saw along one side
If the site has significance because of its <u>tranquillity</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	Away from Traffic, at end of cul-de-sac where children play anyway

Conclusion, whether the site appears to be suitable for designation or not:

It is suitable

Date of assessment: March 2016

Completed by: Horatio Morpurgo



15. Railway Gardens and old Railway Crossing.

Site information:

Information type:	To be completed:
Name of the space	Railway Gardens and Railway Crossing and Allotments
Location (settlement and/or parish)	Bradpole
Name of the site landowner	Bradpole Parish Council
Any other information considered important	A small linear amenity area, adjacent to housing, with seating following the line of the old railway, complete with level crossing gates which are maintained by the Parish Council.

Site eligibility assessment: *note that the answer must be yes to all of these questions if the site is to be designated as Local Green Space*

Eligibility issue:	Assessment:
Is it the case that the site is not currently subject to a planning application for development?	Yes
Is it the case that the site is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?	Yes
Is it the case that the site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character? State its size.	Yes. 0.136 ha.
Is it the case that the site is in close proximity to a community (i.e. a settlement)?	Yes, Bradpole

NPPF criteria assessment: *note that the site must meet at least one of the following criteria if it is to be designated as Local Green Space*

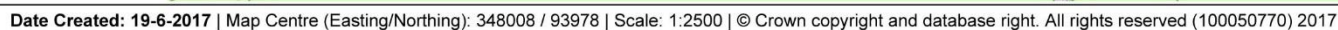
Criteria:	Assessment:
If the site has significance because of its <u>beauty</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this e.g. a designation.	N/A
If the site has significance because of its <u>historic value</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	Follows the line of the old railway, complete with level crossing gates which are maintained by the Parish Council.
If the site has significance because of its <u>recreational value</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	N/A
If the site has significance because of its <u>tranquillity</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	N/A

Conclusion, whether the site appears to be suitable for designation or not:

Yes

Date of assessment: April 2016

Completed by: Sal Robinson



16. Riverside Gardens.

Site information:

Information type:	To be completed:
Name of the space	Riverside Gardens
Location (settlement and/or parish)	Bridport
Name of the site landowner	Bridport Town Council
Any other information considered important	

Site eligibility assessment: *note that the answer must be yes to all of these questions if the site is to be designated as Local Green Space*

Eligibility issue:	Assessment:
Is it the case that the site is not currently subject to a planning application for development?	Yes
Is it the case that the site is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?	Yes
Is it the case that the site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character? State its size.	Yes 1.3
Is it the case that the site is in close proximity to a community (i.e. a settlement)?	Yes

NPPF criteria assessment: *note that the site must meet at least one of the following criteria if it is to be designated as Local Green Space*

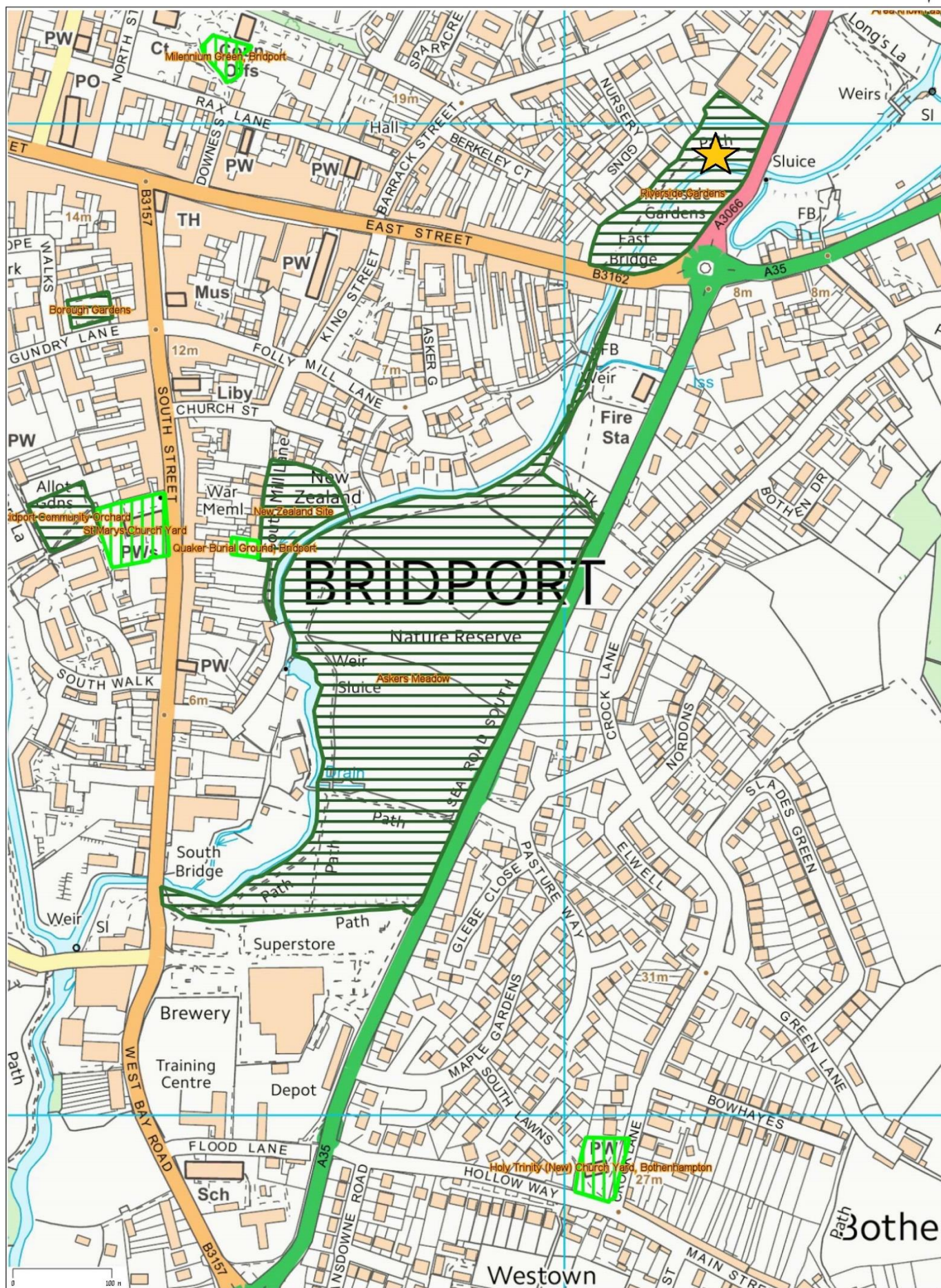
Criteria:	Assessment:
If the site has significance because of its <u>beauty</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this e.g. a designation.	Extends along both sides of the tree-lined River Asker
If the site has significance because of its <u>historic value</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	
If the site has significance because of its <u>recreational value</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	Anyone walking or running along Asker Meadows can continue here
If the site has significance because of its <u>tranquillity</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	Close to but screened by vegetation from roundabout. River sets the tone

Conclusion, whether the site appears to be suitable for designation or not:

It is suitable

Date of assessment: March 2016

Completed by: Horatio Morpurgo



17. Skilling Oval Play Area.

Site information:

Information type:	To be completed:
Name of the space	Skilling Oval Play Area
Location (settlement and/or parish)	Skilling / Bridport
Name of the site landowner	Bridport Town Council
Any other information considered important	

Site eligibility assessment: *note that the answer must be yes to all of these questions if the site is to be designated as Local Green Space*

Eligibility issue:	Assessment:
Is it the case that the site is not currently subject to a planning application for development?	Yes
Is it the case that the site is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?	Yes
Is it the case that the site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character? State its size.	Yes 0.21h
Is it the case that the site is in close proximity to a community (i.e. a settlement)?	Yes

NPPF criteria assessment: *note that the site must meet at least one of the following criteria if it is to be designated as Local Green Space*

Criteria:	Assessment:
If the site has significance because of its <u>beauty</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this e.g. a designation.	The play area is situated on a purpose build 'green'
If the site has significance because of its <u>historic value</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	'The Oval' was designed as the hub of a therapeutic community post WW1
If the site has significance because of its <u>recreational value</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	It's popular with children and there's nothing like it nearby
If the site has significance because of its <u>tranquillity</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	There are mature trees with benches beneath them

Conclusion, whether the site appears to be suitable for designation or not:

It is suitable

Date of assessment: March 2016

Completed by: Horatio Morpurgo



18. The Gore, Bradpole.

Site information:

Information type:	To be completed:
Name of the space	The Gore
Location (settlement and/or parish)	Bradpole
Name of the site landowner	Bradpole Parish Council
Any other information considered important	A green artery path through the residential estate.

Site eligibility assessment: *note that the answer must be yes to all of these questions if the site is to be designated as Local Green Space*

Eligibility issue:	Assessment:
Is it the case that the site is not currently subject to a planning application for development?	Yes
Is it the case that the site is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?	Yes
Is it the case that the site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character? State its size.	Yes. 0.2 ha
Is it the case that the site is in close proximity to a community (i.e. a settlement)?	Yes, Bradpole

NPPF criteria assessment: *note that the site must meet at least one of the following criteria if it is to be designated as Local Green Space*

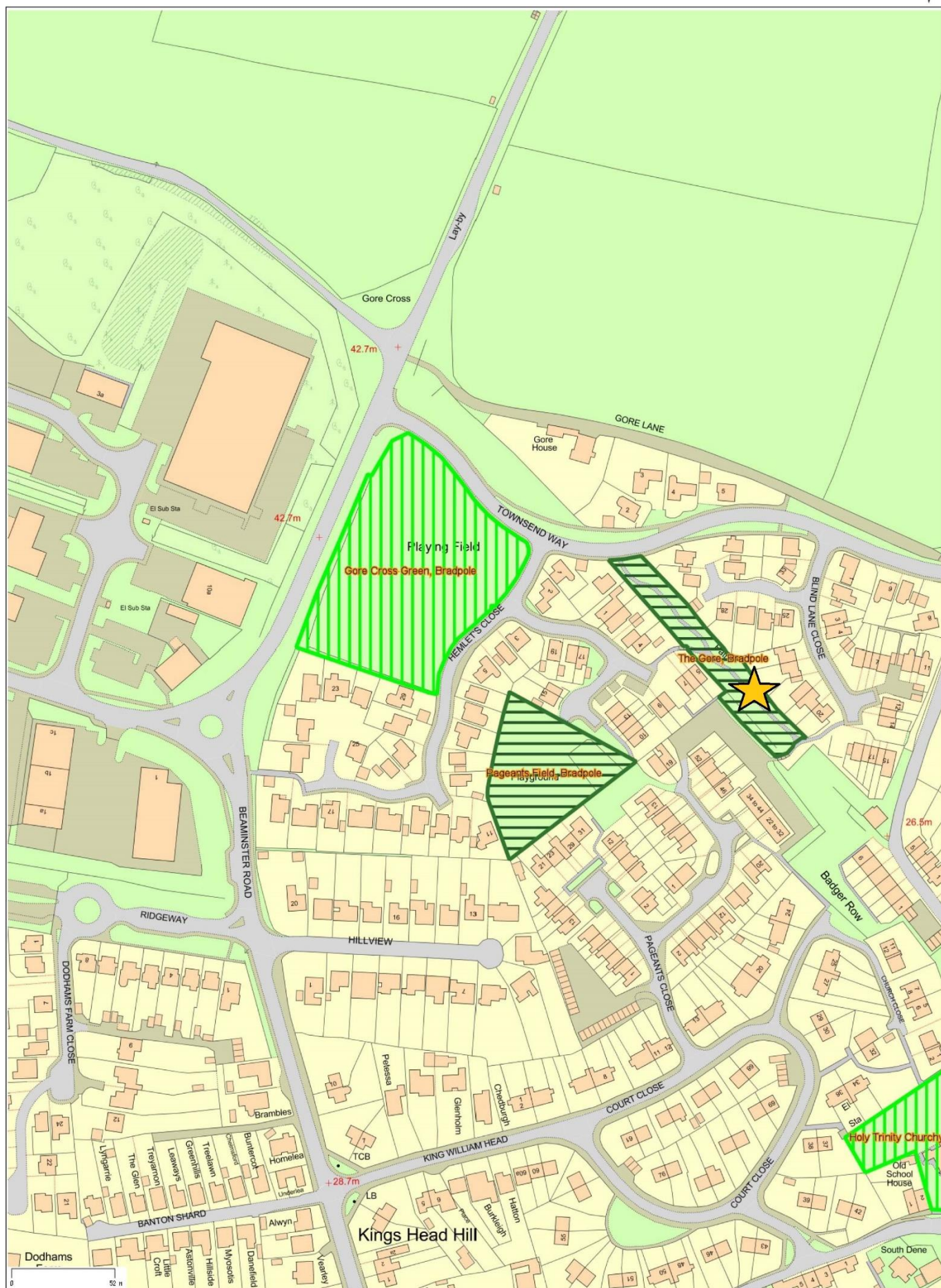
Criteria:	Assessment:
If the site has significance because of its <u>beauty</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this e.g. a designation.	N/A
If the site has significance because of its <u>historic value</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	N/A
If the site has significance because of its <u>recreational value</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	N/A
If the site has significance because of its <u>tranquillity</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	The area is a quiet green artery path through the residential estate.

Conclusion, whether the site appears to be suitable for designation or not:

Yes

Date of assessment: April 2016

Completed by: Sal Robinson



19 . Village Green, Walditch.

Site information:

Information type:	To be completed:
Name of the space	Village Green
Location (settlement and/or parish)	Walditch, Bothenhampton & Walditch Civil Parish
Name of the site landowner	Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council
Any other information considered important	Important as a focal point to the centre of the Village

Site eligibility assessment: *note that the answer must be yes to all of these questions if the site is to be designated as Local Green Space*

Eligibility issue:	Assessment:
Is it the case that the site is not currently subject to a planning application for development?	Correct
Is it the case that the site is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?	Correct
Is it the case that the site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character? State its size.	Correct. 0.07 ha.
Is it the case that the site is in close proximity to a community (i.e. a settlement)?	The centre of the Village

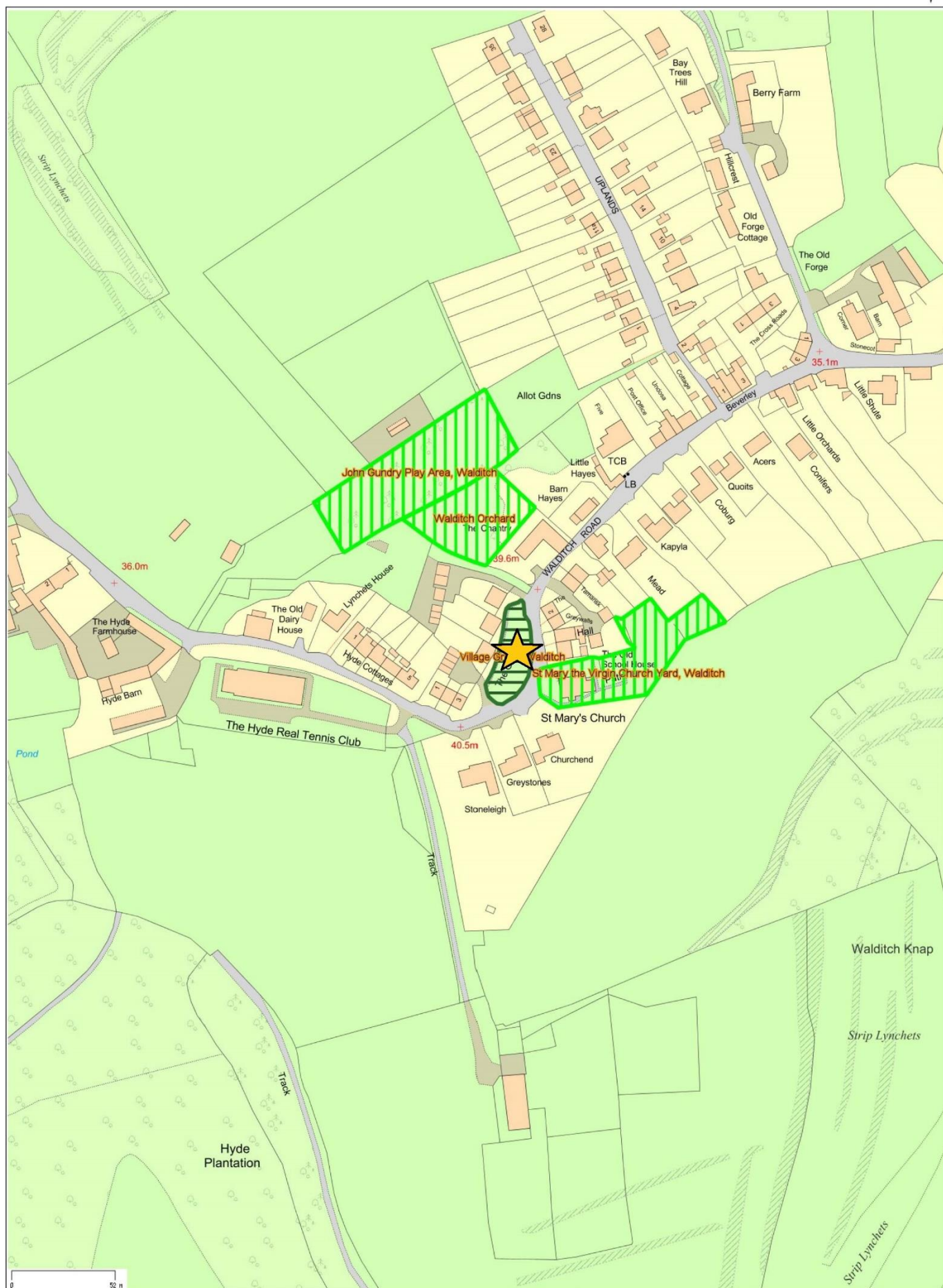
NPPF criteria assessment: *note that the site must meet at least one of the following criteria if it is to be designated as Local Green Space*

Criteria:	Assessment:
If the site has significance because of its <u>beauty</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this e.g. a designation.	A green area providing a focal point, centrally located by the Parish Church
If the site has significance because of its <u>historic value</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	
If the site has significance because of its <u>recreational value</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	Used for Village events including organised local celebrations of National and Bank holiday celebrations.
If the site has significance because of its <u>tranquillity</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	Visually provides a setting for a pretty Village

Conclusion, whether the site appears to be suitable for designation or not:

Yes

Date of assessment: March 2016
Completed by: Terry Moseley



20. Wanderwell Nature Reserve, Bothenhampton.

Site information:

Information type:	To be completed:
Name of the space	Wanderwell Quarry / Bothenhampton Nature Reserve
Location (settlement and/or parish)	Bothenhampton
Name of the site landowner	Dorset County Council, managed by Dorset County Council's Countryside Service.
Any other information considered important	Designated as a Local Nature Reserve for its species rich calcareous grassland and semi-natural woodland

Site eligibility assessment: *note that the answer must be yes to all of these questions if the site is to be designated as Local Green Space*

Eligibility issue:	Assessment:
Is it the case that the site is not currently subject to a planning application for development?	Yes
Is it the case that the site is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?	Yes
Is it the case that the site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character? State its size.	Yes. 2.2ha.
Is it the case that the site is in close proximity to a community (i.e. a settlement)?	Yes, Bothenhampton

NPPF criteria assessment: *note that the site must meet at least one of the following criteria if it is to be designated as Local Green Space*

Criteria:	Assessment:
If the site has significance because of its <u>beauty</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this e.g. a designation.	Designated as Local Nature Reserve (see above) with an attractive mix of woodland, scrub and open grassland. Also, there is a beautiful view to the sea at West Bay from the upper plateau of the reserve.
If the site has significance because of its <u>historic value</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	<p>The old quarries on the hill south of Bothenhampton were working for many centuries to provide an excellent building stone.</p> <p>The stone from Bothenhampton (known by its old name of Baunton) was used for many 19th century buildings in the area around Bridport.</p> <p>Many maps of Bothenhampton parish have shown the quarries, which previously extended along the hill to the east.</p> <p>One area, recently cleared of vegetation is designated as a Regionally Important Geological /Geomorphological Site (RIGS).</p> <p>Wanderwell / Bothenhampton Nature Reserve is also a designated Site of Nature Conservation Interest.</p>
If the site has significance because of its <u>recreational value</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	The area is extensively used by residents and visitors.

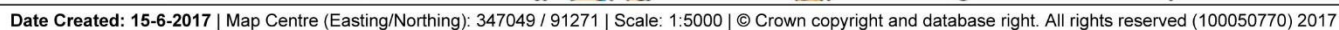
If the site has significance because of its <u>tranquillity</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	The many 'nooks and crannies' and different blocks of wildlife-rich habitat on this site offer much tranquillity.
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Conclusion, whether the site appears to be suitable for designation or not:

Yes

Date of assessment: February 2017

Completed by: Sal Robinson and Nick Gray



21. Watton Hill, Bradpole.

Site information:

Information type:	To be completed:
Name of the space	Watton Hill
Location (settlement and/or parish)	Bridport
Name of the site landowner	Symondsbury Estate
Any other information considered important	

Site eligibility assessment: *note that the answer must be yes to all of these questions if the site is to be designated as Local Green Space*

Eligibility issue:	Assessment:
Is it the case that the site is not currently subject to a planning application for development?	Yes
Is it the case that the site is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?	Yes
Is it the case that the site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character? State its size.	Yes 6.5 Ha
Is it the case that the site is in close proximity to a community (i.e. a settlement)?	Yes

NPPF criteria assessment: *note that the site must meet at least one of the following criteria if it is to be designated as Local Green Space*

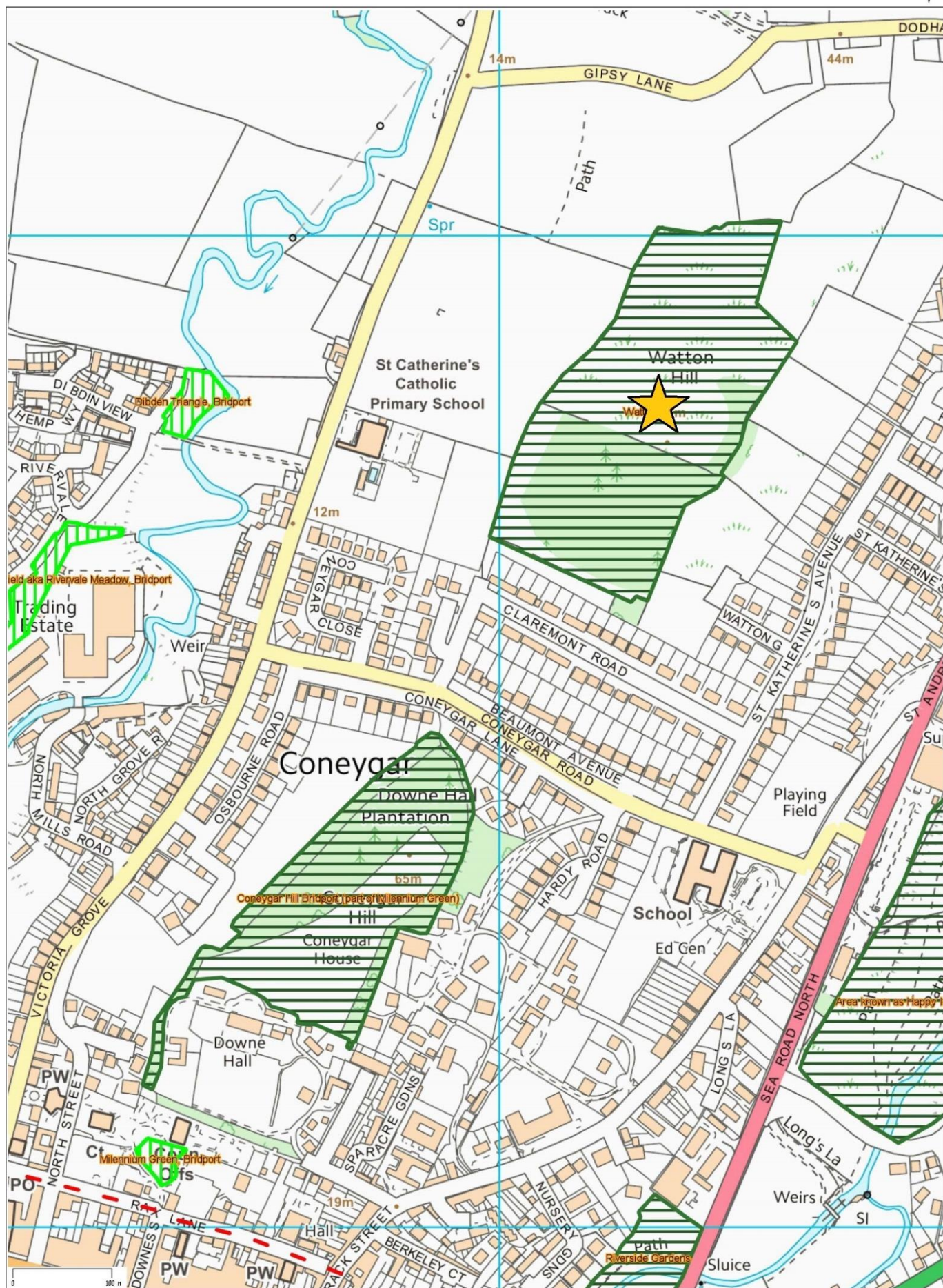
Criteria:	Assessment:
If the site has significance because of its <u>beauty</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this e.g. a designation.	A walk up onto Watton Hill takes you right out into a rural space with sweeping views over countryside east, west and north.
If the site has significance because of its <u>historic value</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	Roman finds when houses were built on the south and eastern flanks of the hill suggest this is one of the earliest settlement sites in the town.
If the site has significance because of its <u>recreational value</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	The steep hill as you enter the wood from the west is good exercise and the whole site is popular with joggers and walkers alike.
If the site has significance because of its <u>tranquillity</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	Both the open areas at the top and the views therefrom offer a sense of spaciousness

Conclusion, whether the site appears to be suitable for designation or not:

It does appear to be suitable

Date of assessment: February 2017

Completed by: Horatio Morpurgo



22. Wellfields Drive Green Area.

Site information:

Information type:	To be completed:
Name of the space	Wellfields Drive Green Area
Location (settlement and/or parish)	Bridport
Name of the site landowner	County Council
Any other information considered important	

Site eligibility assessment: *note that the answer must be yes to all of these questions if the site is to be designated as Local Green Space*

Eligibility issue:	Assessment:
Is it the case that the site is not currently subject to a planning application for development?	Yes
Is it the case that the site is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local Plan or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan?	Yes
Is it the case that the site is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character? State its size.	Yes 0.15ha
Is it the case that the site is in close proximity to a community (i.e. a settlement)?	Yes

NPPF criteria assessment: *note that the site must meet at least one of the following criteria if it is to be designated as Local Green Space*

Criteria:	Assessment:
If the site has significance because of its <u>beauty</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this e.g. a designation.	Mature trees plus plenty of Celandines the day we were there
If the site has significance because of its <u>historic value</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	
If the site has significance because of its <u>recreational value</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	Operates as an informal green for surrounding homes, all modern
If the site has significance because of its <u>tranquillity</u> , explain why and cite any evidence to substantiate this.	You can hear the birdsong from the nearby river corridor (wooded)

Conclusion, whether the site appears to be suitable for designation or not:

It is suitable

Date of assessment: April 2016

Completed by: Horatio Morpurgo

