

Site Allocations Plan Revised Preferred Options (June 2022)

Meon Vale Local Green Space Site Assessment

Site Address	Site Area	Site Ref
Green Spaces, Meon Vale	47.7ha	LGS A-F

Site Description and Current Land Use

This proposed LGS comprises a network of open green spaces which form part of the green infrastructure of the Meon Vale development. The site as a whole serves several local communities, including the nearby villages of Lower Quinton, Upper Quinton and Long Marston, as well as the Meon Vale development itself. Given the 'catchment area' for the use of the proposed LGS, the land is not considered to be extensive based on the unique circumstances surrounding the site. The majority of the constituent portions of the wider LGS are visible to the public and are either currently accessible or will become accessible to the public once the construction process related to the Meon Vale development is complete. This is with the exception of LGS1b and 1f, which will remain publicly inaccessible. LGS1a encompasses a designated Local Wildlife Site.

LGS A: Approximately 37.7 ha (see map at end of document)

Site Description and Current Land Use (see accompanying photographs)

Area covered by Local Wildlife Site designation; it is a mixture of woodland and grassed areas.

Extent of Public Access

Fully accessible to the public.

Ecological Significance

Designated as a Local Wildlife Site.

Special Qualities

The site has high ecological significance as a designated Local Wildlife Site. It also provides an important area of recreation and tranquillity for local residents of the new settlement of Meon Vale and the established settlements of Upper and Lower Quinton nearby.

Local Significance

The site has high significance for its intrinsic ecological value as a Local Wildlife Site. It is also locally significant for the recreational value it provides to the circa. 1000 residents of Meon Vale as well as the wider population of Quinton and Long Marston Parishes.



LGS B: Approximately 2.8ha (see map at end of document)

Site Description and Current Land Use (see accompanying photographs)

The site consists of an area of grassland to the north-west of Meon Vale housing development. The site is currently unused but is an important area for tranquillity adjacent to Meon woodland.

Extent of Public Access

The site is not publicly accessible due to its location between a brook and Long Marston Rail Innovation Centre.

Ecological Significance

The site is identified as a potential Local Wildlife Site.

Special Qualities

The site contributes to the overall peacefulness and tranquillity of the adjacent woodland and provides a sense of openness and wellbeing to the area. It is situated adjacent to a designated Local Wildlife Site (LWS) and provides a green buffer between the LWS and Quinton Rail Technology Centre. The site is also identified as a potential Local Wildlife Site and therefore has the potential to be an area of ecological significance.

Local Significance

The site is important locally for the sense of tranquillity and wellbeing it provides to the wider Meon Vale site, providing an important area of open green space and a buffer between the designated LWS and the Quinton Rail Technology Centre.





LGS C: Approximately 0.6ha (see map at end of document)

Site Description and Current Land Use (see accompanying photograph)

The site is a triangular area of grassed land to the north of Meon Vale. It is currently an area of land that is fenced off as part of the construction process for the adjacent housing development; however, once the construction process has ended, the land will become an area of green open space.

Extent of Public Access

Currently not accessible by the public due to ongoing construction adjacent to the land. The site is fenced off by temporary metal barriers. However, the site will be fully accessible to the public once this construction process is complete.

Ecological Significance

No formal ecological designations.

Special Qualities

The site provides an important area of green space to the residents of Meon Vale. It provides open space within the context of residential development immediately adjacent to the LGS.

Local Significance

The site is locally significant for the area of green space it provides adjacent to residential development, providing a sense of tranquillity and wellbeing. The site is situated adjacent to a Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS) and contributes to this area of green open space at the edge of the established residential settlement of Meon Vale.



LGS D: Approximately 0.9ha (see map at end of document)

Site Description and Current Land Use (see accompanying photograph)

The site consists of an irregularly shaped parcel of land with a central pond and trees. It is currently fenced off as part of the ongoing construction of the wider development site.

Extent of Public Access

Currently not accessible by the public due to the ongoing construction process adjacent to the land. The site is fenced off by temporary metal barriers. However, the site will be fully accessible to the public once this construction process is complete.

Ecological Significance

The pond is identified as a potential Local Wildlife Site.

Special Qualities

The site provides an important area of open space within the context of residential development immediately adjacent to the LGS. The pond is identified as a potential Local Wildlife Site and therefore has the potential to be an area of ecological significance.

Local Significance

The site is locally significant for the area of open space it provides adjacent to residential development, providing a sense of tranquillity and wellbeing. The pond in this site also provides a habitat for local wildlife.





LGS E: Approximately 1.5ha (see map at end of document)

Site Description and Current Use

The site is roughly rectangular in shape. A public footpath, as well as a brook, runs from the north to the south of the site. A pond is situated in the north-east of the site.

Extent of Public Access

The site is publicly accessible.

Ecological Significance

No formal ecological designations, however a brook runs from north to south through the site and a pond is situated to the north-east, which may provide potential wildlife habitats.

Special Qualities

The site provides an important area of open space within the context of residential development immediately adjacent to the LGS. It is intersected by a public footpath, providing an important area of recreation for members of the public.

Local Significance

The site is locally significant for the area of open space it provides, providing a sense of tranquillity and wellbeing. The site provides a buffer of green space between the community centre of Meon Vale and residential development proposed to the west of the site.





LGS F: Approximately 4.2ha (see map at end of document)

Site Description and Current Land Use (see accompanying photograph)

The site consists of woodland intersected by a tarmac road, to the west of Meon Vale.

Extent of Public Access

The site is not publicly accessible.

Ecological Significance

The site is identified as a potential Local Wildlife Site.

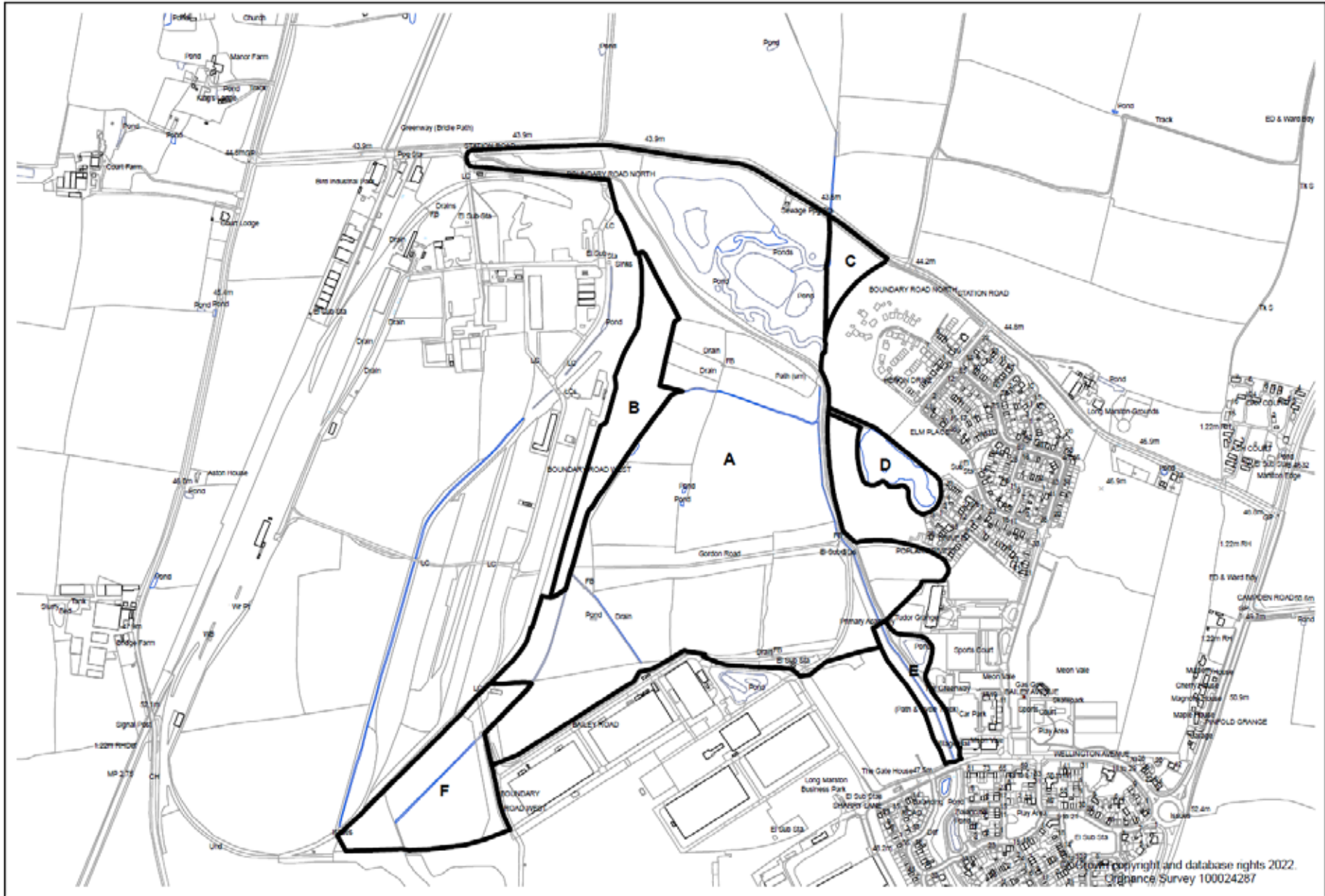
Special Qualities

The site contributes to the overall peacefulness and tranquillity to the area and provides a sense of openness. The site is identified as a potential Local Wildlife Site and therefore has the potential to be an area of ecological significance. It is situated adjacent to a designated Local Wildlife Site and provides a green buffer between the Meon Vale industrial estate and Long Marston Rail Innovation Centre.

Local Significance

The site is significant as an area of woodland within proximity of the Meon Vale housing development. It is contiguous with and has similar characteristics to the woodland area to the north-east. It provides a sense of tranquillity and an important habitat for local wildlife.





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