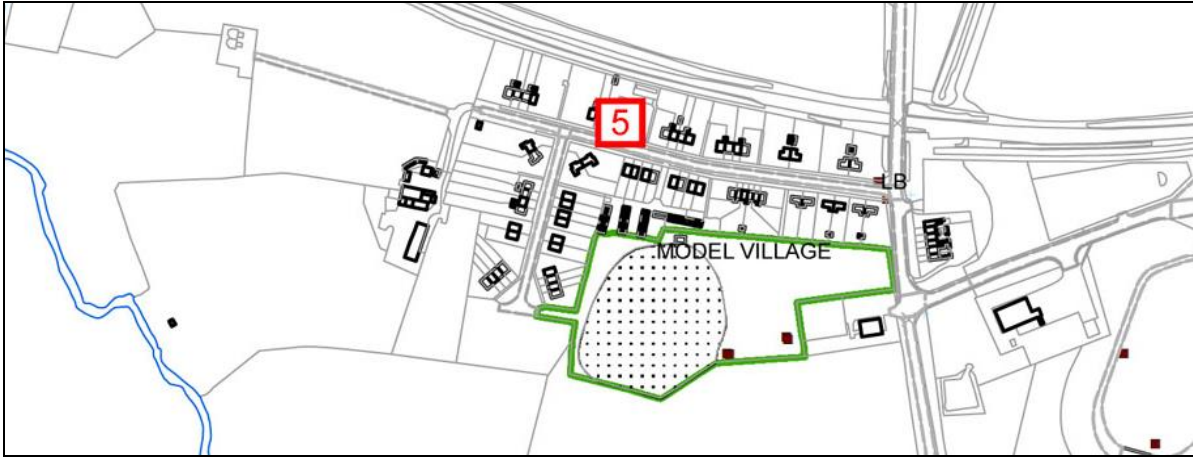


## LONG ITCHINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

### Local Green Space Site Assessment: March 2019

Site Address	Site Area	Site Ref
Model Village open green space and cricket ground, west of Southam Rd, Long Itchington	Approx. 1.64ha	LGS No: 5
<b>Plan</b>		
		
<b>Site Description and Current Land Use</b>		
<p>The site is a well-maintained, open green space and cricket ground adjacent to the Model Village Estate and south of the main settlement of Long Itchington.</p> <p>Within the site are a bench, football goalpost, cricket screen and pitch. Residential dwellings can be found to the north, east and west and an electricity substation borders the sites southeast corner.</p> <p>There are sweeping views to the open fields that border the site to the south and southwest. Post and wire fence lines the southern boundary. A density of shrubs, hedges, bramble and a number of mature trees line the northern boundary and southeast corner.</p>		
<b>Relevant Planning History</b>		
<p>Application Reference: 18/00565/FUL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Address: Pavilion Cricket Field Model Village Long Itchington CV47 9RB</li> <li>• Proposal: Demolish existing cricket pavilion and replace with similar structure</li> <li>• Decision: Permission with conditions</li> <li>• Date Decision Issued: 14/05/2018</li> </ul> <p>Application Reference: 18/01959/VARY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Address: Pavilion Cricket Field Model Village Long Itchington CV47 9RB</li> <li>• Proposal: Reference planning permission 18/00565/FUL to demolish existing cricket pavilion and replace in same position a new larger pavilion - Conditions 2 amended</li> </ul>		

drawings and 3 amended materials. Original Description - Demolish existing cricket pavilion and replace with similar structure

- Decision: Variation permitted with conditions
- Date Decision Issued: 25/09/2018

**Site Ownership**

Cricket ground and adjoining general leisure area is owned by Cemex. TBC

**Site Constraints**

It is situated outside the Built-up Area Boundary.

**Public Access**

The site is open and accessible to the public.

**Site Photos**



### **Ecological Significance**

With the exception of the trees and shrubs that frame and sporadically populate the site, the majority of the site has low ecological value.

The mixed species trees and shrubs that are there are important for a number of birds and mammals as they provide food, shelter and nesting sites. They increase the diversity of insect species (including butterflies and bees which are currently in decline), which are a food source for bird and mammal species and can also play an important role in the pollination of plants and crops in the surrounding area. The diversity and population numbers of insects directly impacts the food chain for other fauna in the area and has a wider impact on the cultivation of crops.

Trees provide nesting sites for birds as well as habitats for small mammal species e.g. squirrels. These are all vital for the wider food web and species diversity within the village's ecosystem and wildlife corridors. In the village, there have been sightings of larger fauna species such as bats, birds of prey (e.g. buzzards and owls), rabbits and hedgehogs. The site plays an important contributory role in the wider ecological significance of the village.

### **Special Qualities and Local Significance**

The well-used site is adjacent to the Model Village built-up area and south of the main settlement. It is the only recreational facility serving this area of Long Itchington.

The special qualities of the site include its recreational and social value for children and adults and as an amenity space for walkers and dog walkers.

The site is demonstrably special and locally significant as it is actively used and valued by the community and visitors as a formal area of open space, providing highly valued social, recreation and sports opportunities for local people of all ages.

### **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 recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity and richness of its habitats and wildlife potential; and
- local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.