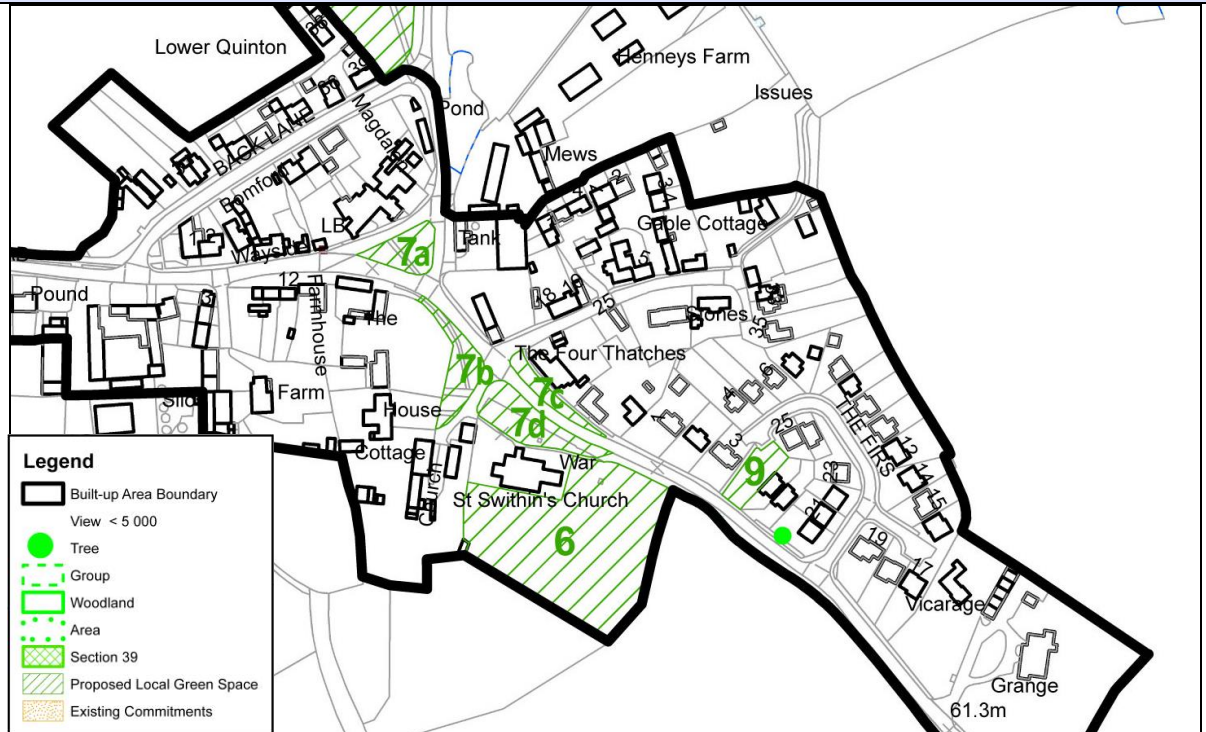


**Quinton Neighbourhood Development Plan  
Local Green Space Site Assessment - January 2019**

| Site Address                            | Site Area     | Site Ref |
|---|---------------|----------|
| Village Green, Main Road, Lower Quinton | Approx 0.22ha | LGS 7a-d |

**Plan**



**Site Description and Current Land Use**

The site consists of a four small, well-maintained green spaces located on either side of Main Road in the historic core area of Lower Quinton. Together they form Lower Quinton’s informal village green and are in close proximity to the Grade I listed, Church of St Swithins. Views to the church can be seen from all them.

**LGS7a:**

This open green space is triangular in shape and is bound by Main Road and Back Lane. Within the space is a single tree and bench. It forms the setting of the Grade II listed College Arms Pub to the north and Grade II listed Barn at Henney’s Farm to the east and is in close proximity to the village pond. Residential dwellings lie to the southwest.

**LGSs 7b, 7c and 7d:**

These open green spaces help form the setting of the Grade I listed Church of St Swithin and are in close proximity to a number other Grade II listed residential dwellings on either side of Main Road. The village’s war memorial is also in close proximity to this section as it

sits just south within the church's grounds.

LGS 7b:

This small open green space is situated south of Main Road. Within it are a small group of young and mature trees. Two small paths intersect the site running from east to west.

LGS 7c & d:

These open spaces consist of wide verges directly in front of the Church on either side of Main Road; LGS 7c to the north and LGS 7d to the south. The Grade II listed remains of Churchyard Cross is situated in LGS 7d just north of and adjacent to the church boundary.

#### **Relevant Planning History**

No relevant planning history found

#### **Site Ownership**

Unregistered. Parish Council have confirmed they are the owners.

#### **Site Constraints**

These green spaces form part of the setting for the Grade I listed Church of St Swithin, the Grade II listed remains of Churchyard Cross and a number other Grade II listed residential dwellings in close proximity.

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

The site has High Archaeological Sensitivity 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

#### **Public Access**

The site is open and accessible to the public.

**Site Photos**



**LGS 7a**



**LGS 7b**



**LGS 7c**



**LGS 7d**

**Ecological Significance**

With the exception of the few trees populating the site, there is low ecological value.

**Special Qualities and Local Significance**

The significance of these Local Green Spaces lies in the contribution they provide to the setting of the historic core of the Lower Quinton, the surrounding Grade II listed buildings and Grade I listed church. They provide a sense of openness within a built-up area. These Local Green Spaces are well-used, easily accessible and highly appreciated by the community, local residents, visitors and dog walkers for its recreational and social value.

Being opposite the local pub, LGS 7a in particular forms a social hub for the local community. It is used by tourists, walkers, children playing and often an Aunt Sally competition (a traditional Cotswold game) is played on it by local Village teams.

The special qualities of the site include its strong contribution to local character and green infrastructure. It is also distinctive due to its natural beauty and open aspect.

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

All of these green spaces provide an important setting to the historic core of Lower Quinton and in particular the setting of Grade I and II listed heritage assets. Additionally, the spaces provide an important open and natural character to the village which is valued locally. The spaces have all the attributes of a Village Green and are therefore worthy of LGS designation.

The sites as outlined on the above plan are considered to be suitable for Local Green Space designation in accordance with paragraph 99 and 100 of the National Planning Policy Framework in that they:

- are in very close proximity to the community it serves;
- are demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local

significance because of its positive contribution to the open and natural character and appearance of this part of the village and the valuable contribution to the setting of important heritage assets include the Grade I listed church;

- are local in character and is not extensive tracts of land.