

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

Site Address	Site Area	Site Ref
The Fordway Green, between The Fordway and Poland Avenue, Lower Quinton	Approx 0.22ha	LGS 10

**Plan**



**Site Description and Current Land Use**

The site is a well-maintained open green space in the heart of a built-up area. It is surrounded on all sides by residential dwellings. At the centre of the site is a circular tarmacked playground area with a bench and an assortment of play equipment for small children, including a swing and slide.

Numerous young trees populate the site together with pockets of trim shrubs around the play area and in the northeast, northwest and southwest corners of the site. A formal path runs diagonally through the site from northwest to southeast. An electricity substation is housed in the northeast corner of the site. Two dog bins can also be found on the site.

**Relevant Planning History**

No relevant planning history found.

**Site Ownership**

QUINTON PARISH COUNCIL care of Stour View, Alderminster, Stratford-Upon-Avon, Warwickshire CV37 8NY

### Site Constraints

The site is identified as a 'Parks, Gardens and Amenity Greenspace' according to the Landscape Sensitivity Study (2012) Vol. 2 by White Consultants for Stratford District Council.

The site has Low 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 Photo



### **Ecological Significance**

With the exception of the small number of trees and shrubs, the site has little ecological value. However, those trees and shrubs 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 majority of Lower Quinton is characterised by relatively modern residential developments interspersed with pockets of incidental open green spaces. They provide a sense of openness and green lungs within the built-up urban areas. This site is one of those open green spaces.

This site is well-used, easily accessible and highly appreciated by local residents, visitors and dog walkers for its recreational and social value and as a communal space. The presence of a children's play area contributes to social cohesion and a sense of community.

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**

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 and strong contribution towards social cohesion, and the contribution it makes to health and wellbeing of local residents; and
- is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.