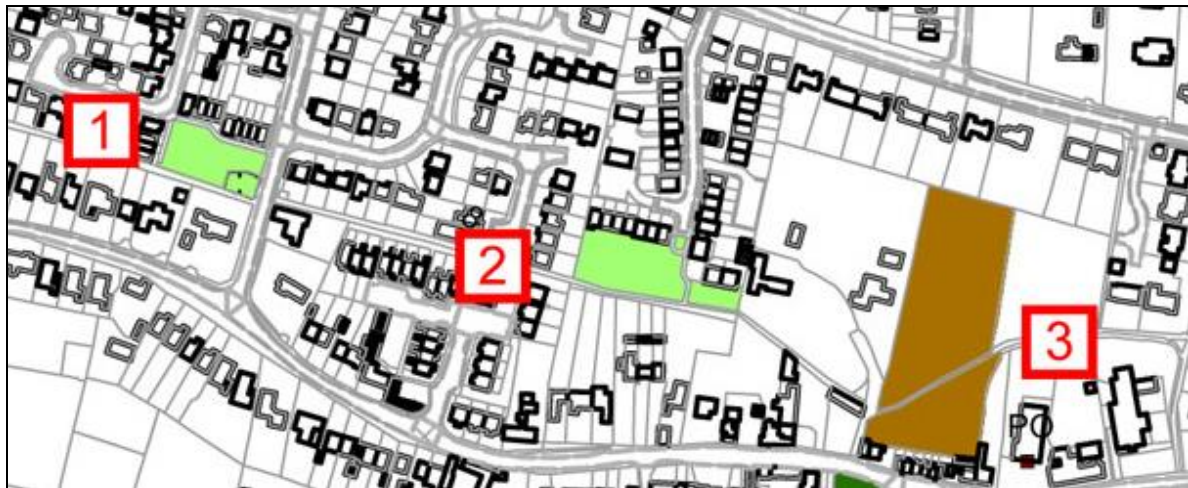


LONG ITCHINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Local Green Space Site Assessment: March 2019

Site Address	Site Area	Site Ref
Dale Close estate, play area and open green space, west of Short Lane, Long Itchington	Approx. 0.09 ha	LGS No: 1
Plan		
		
Site Description and Current Land Use		
<p>The site is a well-maintained, incidental open green space serving the Dale Close estate. Residential dwellings border the site on all but the southeastern boundary where there is a play area enclosed by a low wooden picket fence. The play area at the time of inspection was being refurbished but consisted of a collection of play equipment for small children.</p> <p>A low wooden picket fence and gate lines road frontage. A PRoW runs along the southern boundary which is also lined with density of mature trees. A tarmac footpath lines the northern boundary. A number of semi-mature and newly planted trees populate the site.</p>		
Relevant Planning History		
No relevant planning history found.		
Site Ownership		
Long Itchington Parish Council TBC		
Site Constraints		
It sits within an area of medium archaeology sensitivity and borders an area of high sensitivity to the south according to the Historic Environment Assessment (Ed. 4.9.1), Stratford-on-Avon District, July 2012 conducted by AOC Archaeology Group.		

Public Access

The site is open and accessible to the public.

Site Photos



Ecological Significance

Due to the nature of its use, the site has limited ecological value. However, there is some ecological value with the presence of the number of trees that inhabit the site and line its southern boundary.

These contribute to the village's wildlife corridor and green infrastructure. Additionally they provide food and shelter for numerous species, such as insects, small mammals and birds and their associated nesting sites all of which are vital for the wider food web and

species diversity within the village ecosystem. As such, the site plays a contributory role in the wider ecological significance of the village.

Special Qualities and Local Significance

These incidental green spaces significantly contribute to the village's unique character, distinctiveness and green infrastructure. It maintains the sense of openness and low density within this development and the built-up area.

The special qualities of the site include its recreational and social value for children and adults as an open green space and play area. This amenity space serves the local residents, walkers and dog walkers of the immediate area and provides a sense of openness and tranquility.

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.

Summary and Suitability for Designation as Local Green Space

This site is well related to and appreciated and valued by the local community and makes a positive contribution to the local distinctiveness of the village.

The LGS as outlined on the above plan is considered to be suitable for Local Green Space designation in accordance with paragraphs 99-101 of the National Planning Policy Framework in that it is:

- within the community it serves;
- demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance because of its informal recreational value, accessibility to the public, tranquillity and richness of its habitats and wildlife potential; and
- local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.