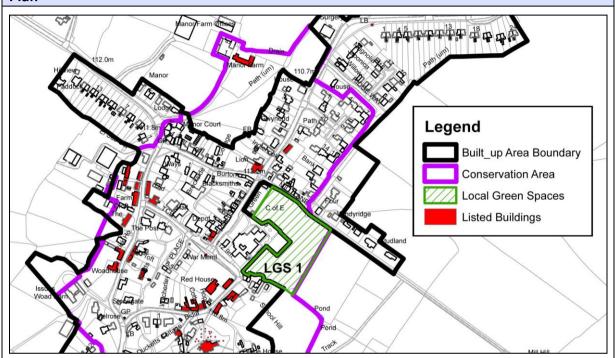


FENNY COMPTON NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Local Green Space Site Assessment: April 2019

Site Address	Site Area	Site Ref
The Dassett C of E Primary School, Memorial Rd, Fenny Compton, Warks CV47 2XU	Approx. 1.82 ha	LGS No: 1

Plan



Site Description and Current Land Use

This green space is associated with the only primary school in the rural village of Fenny Compton. The school is an old Victorian school set in the lea of the Dassett Hills situated at the junction of High Street and Memorial Road. Residential dwellings sit opposite the school to the northwest and southwest. The site is situated on rising land with fields and open countryside bordering it to the northeast and southeast.

There are numerous Grade II listed buildings in close proximity to the school; along the High Street to the northeast and northwest and along Memorial Road to the southwest. Three public rights of way converge (and two of which end) in the middle of the site's northeast boundary. One of the public rights of way then turns southeast and carries on along the northeast boundary.

A combination of wooden picket fencing and trim hedges line the site's perimeter. Numerous trees also populate the site, primarily along the site's perimeter.

Relevant Planning History

No relevant planning history found.

Site Ownership

Estates and Smallholdings, Resources Group, Warwickshire County Council, Shire Hall, Market Place, Warwick CV34 4RL

Site Constraints

The site sits within the conservation area and outside the Built-up Area Boundary.

Numerous Grade II listed buildings are in close proximity to the site; along the high street to the northeast and northwest and along Memorial Road to the southwest.

The site sites within in archaeology area of High Sensitivity according to ED.4.9.1, Historic Environment Assessment of Local Service Villages, Stratford-on-Avon District (SDC), County of Warwickshire (July 2012) conducted by AOC Archaeology Group on behalf of SDC.

The site borders an area of High/Medium Sensitivity to both commercial and housing development according to the Stratford-on-Avon District Council Landscape Sensitivity for Village, Volume 1 (July 2012) conducted by White Consultants on behalf of SDC.

Public Access

The school is not open to the public during term times with the exception of public event and school fetes.

Site Photo



Ecological Significance

Due to the nature of its use, the site is predominantly open grassland and has low ecological value. However, there is some ecological value within the site, primarily along its periphery, from the numerous mix of trees, hedgerows and shrubs. These create an important wildlife corridor and provide food and shelter for numerous species, such as insects, small mammals and birds and their associated nesting sites. These are all 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

The site is an open green space which is used daily as a recreational ground/facility by the children of Dassett C of E Primary School which also include after school sports clubs every day. It provides a wide array of learning and play activities for the school children.

The special qualities of the site include the field's openness which creates a sense of space and tranquillity as well as contributing to the local character of the village.

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 for the school children.

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
- local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.