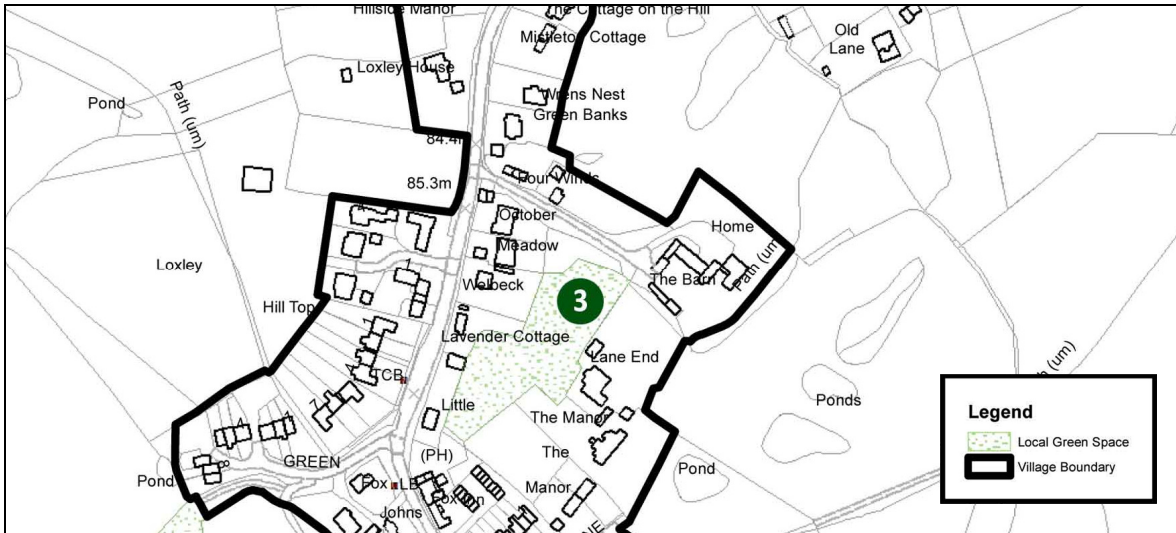


LOXLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Local Green Space Site Assessment: January 2018

Site Address	Site Area	Site Ref
Field behind The Fox Inn Pub, Goldicote Road	Approx. ha: 0.4	LGS No: 3
Plan		
		
Site Description and Current Land Use		
<p>The site is an irregularly shaped open field which is landlocked by residential properties on all sides. It is enclosed by featherboard fencing and generally well-managed. Access to the site is obtained through gated entrance off the Pub's car park. It is mainly laid to lawn with mature trees and shrubs around its periphery.</p>		
Relevant Planning History		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 99/02004/OUT: The erection of five dwellings with garages together with landscaping and associated works Permission Refused: 07/09/1999 Appeal Dismissed: 22/06/2000 		
Site Ownership		
Enterprise Inns PLC		
Site Constraints		
<p>There is no public access to the site. The only access is through the pub's car park.</p> <p>The access to the pub's car park is on a sharp bend in the road which can be treacherous because of its limited visibility in both directions.</p>		

Public Access

Only during organised events.

Site Photo



Taken in January 2018

Ecological Significance

The site contains a mix of mature trees and some shrubs. Mixed species 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 muntjac deer, 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

There are prominent views to the site from all the surrounding properties and the pub's car park. As an area of open green land in the heart of the village, it provides a sense of space and tranquillity for local residents and visitors to the pub. 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 village which contributes to its green setting.

This site has a history of being used for community events (e.g. in the past it has been used for school fetes, by the Loxley Gun Club, for a vintage car show as well as for commemorative events like the celebration of the anniversary of VE Day.

The Fox Inn has been registered with Stratford District Council as an Asset of Community Value since 9th August 2016.

This field also enjoys main road access through the pub car park and is centrally placed within the village.

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.

LGS3 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.