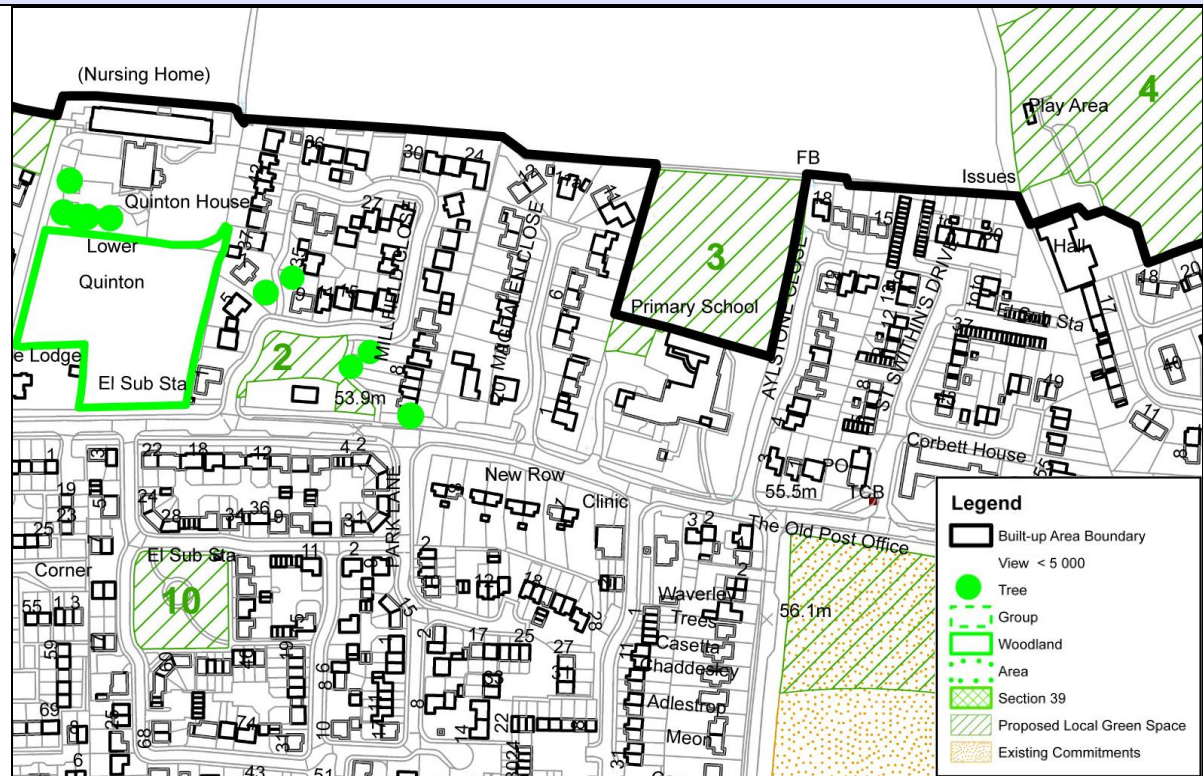


**Quinton Neighbourhood Development Plan
Local Green Space Site Assessment - January 2019**

Site Address	Site Area	Site Ref
Quinton County Junior and Infant School playing field, Lower Quinton	Approx. 0.73ha	LGS 3

Plan



Site Description and Current Land Use

The site is a well-maintained playing field situated north of and adjacent to Quinton County Junior and Infant School. The school itself is located north of Main Road. Within the site are numerous football posts, benches and play equipment, including a tyre obstacle course.

Mature trees line the site's northern and western boundaries. Another small cluster of mature trees can be found in the site's southwest corner. Trim hedges line the site's eastern boundary with residential dwellings to the east and west of the site. Open fields lie to the north of the site and a car park to the south. The site is lined with a combination of picket and post & rail fencing.

The national paths, Monarch's Way / Heart of England Way, run coterminous along the eastern boundary (adjacent to Aylestone Close).

Relevant Planning History
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application Reference: 06/00430/FUL Address: Quinton County Junior and Infant School Lower Quinton Stratford-upon-Avon Warwickshire CV37 8SA Proposal: Single storey computer/store room extension Decision: Permission with conditions Date Decision Issued: 07/04/2006
Site Ownership
WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL care of County Solicitor and Assistant Chief Executive, PO Box 9, Shire Hall, Warwick CV34 4RR and of DX723362, Warwick 5
Site Constraints
<p>The site sits outside the development boundary. Along the site's northern boundary, the site borders (Q03) an area of High/Medium sensitivity to housing development and High sensitivity to commercial development according to the Landscape Sensitivity Study (2012) Vol. 2 by White Consultants for Stratford District Council.</p> <p><i>"The main sensitives' of the zone are its function as a gap between the old and new parts of the settlement opposite The Pound, its role as part of the wider countryside hinterland to the settlement separating it from Long Marston, the presence of the long distance footpath/s, and the beneficial uses of the playing fields and allotments. Housing development would be unacceptable to the east around the older part of the settlement and is problematic to the north and west as it would clearly extend the settlement form in this relatively open landscape." p.B651</i></p> <p>Monarch's Way / Heart of England Way national path runs along the eastern boundary (adjacent to Aylestone Close).</p> <p>The site is identified as 'Amenity Grassland' in the Stratford-on-Avon District Council Ecological and Geological Study of Local Service Villages by WCC Ecological Services & Habitat Biodiversity Audit, July 2012</p> <p>The site has Low Archaeological Sensitivity and its landscape character is identified as Civil & Commercial according to the Historic Environment Assessment of Local Service Villages, Stratford-on-Avon District County of Warwickshire On behalf of Stratford-on-Avon District Council, July 2012 AOC Project No: 32127</p>
Public Access
The school is open to the public during term times with restricted access.

Site Photos



Ecological Significance

With the exception of the trees and hedges within the site and lining its perimeter, the ecological value of the site is low.

Those trees and hedges provide welcome habitats for shelter, nesting sites and food for many birds, small mammals, invertebrates and insects. As such, they play a minor contributory role for the wider food web and species diversity within the village's ecosystem and the wider ecological significance of the village.

Special Qualities and Local Significance

The site is an open green space which is used daily as a recreational ground/facility by the pupils of Quinton County Junior and Infant School. It is a significant playing field for the younger children of Lower Quinton and provides a wide array of learning and sport activities for the school's students. The special qualities of the site include the field's openness which creates a sense of space in a built-up area as well as contributing to the local character of the village.

The site is demonstrably special and locally significant as it is actively used and valued by the local community as a formal area of open space for the school's students. The school hosts events sports days, after school clubs and is used by the nearby privately run Signets Nursery School.

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 local residents.

This site as outlined on the above plan is considered to be suitable for Local Green Space designation in accordance with paragraph 99 and 100 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 formal recreational use associated with the school, wider community uses, wildlife potential and the contribution it makes to sustainability, health and wellbeing; and
- is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.