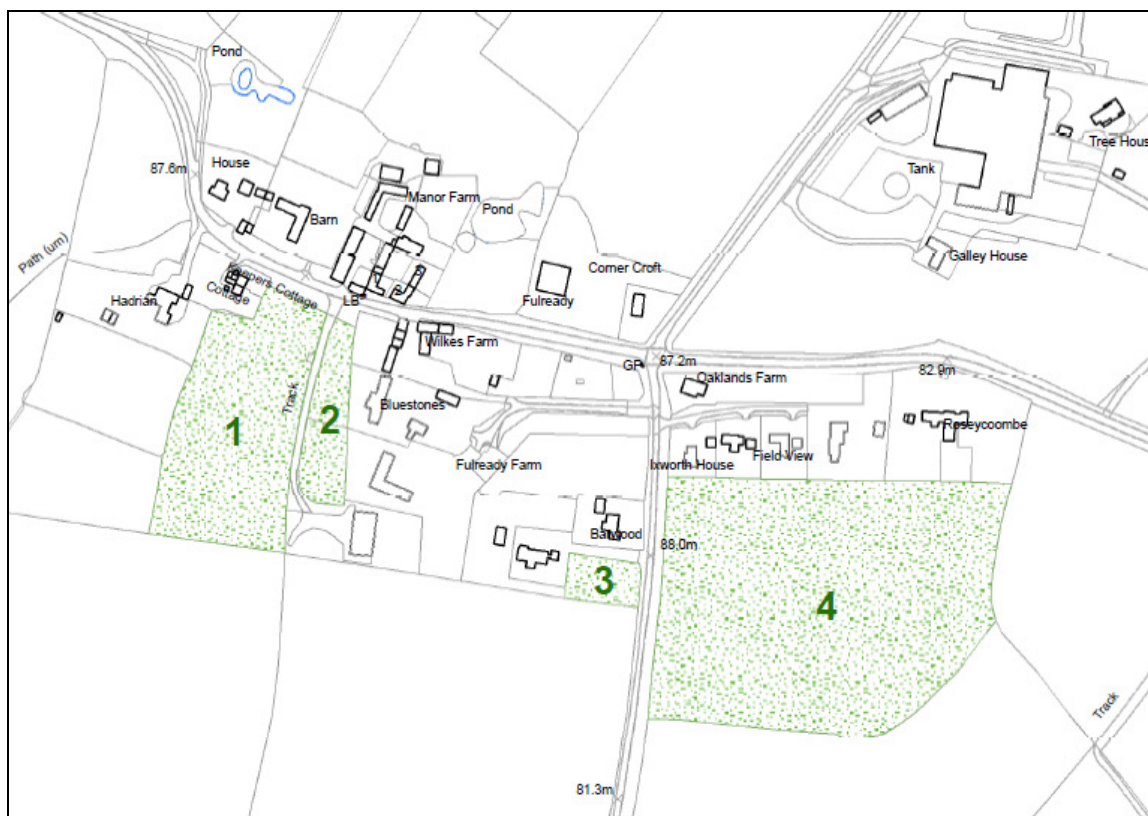


**Ettington and Fulready Neighbourhood Development Plan  
Local Green Space Site Assessment - April 2017**

Site Address	Site Area	Site Ref
Land South of Barwood, Fulready	Approx. 0.13 ha	LGS F3

**Plan**



**Site Description and Current Land Use**

The site comprises a small parcel of arable land adjacent to a rural lane which is a popular walking and cycling route for villagers and people further afield.

The site lies to the south and east of two residential properties. There are unrestricted views across the site to south. The site is contained by a native hedgerow.

**Recent and Relevant Planning History**

None

**Site Ownership**

Private

## Site Constraints

None

## Public Access

The site has no public access.

## Site Photo



## Ecological Significance

The site is partly surrounded by mixed mature hedgerows (newer hedgerows tend to be single species). Mixed species hedgerows are important for a number of bird and mammals as they provide food, shelter and nesting sites. Mixed hedgerows 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. Kestrels), 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 high amenity value and open aspect on the edge of the village which is extensively enjoyed from views along the public footpath. The site is currently undeveloped and affords open and unrestricted views of open countryside to the south and west.

The site is locally significant to the hamlet of Fulready because the footpath is a regular walking route for villagers and views across the site are significant and valued.

Views across the site are identified as a Valued Landscape in the NDP.

### **Summary and Suitability for Designation as Local Green Space**

This site is not considered to be an extensive tract of land and is contained within existing boundaries. It is well related to and used by the local community and makes a positive contribution to the health and well being local residents.

LGS F3 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 beauty, historic significance, tranquillity and richness of its habitat and wildlife potential; and
- is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.