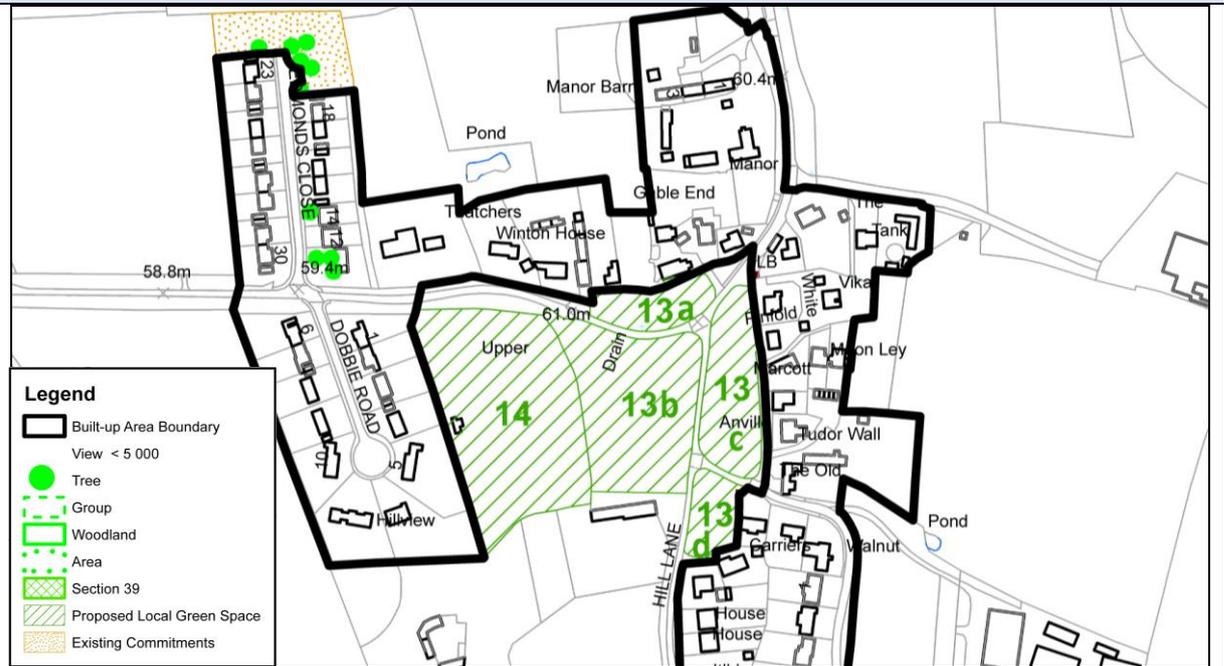


**Quinton Neighbourhood Development Plan  
Local Green Space Site Assessment - January 2019**

Site Address	Site Area	Site Ref
Upper Quinton Green, Taylors Lane / Hill Lane, Lower Quinton	Approx 1.0ha	LGS 13a-d

**Plan**



**Site Description and Current Land Use**

The site comprises a single open green dissected by two narrow lanes creating four closely connected spaces. Taylors Lane intersects it east to west at the northern end of the green. Hill Lane intersects it from north to south at the eastern side of the green.

The site is situated in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. It forms the setting of two Grade II listed dwellings; one to the north of the green and another to the east. There are two Grade II listed dwellings in close proximity, north of the green on Goose Lane. There are open, panoramic views to the Iron Age hillfort and northernmost Cotswold outlier, Meon Hill. The Heart of England / Monarch’s Way PRoW runs through the site along Hill Lane.

Residential dwellings line the site to the north and east. Along its western boundary is a line of dense, overgrown hedges and semi-mature trees which separate it from the adjacent orchard (LGS 14). Open fields line the site to the south.

The site has two dog bins and is sparsely populated with trees. Situated within LGS 13d’s northeast corner is a classic K6 red telephone box. A small brook runs through north to south through LGS 13a and 13b. There is a single bench within LGS 13b alongside the western hedge boundary.

<b>Relevant Planning History</b>
None found.
<b>Site Ownership</b>
Unregistered. Parish Council have confirmed they are the owners.
<b>Site Constraints</b>
<p>The site is situated in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.</p> <p>The site forms the setting of two Grade II listed dwellings; one to the north of the green and another to the east. There are two Grade II listed dwellings in close proximity, north of the green on Goose Lane.</p> <p>The site has High Archaeological Sensitivity and borders an area of Medium/Low Archaeological Sensitivity to the west 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> <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 &amp; Habitat Biodiversity Audit, July 2012.</p> <p>According to the Defra Magic Map Website (<a href="https://magic.defra.gov.uk/MagicMap.aspx">https://magic.defra.gov.uk/MagicMap.aspx</a>), the section of the site north of Taylor Lane and the northern corner of the section west east of Hill Lane is part of a "Woodland Priority Habitat Network (England)".</p>
<b>Public Access</b>
The site is open and accessible to the public.
<b>Site Photo</b>
<p>LGS 13a</p> 

LGS 13b



LGS 13c



LGS 13d



### **Ecological Significance**

With the exception of the small brook, limited amount of trees and hedges within the site and/or lining its perimeter, the ecological value of the site is low.

However, the brook, trees and hedges provide welcome habitats for shelter, nesting sites and food for many birds, amphibians, 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 has historical significance for the village. It is an unusually large ancient village green with a number of private dwelling covenants relating to it, which includes the right to graze two geese on the Green. The village of Upper Quinton developed in response to the Norman nunnery gifted to this area and originally sited on the lower slopes of Meon Hill. It is suggested that the Green dates back to this time.

The Green is a major feature of the South Warwickshire Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and forms the setting for a number of Grade II listed dwellings. The Iron Age hillfort and northernmost Cotswold outlier, Meon Hill, also forms its backdrop.

The site provides a sense of openness in a residential area. It is a major amenity for the villages of Upper and Lower Quinton and Meon Vale. It is extremely well-used, easily accessible and highly appreciated by the community, local residents, visitors, by dog walkers for its recreational and social value including by children who use it for games. It is the site of the village's annual 'Skittles on the Green' and sometimes sees a conga dance on New Year's Eve.

It is a significant feature in giving the village its spacious, tranquil, rural character. 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 historical significance, openness and setting within the AONB, use as an informal recreational space, tranquillity, wildlife potential and the contribution it makes to sustainability, health and well-being of local residents; and
- is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.