

Green space ID: 60001 Settlement and parish: Chatteris, Chatteris CP

Name and address of green space:

Wenny Road Meadow (aka Manor Park, Rickwood's Field and Top Field) Behind Manor House Wenny Road

Description of green space:

Site area (ha): 7

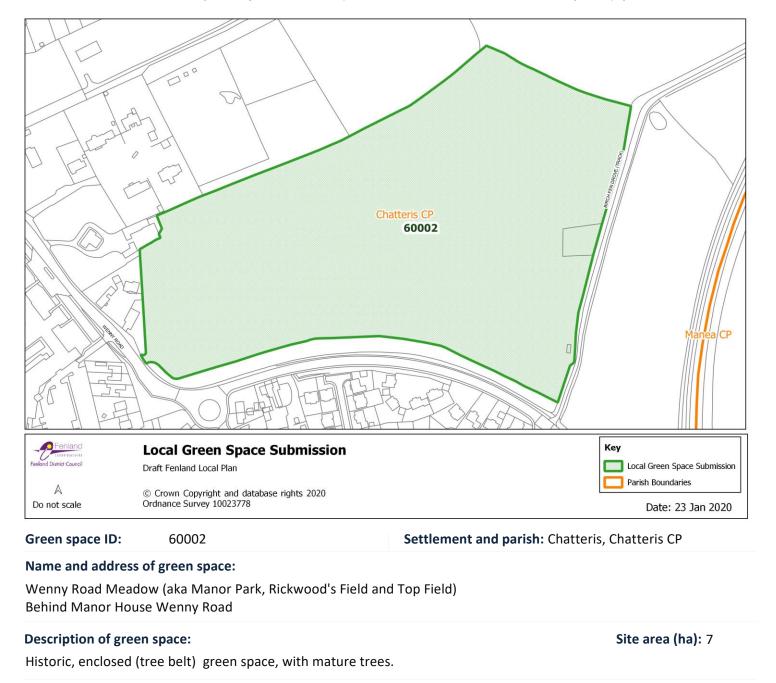
Historic, enclosed (tree belt) green space, with mature trees.

'Demonstrably special' criteria:

✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ Tranquility Beauty Historic Recreational Richness Other, see significance of wildlife summary value

Summary of green space's significance to community:

I moved up from London in 2016, and to my surprise I had greater access to green space there than I do here. In fact it's often not hard to feel like you're surrounded by vast areas of inaccessible green desert. Wenny Meadow is our small oasis, and I believe that losing it would be a huge blow to the area. I fully support any effort to nominate the area as a local green space.



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Tranquility

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Richness

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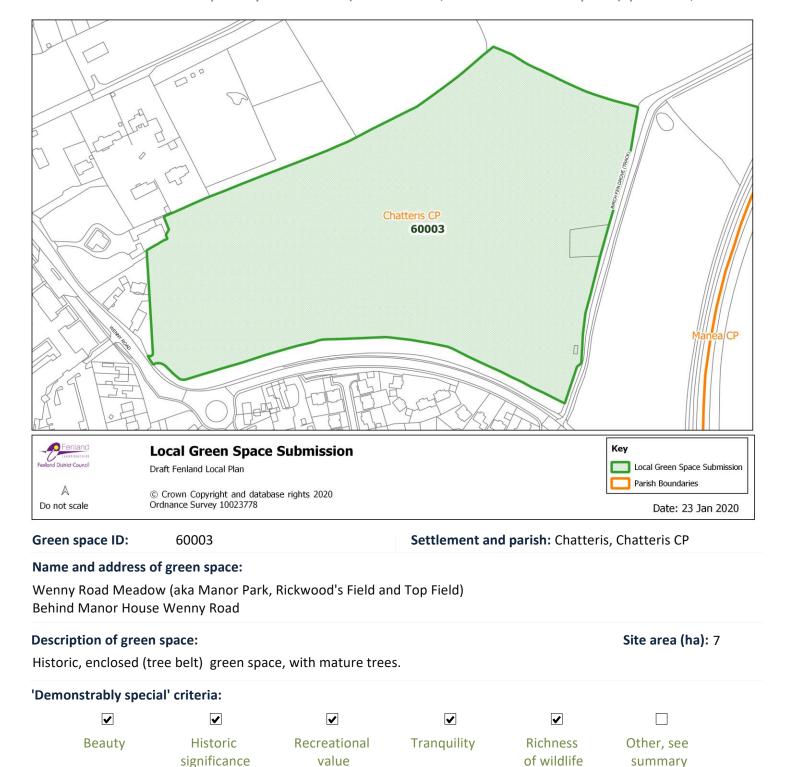
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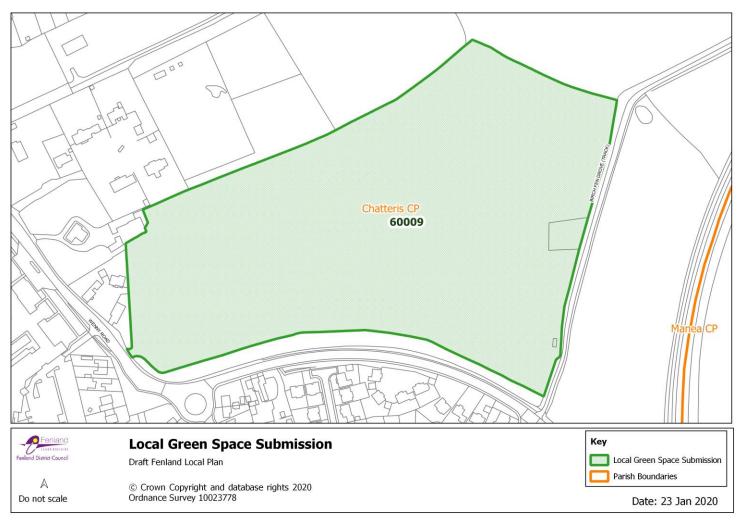
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Beauty



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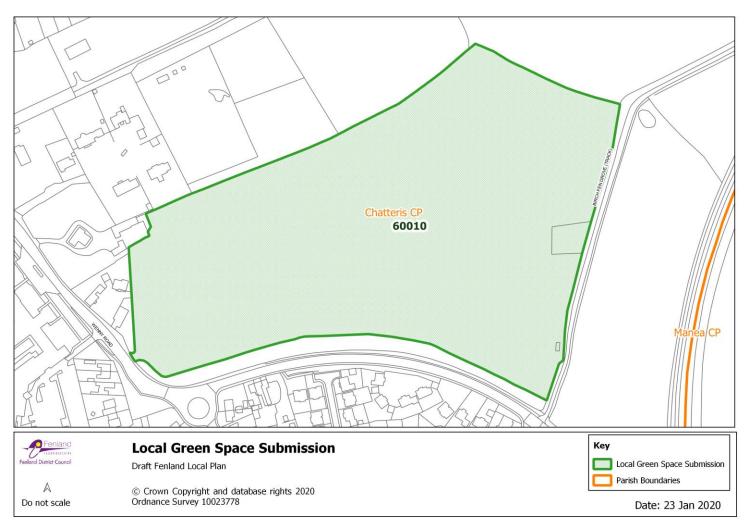
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Summary of green space's significance to community:

Other - Drainage.

The Cambridgeshire Green Infrastructure Strategy of 2011 identified Chatteris as deficient in all standards of "Accessible Natural Greenspaces". This is our last chance to retain an area within the Town that provides an asset of community value. Its beauty, tranquility and recreational value, providing a much needed place to take exercise and experience calm natural beauty with trees, flowers, birds, insects, bats, badgers, butterflies and deer - excellent for stimulating mental health

The historic ridge and furrow and natural run of the land toward the fen edge enables an area prone to floooding to be managed for dog walkers and other recreational needs.



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Site area (ha): 7

"Wenny meadow" is a beautiful space, described by many as an oasis, characterized by mature trees, hedgerows, abundant wildlife. Unlike most fenland landscape it is enclosed, but still retains long vistas with pleasing views. As such it is very different to surrounding fen. landscape (where extensive farming has stripped fields of walls and/or hedges). It is steeped in historical significance, with visible medieval ridge and furrow features, and a distinctive 18th century parkland. It has been used and loved by many Chatteris residents for decades.

'Demonstrably special' criteria:

✓ **✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓** Beauty Historic Recreational Tranquility Richness Other, see significance of wildlife value summary

Summary of green space's significance to community:

Other - a wide variety of mature trees.

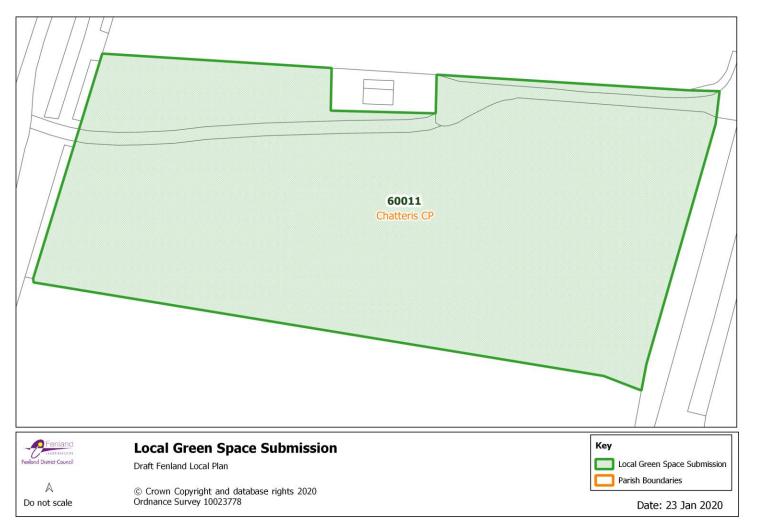
Currently the meadow is enjoyed by dozens of walkers and runners every day, thanks to the acquiescence of the current landowner.

Around 1000 people have signed a petition calling for it to be saved from development – a clear sign of the strength of local feeling.

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Historically, the meadow has hosted local agricultural shows, community cricket matches, childrens' sports days, Chatteris Chamber of commerce trade fairs and boy scout camps.

The more recent forest schools initiative has expressed an interest in using this space for its activities.



Green space ID: 60011 Settlement and parish: Chatteris, Chatteris CP

Name and address of green space:

Little Acre Fen Pocket Park Little Acre Fen Drove

Description of green space:

Site area (ha): 2

A former overgrown area of land, owned y Chatteris Town Council, has been transformed into a Pocket park complete with pond and dipping platform, community orchard, raised viewing area, dry pond, tree trunk seats and bug hotel. Many donated trees have been planted by volunteers, a picnic bench is soon to be installed and a memorial trees area is to be developed.

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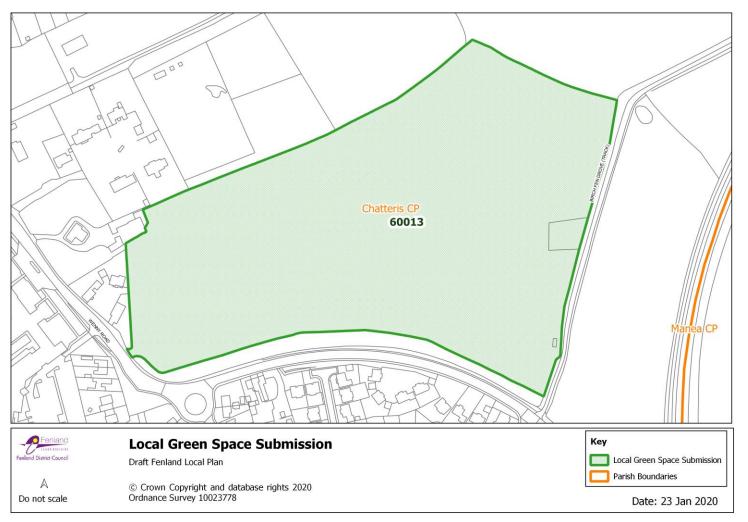
The Little Acre Fen pocket park has been created by Chatteris Town Council to increase the open space provision in Chatteris and to provide an area where trees and bushes can be planted and wildlife encouraged. It gives residents the opportunity to appreciate the vast open skies of the Fens and encourages outdoor activities such as walking and horse riding.

A Friends of the Pocket park group (FLAPP) has been set up by volunteers who have spent many hours planting, weeding and helping to develop the area. Beavers, cubs and scouts an Little Bloomers have also helped and in future it is hoped that other organisations and groups will take advantage of the area; in particular youth groups and schools who will be

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encouraged to use the new pond facilities. A reeded area around the pond has been preserved to encourage other forms of wildlife. The memorial trees area will create a tranquil spot for reflection.

The pocket Park is linked to the popular Old Railway Line Footpath and Bridleway and the installation of a footpath throuh the park has resulted in the creation of a circular walk for all residents. It is particularly popular with dog walkers.



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Beauty	Historic significance	Recreational value	Tranquility	Richness of wildlife	Other, see summary	

Summary of green space's significance to community:

summary of green space's significance to local community

Wenny Road Meadow is a tranquil field, which was originally a manor park to the Manor House on Wenny Road. At around 18 acres, the meadow is the last significant green space within Chatteris. It sits within the bypasses, making it easily accessible without risking life or limb. The meadow is home to a number of mature trees, including several of oak which are over 150yrs old.

The field, and some of the surrounding fields, was purchased by local farmer Arthur Rickwood CBE (called the 'King of Carrots' by King George VI) in the 1940/50s. Arthur, as many of the previous owners, allowed the field to be used by the town for sport days and galas. The field has been used for 'Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely Agricultural Association' since the late 1800s for their shows. During one show, in the 1960s, there was a heavy downpour.

Visitors' cars were stuck in resulting mud. My grandfather was one of those who pulled the vehicles out of the field with

his tractor.

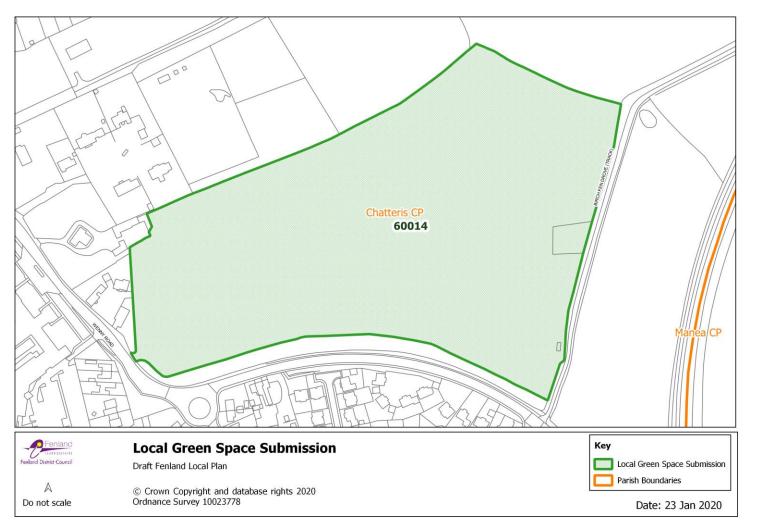
I often visit the meadow with my camera – for both landscape and wildlife photography. As it is enclosed by tree-belts and established hedgerows it is an idea place for wildlife. Common buzzards are often seen gliding and soaring over the meadow looking for prey and carrion. Kestrels are frequent visitors, hovering while they search for food. Kestrels are often mobbed by the resident crows, which often results in an 'aerial dance'. Sometimes, I leave the camera at home and simply go for a walk around the meadow to enjoy the space. With or without camera, I'll bump into someone else enjoying the open space and stop for a chat. The social benefit of such spaces is often overlooked; it is almost impossible to walk past someone in such an environment without exchanging at least a few words. The meadow is included in one of my running routes and is a welcome break from 'pounding the pavements'.

I've heard the meadow referred to by locals as an 'island'. While Chatteris is surround by open space, this is mostly agricultural land which is unsuitable for walking and has a low biodiversity. As the meadow has never been farmed since becoming manor park c1800 (other than grazing/haymaking), it is unique within Chatteris. When I was growing up in the town (70s/80s), we had plenty of grass fields within the town. I used to play in the fields between the end of Ash Grove and the old railway line (now Larham Way). There were many fields off New Road which have now been developed. Unlike other Fenland market towns, Chatteris has no nature reserve – a roll the meadow is ideally suited for.

Part of the Chatteris Circular walk will be lost to the Tithe Barn development, resulting in less access to truly open space.

I'm gratefully that the current owners allow walkers access to the meadow. But this now a unique space which needs protecting against being forever lost. There are many reports from organisations, such as 'World Health Organisation' and 'Natural England', on the health benefits of access to green space – both for physical and mental health. Chatteris would be an unhealthier place without the meadow.

From the still visible ridge-and-furrow, its history as a manor park, the past events held in the field, the access to unstructured green space it offers the local community, the wildlife it supports, and the maturity of its tress, Wenny Road Meadow deserves the protection offered by a Local Green Space designation.



Green space ID: 60014 Settlement and parish: Chatteris, Chatteris CP

Name and address of green space:

Wenny Road Meadow, formerly known as Manor Park Wenny Road

Description of green space:

Site area (ha): 7

Grass meadow land enclosed by established hedgerows and mature trees to the north, east and southern boundaries of the meadow and within the meadow itself. The western boundary of the meadow comprises a brick wall denoting the current perimeter garden of the old Manor House and surrounding buildings - the meadoew having originally formed part of the 18th Century parkland belonging to the Manor.

The meadow contains a rich variety of mature trees, comprising mainly oak, lime, chestnut and two ancient Huntingdon Elms.

Access to the meado is gained, by kind permission of the owner, through two openings situated on the northern and southern perimeters of the meadow.

Ancient Ridge and Furrow may be viewed on the south side of the meaow and is the only example of this type of early medieval Ridge and Furrow in Cambridgeshire.

'Demonstrably special' criteria:

✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ Recreational Tranquility Richness Other, see Beauty Historic significance value of wildlife summary

Summary of green space's significance to community:

Other: Flood mitigation.

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The meadow is of great importance to our community both for its' historical significance and its' current continued use by many Chatteris residents. It provides a range of health benefits for humans and animals alike. It is the only safe place in the town to exercise larger breeds of dogs; they can run around and be safe from traffic and cannot be disruptive to children or families using the recreation ground.

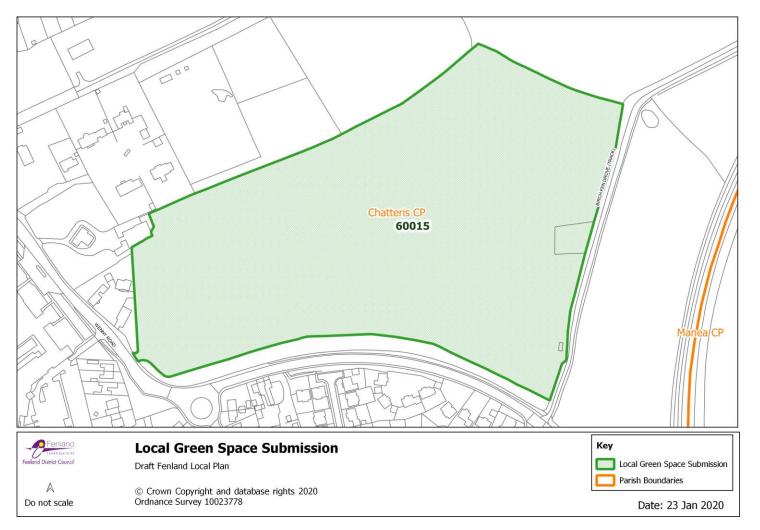
The meadow has its' own microclimate due to due to being enclosed and therefore protected from the prevailing wind which is characteristic of of Fenland life. This makes it appear to be warmer in the meadow and so lifts the spirits. It is a tranquil place to think and has replaced the need for me to be prescribed Prozac. It is a beautiful place to walk and every season is a picture postcard.

The meadow has its own ecosystem with a wide variety of wildlife and plant species which have evolved to be interdependent. Early morning dog walkers have often been treated to the wonderful spectacle of young badgers playing in the meadow. There is a colony of long eared bats resident in a large oak tree. We have Kestrels that hunt in the meadow and can often be observed hovering above the meadow. There is a single Roe deer that lives in the deep bracken running alongside part of the meadow. Frogs can be found in the long grass following a heavy rainfall; the hidden remnants of a pond remain in the centre of the meadow. Many hundreds of rabbits have made the meadow their home and I have seen evidence that these are being predated by foxes. Even locla domestic cats have made the meadow their hunting ground.

The meadow holds many happy memories for older Chatteris residents who talk about school sports days being held in the meaow before the introduction of school playing fields; or of girl guide camps. Many residents remember the years when the meadow was used as a centre across Cambridgeshire, Lincolnshire and Bedfordshire for agricultural shows, an important part of rural life.

Originally the land now covered by the meadow formed part of an Iron Age settlement. This was eventually replaced by the earliest form of Anglo Saxon Ridge and Furrow, the plough having been pulled by Oxon, making deep, swerving arcs where the Oxon turned. This is in contrast to Furrow Fields in Chatteris, where evidence was uncovered of later examples of this method of farming using horses. When the 18th Manor House was built, the land was annexed to lay out a beautiful country park, although the land has returned to nature, the remnants of the park can still be seen today in the choice and arrangement of trees. So the meadow has great historical significance to the community. The meadow represents the last remaining green space in Chatteris, much used, loved and cherished. It should continue to be a wonderful nature reserve, with minimum interference to enable the wildlife to continue to flourish. The established mature trees and meadowland provide perfect carbon sinks to the threat of climate change. The meadow and surrounding fields prevent the town form flooding, absorbing rain. To cover it in concrete would be a travesty, despite the developers promise to retain a third of the land for nature, its' unique character would be destroyed and many of the natural species that live there.

The meadow is used every day by residents for exercise, for its' beauty and to commune with nature. It cannot be right that such an important place, cherished by so many, can be taken away by such a small number of people whose agenda differs so dramatically from those people who voted for them. We do not want or need an area of land out on Langwood Fen, which is exposed to the elements, where it would take centuries for trees to form a woodland and hundres of thousands of pounds of investment, to turn the area into something we already have.



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Description of green space:

Site area (ha): 7

Historic, enclosed (tree belt) green space, with mature trees, mixed grasses - an area of tranquil beauty.

'Demonstrably special' criteria:

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Summary of green space's significance to community:

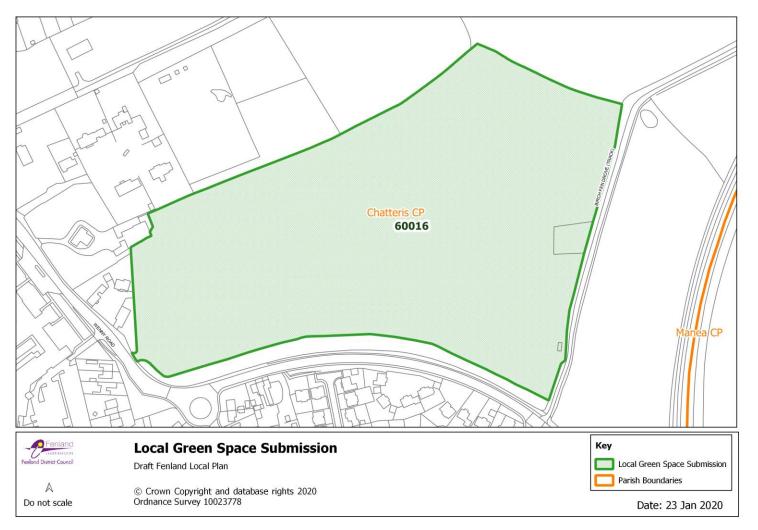
Other: social interaction

This space has been used for generations of Chatteris residents for various organised local shows and events, school activities and by individuals just enjoying walks or family activities in calm and beautiful and safe surroundings. It is the only such space left in Chatteris, a town which is steadily being stripped of its resources. This is one Chatteris resource which should be preserved for current residents and their children and grnadchildren. There is an abundance of varied wildlife and habitats. It is a wildlife corridor for bats, amphibians (including lizards) and many more mammal species that I can list. The trees, shrubs and grasses provide shelter, food habitats for a variety of birds and insects - all vital to our survival.

The meadow provides a means of residents to meet and become acquainted, form friendships, and enjoy the company of others - something that is vital now that most shops (once the place in which people meet each other) have

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For these reasons, but perhaps most of all for the unique character of the meadow - a rarity in what is the least-treed county in the least-treed country in Europe, that this area should remain in its entirety, as it is a little gem in Cambridgeshire - perhaps the most managed and controlled landscape.



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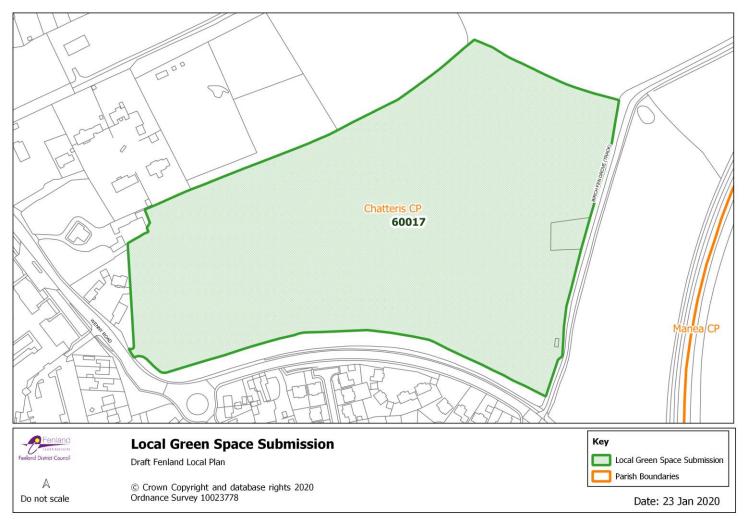
Summary of green space's significance to community:

Well used by local dog owners for their, and their pets, exercise.

Also joggers.

As well as small mammals such as mice, horses, rabbits, muntjacs, probably foxes, occassional Roe deer, there are also small reptiles to be found. A wide range of birds, including owls, can be seen/heard at most times of the year. Adjacent to many houses, it is a valuable recreationalspace to seek peace and tranquility, photograph, draw/paint, or simply enjoy the beauty of the grasses and trees in a natural environment, not spoilt by tarmac and commercial structures i.e. cafes and shops more suited ot the 'Rec'.

The minimum of maintenance such as mown paths and rubbish collections occassionally are all that might be necessary and simply done by volunteers and oher space users.



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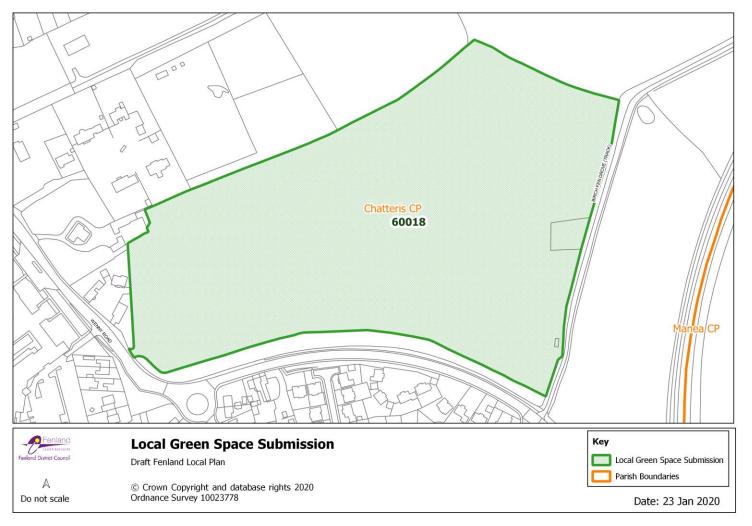
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'Demonstrably special' criteria:

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Summary of green space's significance to community:

Chatteris lacks green space and to lose anymore will be detrimental to the people of Chatteris. This area is of historic interest that I remember in the 1940's to play in as a child.



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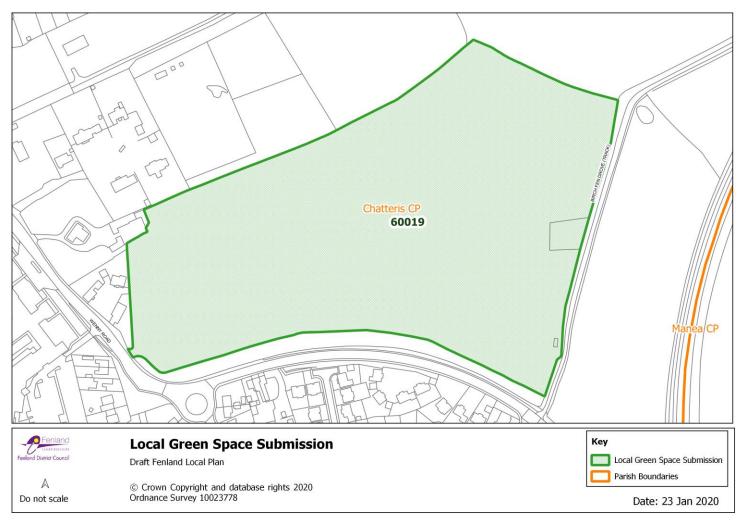
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Summary of green space's significance to community:

This space is recognised as ecological value. The potential presence within the meadow of protected species such as Great Crested newt, badgers, water vole, breeding birds, barn owl, jays, woodpeckers. The community use this space to walk dogs / children learning about the space, walkers/runners, this space is of historic interest. This space should be used to teach all ages its importance and enjoy its idyllic and tranquility. It brings everyday - it would bring volunteers to maintain and enjoyment from all of the wider community, and it's the only gren open space (large) in Chatteris that doesn't need a car to reach it, children use the pla area next to it so on extension of this would benefit our community.



Green space ID: 60019 **Settlement and parish:** Chatteris, Chatteris CP

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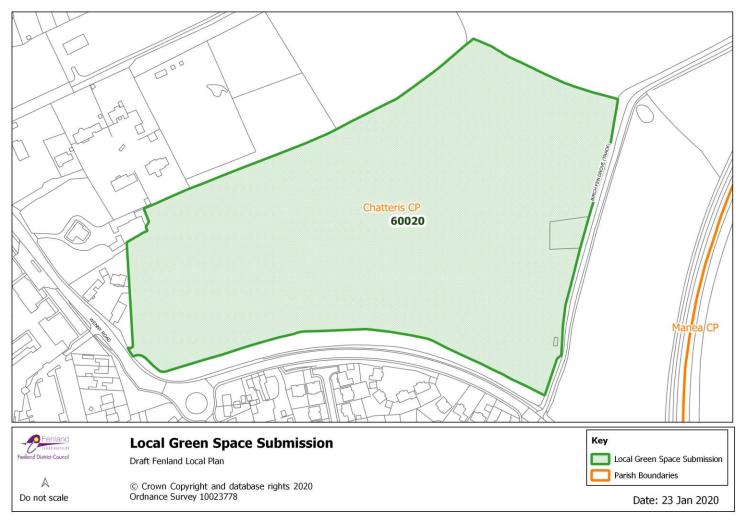
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Summary of green space's significance to community:

Wonderful area for family picnic. Children can run free and explore nature. No other green spaces in Chatteris. Other than recreation grounds.



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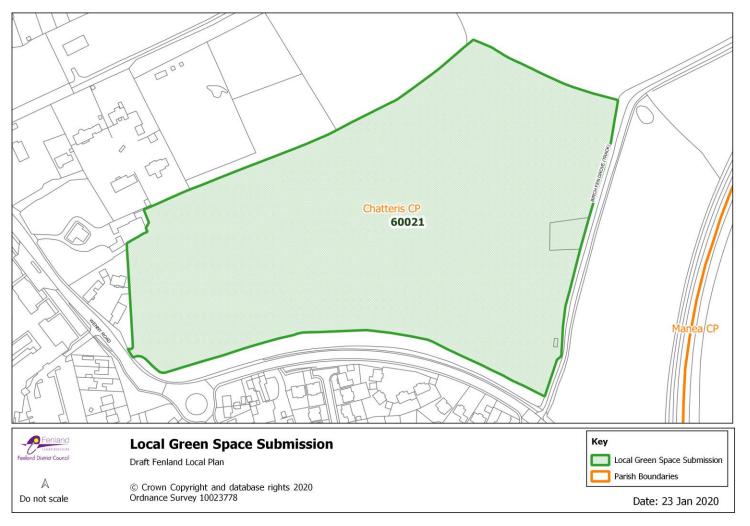
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Summary of green space's significance to community:

Chatteris has very little green space. The need of green space in a town of this size is paramount to the wellbeing of residents.



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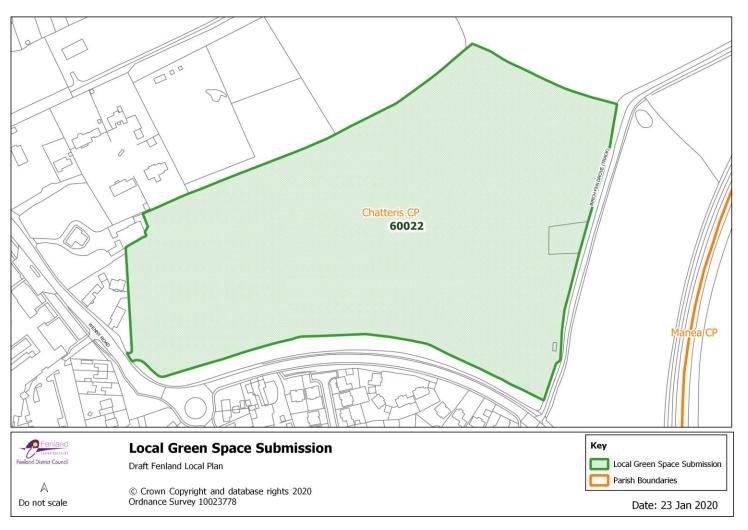
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'Demonstrably special' criteria:

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Summary of green space's significance to community:

This is a unique area for Chatteris as there is little if anything like it within a 20 mile radius. With the large development due to be built on the other side of Wenny Road the need for a natural and wild recreational area like this will become even more urgent in Chatteris than it already is.



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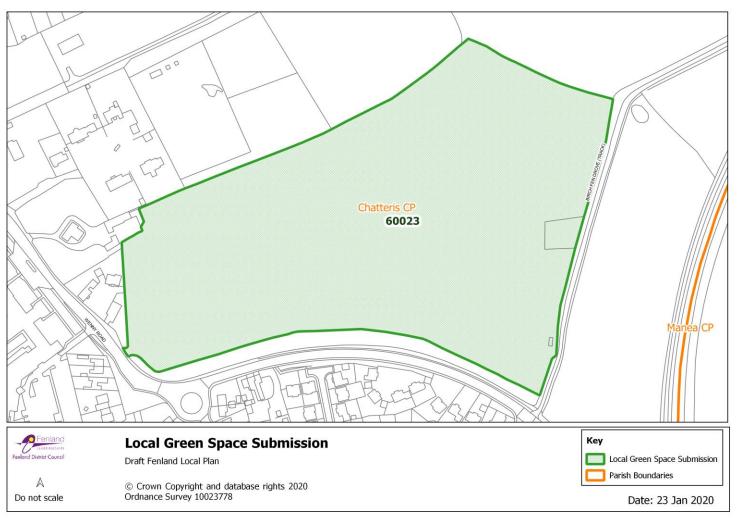
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Summary of green space's significance to community:

Somewhere for the community to get to know people a little better.



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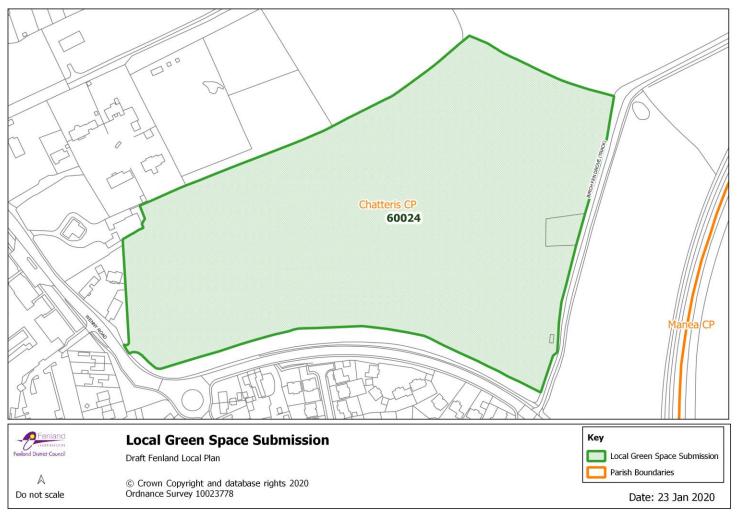
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Summary of green space's significance to community:

Historical importance and abundance of native flora and fauna.



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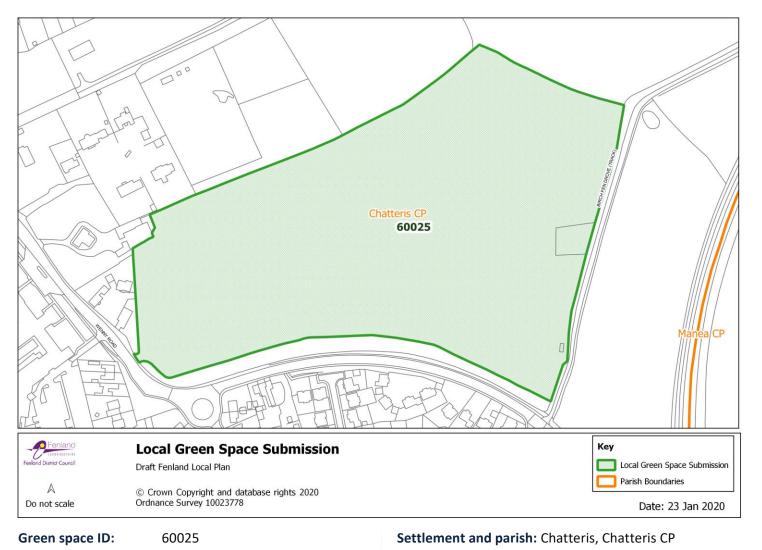
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Summary of green space's significance to community:

This beautiful area is regularly used by Chatteris residents for leisure and exercise. Losing this tranquil oasis will have a massive impact on the health and wellbeing of those that use it.



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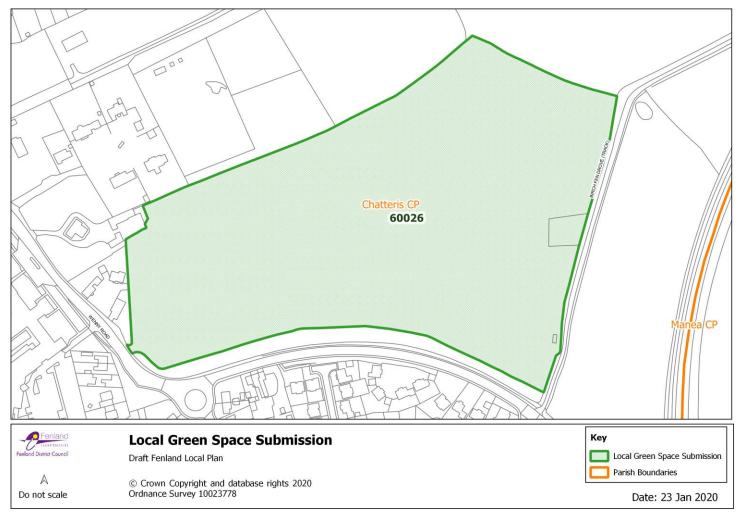
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Summary of green space's significance to community:

We need this open space to remain available for those who need this space and to use. It provides for the local residents.



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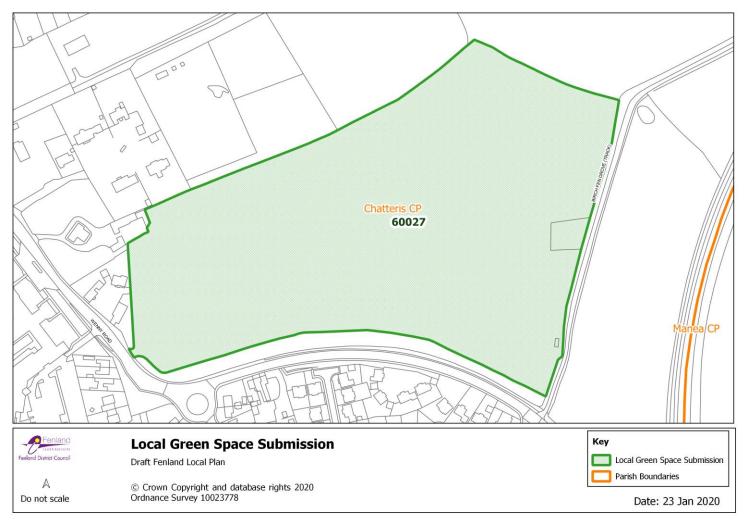
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Summary of green space's significance to community:

Health and wellbeing for all ages, significant to preserve mature trees, nature in abundance that will be such a shame to lose. Frogs, muntjac deer, foxes, woodpeckers, owls, snakes, squirrels, owls, bats. Such an essential part of the town for the future generation.



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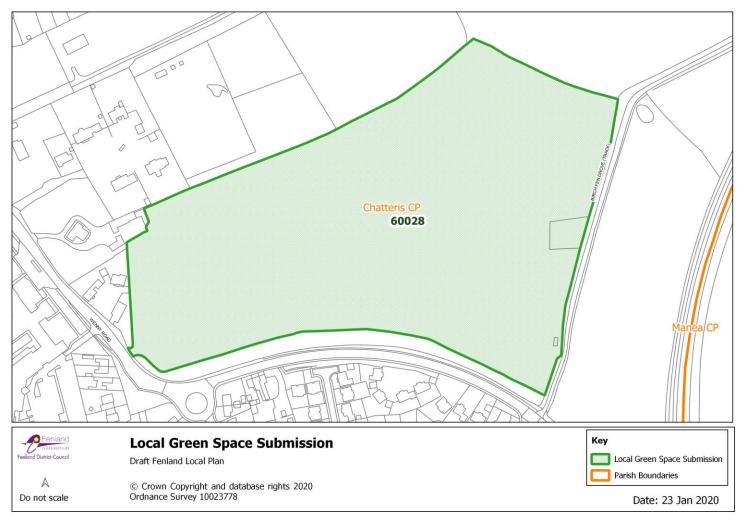
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'Demonstrably special' criteria:

✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ Tranquility Beauty Historic Recreational Richness Other, see significance value of wildlife summary

Summary of green space's significance to community:

I use the meadows for dog walking, and my dog loves it. He has a good run around with other dogs, and I have a chat with other owners. I see lots of wild birds, which I love to photograph, and also rabbits and grey squirrels. I love the nature of the meadows. It's a peaceful walk whether with friends or alone. Trees are beautiful. I would hate to lose it.



Green space ID: 60028 Settlement and parish: Chatteris, Chatteris CP

Name and address of green space:

"Wenny Road Meadow" (aka. "Manor Park", "Rickwood's Field", and "Top Field") Behind Manor House, Wenny Road,

Description of green space:

Site area (ha): 7

Historic, enclosed (tree belt) green space, with mature trees.

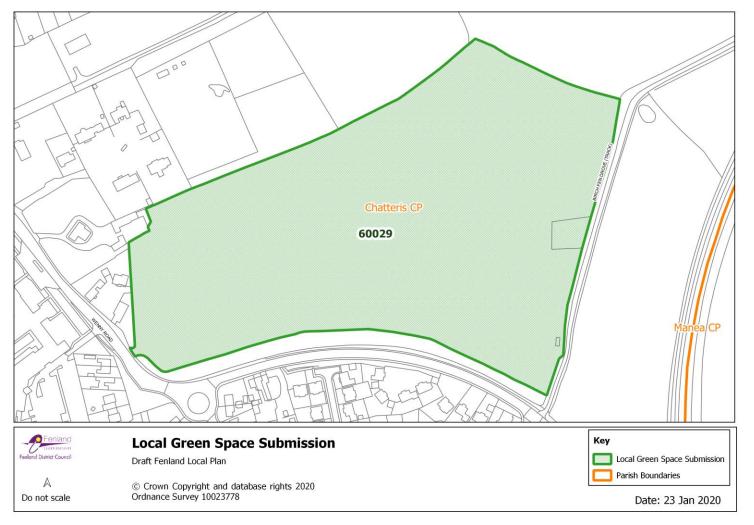
'Demonstrably special' criteria:

✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ Tranquility Beauty Historic Recreational Richness Other, see significance value of wildlife summary

Summary of green space's significance to community:

Manor Park was used by the community for many years. It has been the venue for agricultural shows, children's sports, trade fairs and county scout camps.

Chatteris is very short of green spaces and this should be spared for the community.



Green space ID: 60029 **Settlement and parish:** Chatteris, Chatteris CP

Name and address of green space:

"Wenny Road Meadow" (aka. "Manor Park", "Rickwood's Field", and "Top Field") Behind Manor House, Wenny Road,

Description of green space:

Site area (ha): 7

Historic, enclosed (tree belt) green space, with mature trees.

'Demonstrably special' criteria:

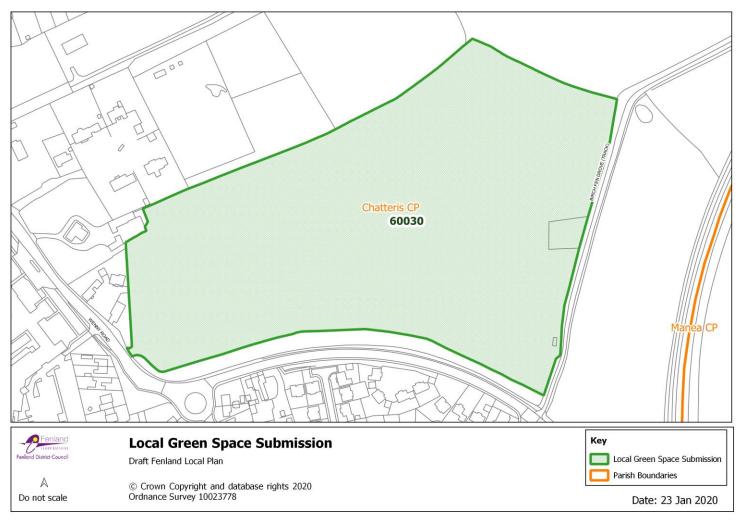
✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ Beauty Historic Recreational Tranquility Richness Other, see significance of wildlife summary value

Summary of green space's significance to community:

This area serves the east/south/west of Chatteris. With planning for more housing east there is no green space. I walk my dog on this piece of land where its beauty can only be found with woodpeckers/ squirrels/ and many wild birds (as stated in the survey 2017).

This serve the community by meeting others that use this space to walk around. The schools could use this space for education purposes - it is easily accessible from Wenny Road and the elms with oak trees playing a large part in its beauty many are very old.

This space has historical value to the town from years gone by - furrows/events/and was a community gathering venue. It would bring pleasure for many generations in the future and would be an asset to Chatteris.



Green space ID: 60030 Settlement and parish: Chatteris, Chatteris CP

Name and address of green space:

"Wenny Road Meadow" (aka. "Manor Park", "Rickwood's Field", and "Top Field") Behind Manor House, Wenny Road,

Description of green space:

Site area (ha): 7

Historic, enclosed (tree belt) green space, with mature trees.

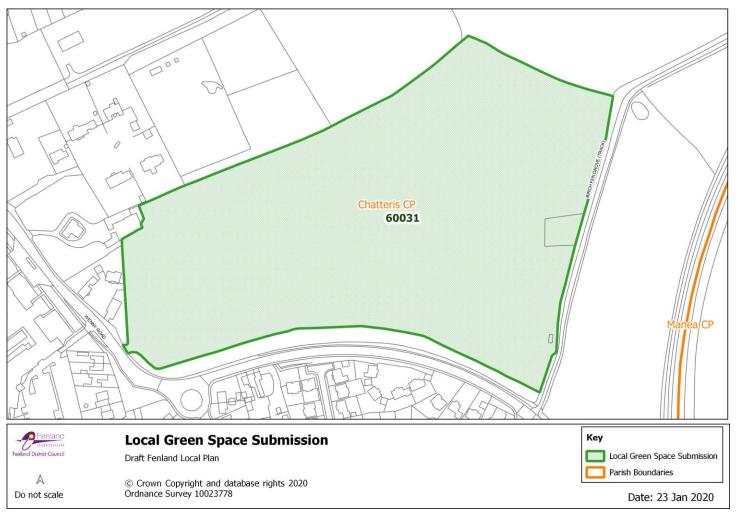
'Demonstrably special' criteria:

✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ Tranquility Beauty Historic Recreational Richness Other, see significance value of wildlife summary

Summary of green space's significance to community:

Wenny meadow is a lush green area surrounded by trees, a pleasure to walk round, a breath of fresh air. Away from concrete and traffic fumes.

This lovely peace must be kept for everybody to enjoy.



Green space ID: 60031 **Settlement and parish:** Chatteris, Chatteris CP

Name and address of green space:

"Wenny Road Meadow" (aka. "Manor Park", "Rickwood's Field", and "Top Field") Behind Manor House, Wenny Road,

Description of green space:

Site area (ha): 7

Historic green space enclosed by mature trees and hedgerow.

Shielded from noise of A142 by Robin Knights Lane

Green space not been used for agriculture for decades.

Originally a park next to Manor House used by community - local sports & gala.

Agricultural show - agricultural society Isle Ely.

'Demonstrably special' criteria:

Beauty Historic Recreational Tranquility Richness Other, see significance value of wildlife summary

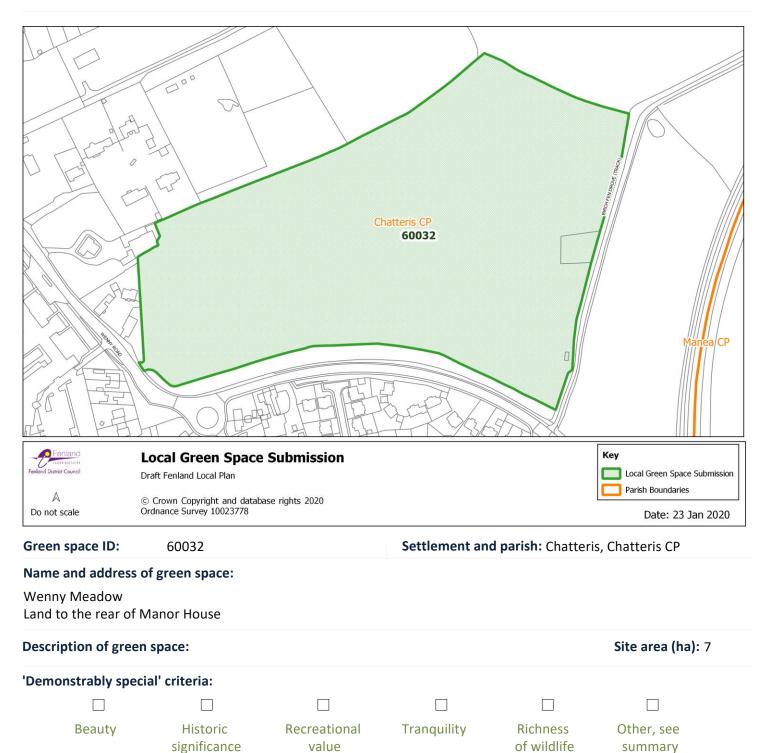
Summary of green space's significance to community:

Wenny meadow is a unique green space in walking distance by the community in Chatteris. Has a variety of mature trees surrounding the site over 150 yhears together with hedgerow provides an unstructured green space full of varied wildlife.

This is enjoyed by the community, walkers, photographers alike.

Access to green space is important to physical and mental well-being as stated by government white papers and Fenland DC own website. 'Access to more parks and green spaces. Other towns and villages have unstructured green space. March has Norwood Road, Whittlesey has Kings Dyke and Lattersey Field, and Manea has Manea Pit Nature.

The meadow would make a great nature reserve for Chatteris.

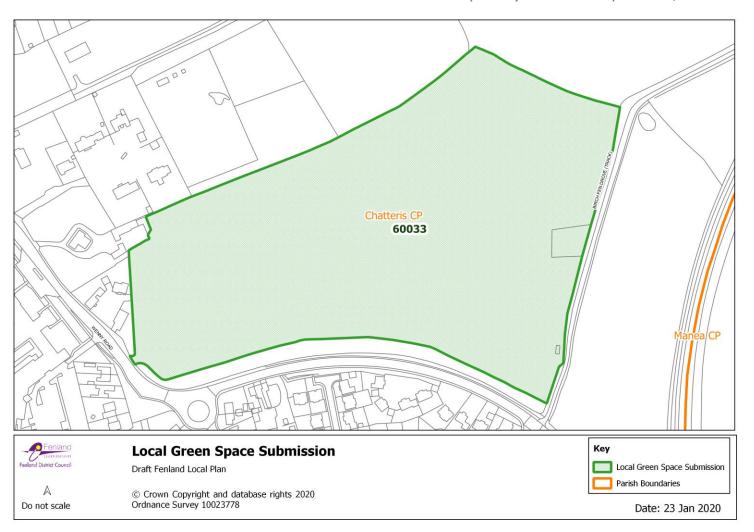


Summary of green space's significance to community:

I would like to Nominate the above and the surrounding fields as a Local Green Space for Chatteris residents. It is a beautiful natural area containing magnificent ancient trees and hedgerows galore which home all types of wildlife. We have no area comparable to this in our town. Please let us keep this oasis it's the only area of natural beauty we have here. Providing fresh air, exercise and solace to all. All those who use the area are astounded that there is an area of such beauty just a few yards from the Cromwell school.

As it's wonderment is so natural there would be little or no cost for it to be saved as a park for the Chatteris Community central to the town for all to enjoy.

I trust that you will give your kind consideration to this nomination please come and have a look you too will be amazed Please find attached pics.



Green space ID: 60033 **Settlement and parish:** Chatteris, Chatteris CP

Name and address of green space:

Wenny Road Meadow

Description of green space: Site area (ha): 7

Rare green space in Chatteris with mature trees and hedgerows supporting myriad wildlife

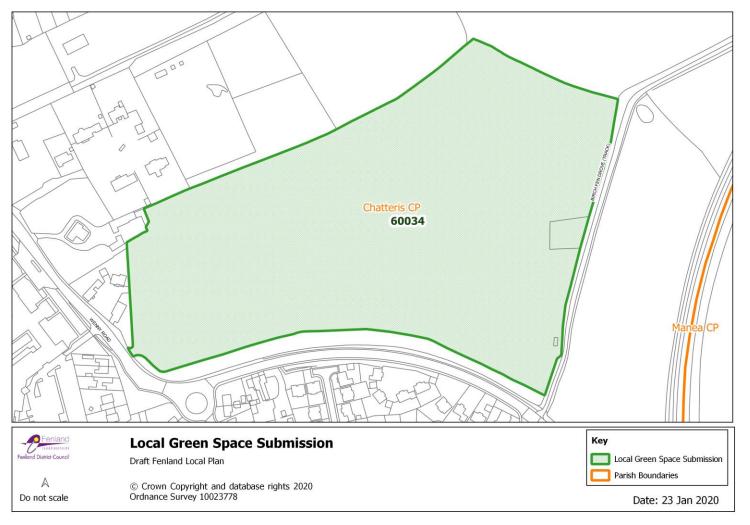
'Demonstrably special' criteria:

✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ Beauty Historic Recreational Tranquility Richness Other, see significance value of wildlife summary

Summary of green space's significance to community:

Other: Rare, needed green space

A quiet spot for walks, dog walkers, children safe to play and wildlife that needs to be protected. Chatteris has no parks and does not have enough green spaces for relaxation and recreation.



Green space ID: 60034 **Settlement and parish:** Chatteris, Chatteris CP

Name and address of green space:

"Wenny Road Meadow" (aka. "Manor Park", "Rickwood's Field", and "Top Field") Behind Manor House, Wenny Road,

Description of green space:

Site area (ha): 7

Historic, enclosed (tree belt) green space, with mature trees.

'Demonstrably special' criteria:

✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ Beauty Historic Recreational Tranquility Richness Other, see significance of wildlife value summary

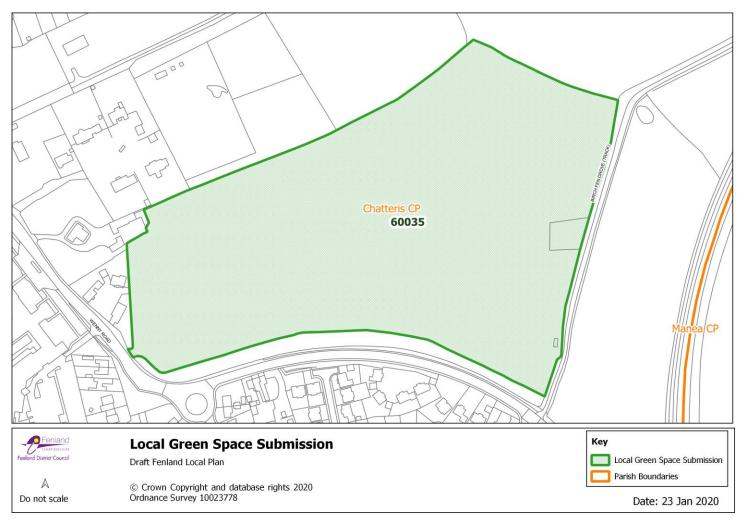
Summary of green space's significance to community:

Every day many people use the meadow to exercise, walk their dog or enjoy nature. I personally have used it for running, for clearing my head after a stressful day, for walking my son to school (a safer and prettier route than taking the roads), for winter walks with my family, to throw snowballs at my mother-in-law(!), and for evening walks and picnics with my wife.

Multiply my experiences by all the other local residents and the true value and significance of Wenny Road Meadow is obvious.

There is insufficient greenspace in Chatteris and it would make such a difference to officially designate it as a Local Green Space. It would raise awareness and use even further, and open up the potential to use it for other recreational, nature or heritage purposes, turning it into a real local asset and visitor destination.





Green space ID: 60035 **Settlement and parish:** Chatteris, Chatteris CP

Name and address of green space:

"Wenny Road Meadow" (aka. "Manor Park", "Rickwood's Field", and "Top Field") Behind Manor House, Wenny Road,

Description of green space:

Site area (ha): 7

Historic, enclosed (tree belt) green space, with mature trees.

'Demonstrably special' criteria:

✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ Beauty Historic Recreational Tranquility Richness Other, see significance of wildlife value summary

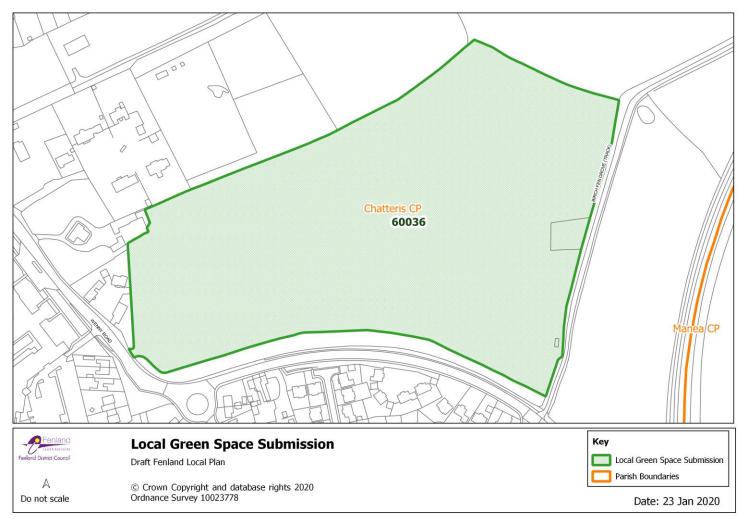
Summary of green space's significance to community:

As a family and individually we use Wenny Road Meadow as a place to walk, talk, relax and enjoy the tranquility away from the stresses of everyday life. It is a lovely way to walk to school with our son, away from the hustle and bustle of traffic. It is right on our doorstep and such areas are severely lacking in Chatteris. And we are rarely alone in the Meadow. Others use it to walk their dogs and enjoy being in the outdoors too. First thing in the morning and as dusk approaches, the place is serene and beautiful. Why would anyone want to change this? We wouldn't. Wenny Road Meadow is an asset to our community and is used by so many people. There is insufficient greenspace in Chatteris as it is so if it was officially designated as a Local Green Space, this would raise its profile further and so many more people would be able to enjoy it. Think of the possibilities there are for it to be used for different purposes if it was a Local Green Space be that nature, heritage or recreational.

I asked our 7 year old what he thought and this is what he said about it, word for word: "We should keep it because I like

60035 | "Wenny Road Meadow" (aka. "Manor Park", "Rickwood's Field", and "Top Field") | Chatteris, Chatteris CP having blackberries from there and I can go for walks with everyone in my family and it looks pretty when there's lots of snow and it's really fun. It wouldn't be the same if there were houses all over the place".

That much passion from a 7 year old is something that surely can't be ignored.



Green space ID: 60036 Settlement and parish: Chatteris, Chatteris CP

Name and address of green space:

"Wenny Road Meadow" (aka. "Manor Park", "Rickwood's Field", and "Top Field") Behind Manor House, Wenny Road,

Description of green space:

Site area (ha): 7

Historic, enclosed (tree belt) green space, with mature trees.

'Demonstrably special' criteria:

✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ Beauty Historic Recreational Tranquility Richness Other, see significance of wildlife value summary

Summary of green space's significance to community:

The Meadow has provided me with an invaluable space in which to improve my fitness and wellbeing. Combined with the NHS Couch to 5K programme and the open space provided by the Meadow I have taked up running over the last 9 months and I now use the Meadow 2-3 times per week for training purposes as I prepare for my first 10k race. This has had the benefit of boosting my weightloss which is now 4 stone in total and improving my mental health so that I am no longer reliant on anti-depressants. There is no other open space in Chatteris suited to this pass-time. As a regular 5k runner I travel to March every Saturday morning to complete the 5K Parkrun in West End park. The route is 4 and a bit laps. In Chatteris the only equivalent sized space in Wenny Meadow, which would be just under 5 laps for a full 5K run. As an inexperienced runner I would not have been able to complete the NHS Couch to 5K programme if the only option available to me had been running on roads or pavement in Chatteris. The Meadow provided the relative seclusion and privacy in which to start my running journey and now the terrain and distance in which to improve my running. That sais, in just one hour of training I regularly meet between 10-20 other friendly and encouraging park users, often walking

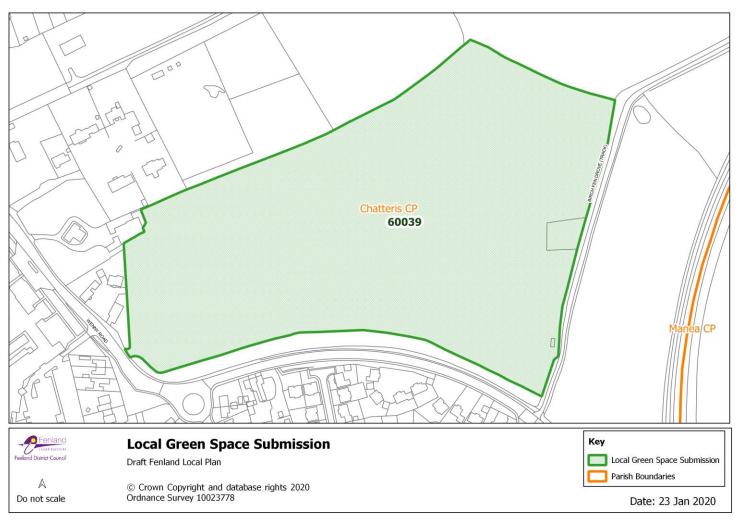
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dogs and enjoying this facility in any season or weather. This demonstrates the size of the demand and utility of this space on a day-to-day basis.

As a parent of three Primary School aged children we have visited the Meadow as a 'day out' on many occassions. The space is ideal for walks, pcinics, climbing trees, identifying wildlife and enjoying the outdoors. This unadulterated outdoor space where children can get close to nature is not available on this scale anywhere else in or neat Chatteris.

Evelyn (9 years old): "Wenny Meadow is special because it has lots of big trees which you can climb and it is very peaceful fro long walks."

Jacob (6 years old): "I love Wenny Meadow because you can find lots of beetles and wildlife." Beatrice (4 years old): "I want to save Wenny Meadow because of the bees and the mushrooms."



Green space ID: 60039 **Settlement and parish:** Chatteris, Chatteris CP

Name and address of green space:

"Wenny Road Meadow" (aka. "Manor Park", "Rickwood's Field", and "Top Field") Behind Manor House, Wenny Road,

Description of green space:

Site area (ha): 7

Historic, enclosed (tree belt) green space, with mature trees.

Shielded from traffic noise on the A142 by Robin Knight's Lane (aka Birch Fen Drove - a public right of way), the green space has not been used for agricultural for decades. The only visible sign of agricultural is old ridge-and-furro farming. Once a park to the adjacent manor house (c1800), it has been used by the community for generations - such as by the 'Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely Agricultural Society' for their annual show (on a rotating basus with other towns and villages), and local sports and gala (see newspaper clippings appended to this form).

'Demonstrably special' criteria:

Beauty Historic Recreational Tranquility Richness Other, see significance value of wildlife summary

Summary of green space's significance to community:

Other: Social

Created c1800, 'Wenny Road Meadow' was once a landscaped park attached to the manor house (hence, 'Manor Park'). It is a unique space within Chatteris, and the surrounding area, where such manor parks no longer exist.

It has not been farmed (other than grazing and haymaking) since its formation. This has allowed the trees to mature, and hedgerows to grow undisturbed - supportign an abundance of wildlife. Being surrounded by trees and established

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hedgerows creates a tranquil space for those taking advantage of this unstructures green space - such as walkers, runners, twitchers, photographers, and all who enjoy this space (the current owners allow access to those on foot).

Access to green sapce is important to physical wellbeing, and mental health (the World Health Organisation reports the importance of access to such spaces). The meadow helps to meet the national Planning Policy Framework (2019) policy 96 of having access to high quality green space for physical activity which is important for the health and wellbeing of communities.

As per NPPF(2019) policy 97b), "Existing open space... the loss resulting from the proposed development would be replaced...". But there is no suitable site at, or near, Chatteris for such a replacement of a mature green space.

On the Fenland District Council's website, a report produced by a project lead by the Chatteris Town Team titled 'Growing Fenland: Chatteris: An Aspiration Community', states in recent consultations "access to more parks and green spaces" (p.8) was highlighted as the biggest priority for local residents.

The maturity of the area, especially when compared to the surrounding environment (which is housing and agriculture), supports a biodiversity not found locally elsewhere - and certainly not found in manageed green spaces. The NPPF(2019) policy 170a) states; "Planning policies and decisions should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by;... protecting and enhancing valued landscapes, sites of biodiversity..." The meadow meets the criteria of this policy. Also NPPF(2019)b; "recognising the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside..." supports preserving the meadow.

The meadow is the last significant green space within Chatteris and, with its closeness to the community which it serves, acts as a point of social interaction. Many friendships have been formed amongst the users of the meadow (between dogs as well as humans!).

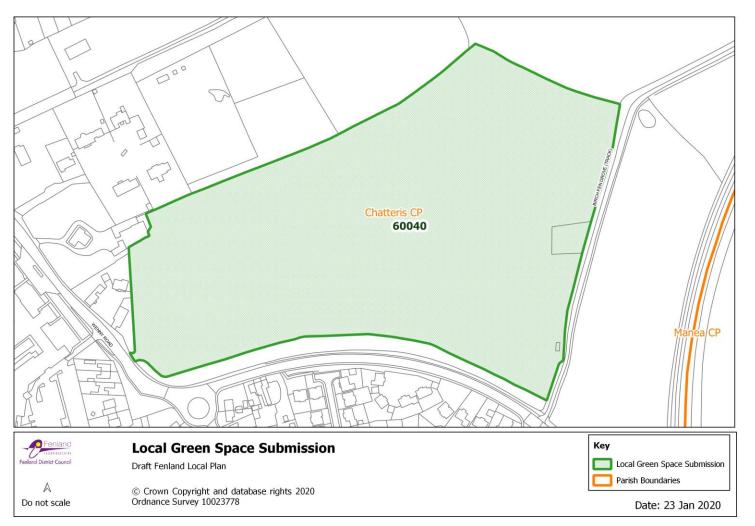
Other town and villages within Fenland have unstructured green space. March has 'Norwood Road'. Whittlesey has 'Kings Dyke' and 'Lattersey Field'. Manea has 'Manea Pit Nature Reserve' and 'RSPB Ouse Washes'. The meadow would make a great nature reserve for Chatteris, improving the quality of life for its residents.

Evidence of the special significance this space has to local community is demonstrated by over 1000 Chatteris residents who have sigend the petition included at the of end of this doucment.

If an electronic version of this form is required for processing, without the petition attached (GDPR means submitting petition via email impossible), then please contact at the given details.

Website: savewennyroadmeadow.org Facebook: Save Wenny Road Meadow

[LGS submission (Form C) accompanied by a report containing historic newspaper articles about the site, testimonials from local people, photographs and a petition providing signatures from 1000+ people]



Green space ID: 60040 **Settlement and parish:** Chatteris, Chatteris CP

Name and address of green space:

Wenny Meadows

Next to Wenny Recreational Ground in Chatteris

Description of green space:

Site area (ha): 7

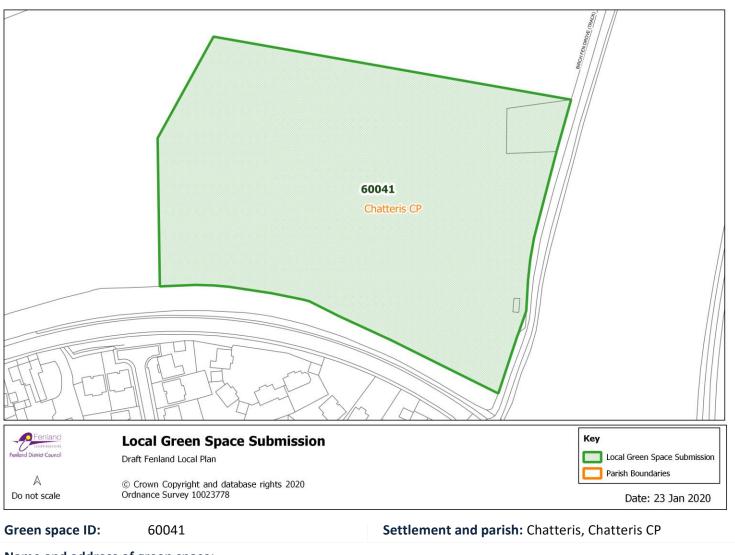
This is a privately owned space comprising of two fields which were previously part of an 18th Century Parkland. The fields have remained largely untouched with many old oak and chestnut trees remaining. There is evidence of medieval farming. It is in close proximity to schools.

'Demonstrably special' criteria:

✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ Historic Recreational Tranquility Beauty Richness Other, see significance value of wildlife summary

Summary of green space's significance to community:

This is an old parkland that the local community have been trying to protect for some time. It is wild but there are well-worn footpaths around the fields, from the walkers. The parkland was designed for its beauty and this is still retained, particularly through the positioning of the ancient, native trees and this gives the place a magical quality in all seasons. It is tranquil spot from the hustle and bustle of the town, but accessible from a few gates from different estates, and particularly from a more manicured park, Wenny Recreation Ground. As it is untouched, this habitat is place for wildlife to go in the middle of industrial farming. I feel this place could be made into a nature reserve and with careful attention enhanced to benefit the community - particularly with proper paths, car parking and maybe a little cafe/information centre are introduced. I also think the schools could use this place for investigating nature, local history and for art.



Part of whats known as the 'Wenny meadow' Wenny Road

Description of green space:

Site area (ha): 2.8

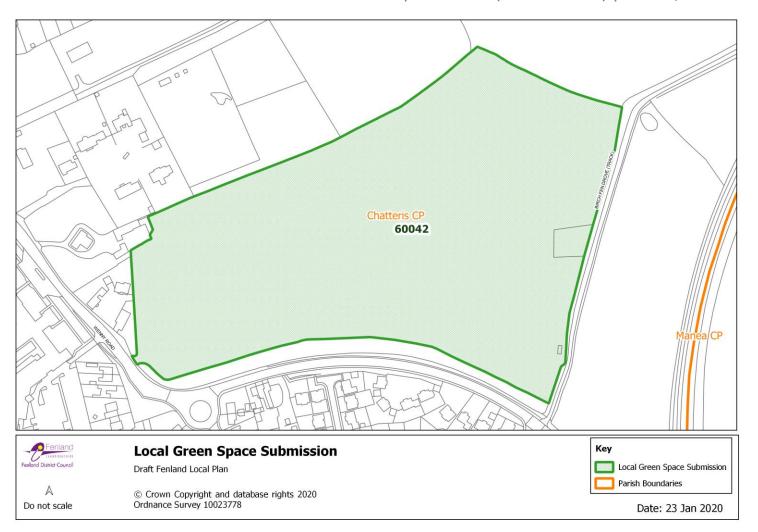
A small piece of land that contains ancient ridge and furrows along with mature trees and hedging

'Demonstrably special' criteria:

	✓				
Beauty	Historic	Recreational	Tranquility	Richness	Other, see
	significance	value		of wildlife	summary

Summary of green space's significance to community:

Probably one of the last few areas in Fenland that contains evidence of the ancient ridge and furrow system - it is however listed under the Cambs County Council 'earthwork protection zone boundary' already.



Green space ID: 60042 Settlement and parish: Chatteris, Chatteris CP

Name and address of green space:

MANOR PARK (WENNY MEADOW)
WENNY ROAD CHATTERIS/ A142 IRETON WAY

Description of green space:

Site area (ha): 7

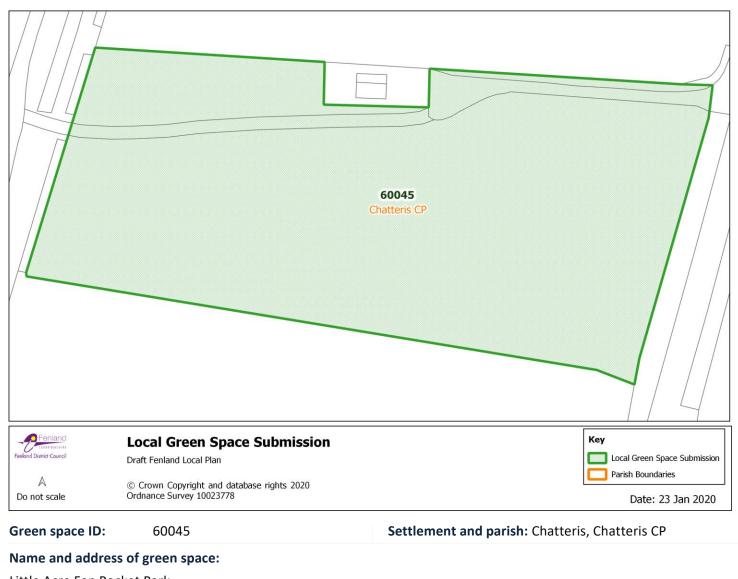
Historically significant. Enclosed green space surrounded by mature trees. Shielded from traffic noise of the A142 by Robin Knights lane. Once a park next to Manor farm house c1800. Has been used by the Chatteris community for gernerations ie Local sports and galas. Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely Agricultural society annual show

'Demonstrably special' criteria:

✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ Historic Recreational Tranquility Richness Beauty Other, see significance value of wildlife summary

Summary of green space's significance to community:

Created c1800 Wenny road meadow. In walking distance of the community. Having access to green space is important to physical and mental wellbeing. Being surrounded by trees and established hedgerow creates a tranquil space for those taking advantage of this unstructured space ie walkers photographers and families



Little Acre Fen Pocket Park Bottom of West Street

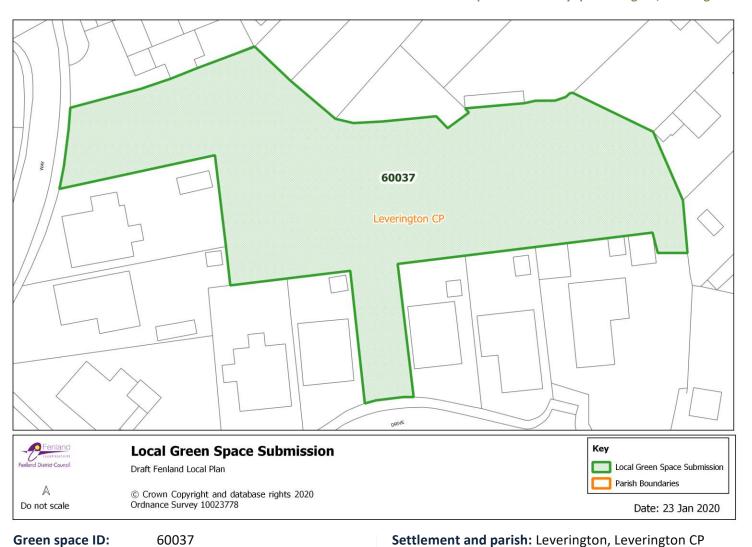
Description of green space: Site area (ha): 1

'Demonstrably special' criteria:

Beauty Historic Recreational Tranquility Richness Other, see significance value of wildlife summary

Summary of green space's significance to community:

A newly created public open space looked after by a volunteer Friends Group on behalf of Chatteris Town Council. Work has already been carried out by other local groups such as the Scouts and Cubs for instance and it is hoped other community groups and schools will contribute to its development in the near future. It is gradually being developed with a steadily growing number of people who enjoy being in its environment.



Richmond Way

Description of green space:

Site area (ha): 0.33

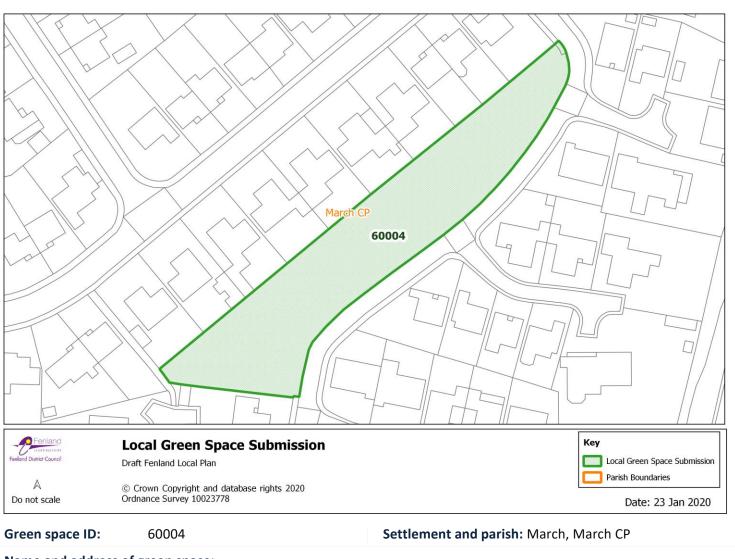
Large green area used by children, dog walkers for leisure.

'Demonstrably special' criteria:

✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ Historic Tranquility Beauty Recreational Richness Other, see significance value of wildlife summary

Summary of green space's significance to community:

Used b dog walkers. Used by children. Its very useful to local families and would be missed if it was taken away.



Grassed area in Fairfax Way

Description of green space:

Grassed area

Site area (ha): 0.31

'Demonstrably special' criteria:

✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ Beauty Historic Recreational Tranquility Other, see Richness significance value of wildlife summary

Summary of green space's significance to community:

Open space within the estate. Suitable for a community orchard? This would assist in increasing wildlife.

Site area (ha): 0.27



Green space ID: 60005 Settlement and parish: March, March CP

Name and address of green space:

Area of grass at The Greys

Description of green space:

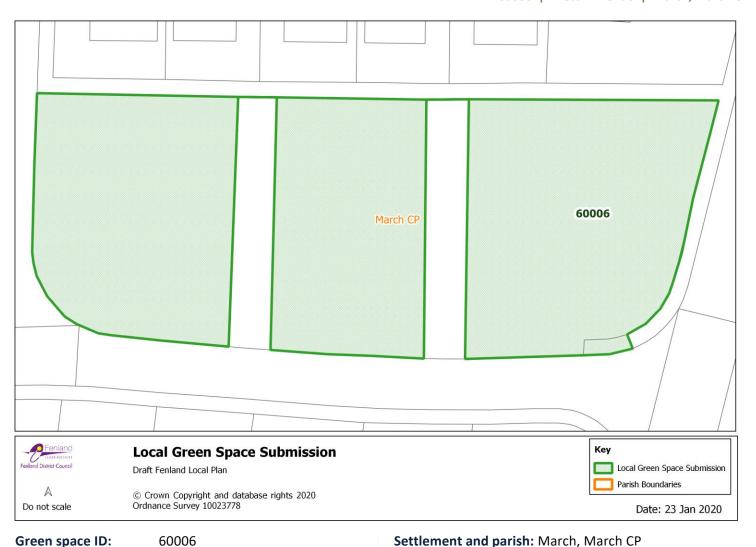
Neat grassed area sandwiched within The Greys and behind Cavalry Drive. Identified as a "children's play area" in the survey of Public Open Space 2003.

'Demonstrably special' criteria:

✓ **✓ ✓ ✓** Beauty Historic Recreational Tranquility Richness Other, see significance value of wildlife summary

Summary of green space's significance to community:

Well kept, neat area. Calm and attractive, quiet - easily overlooked as it is not signposted. Attractive. Would make a suitable junior play area - the estate has no play areas with equipment.



Breton Avenue

Description of green space:

Site area (ha): 0.19

Three grassed areas fronting bungalows and runs along the public footpath leading to Stowfen Drive.

'Demonstrably special' criteria:

✓ ✓ Tranquility Beauty Historic Recreational Richness Other, see significance value of wildlife summary

Summary of green space's significance to community:

Identified as "children's play area" originally in the 2003 Survey of Public Open Space in March. Grassed area.

An attractive amenity area which contributes to the open plan character of the estate.



Green space ID: 60007 Settlement and parish: March, March CP

Name and address of green space:

Frontage to Upwell Road

Description of green space:

Site area (ha): 0.18

Frontage to Upwell Road - leading to Cavalry Estate. Grass, tree and bushes area - flowers in spring.

'Demonstrably special' criteria:

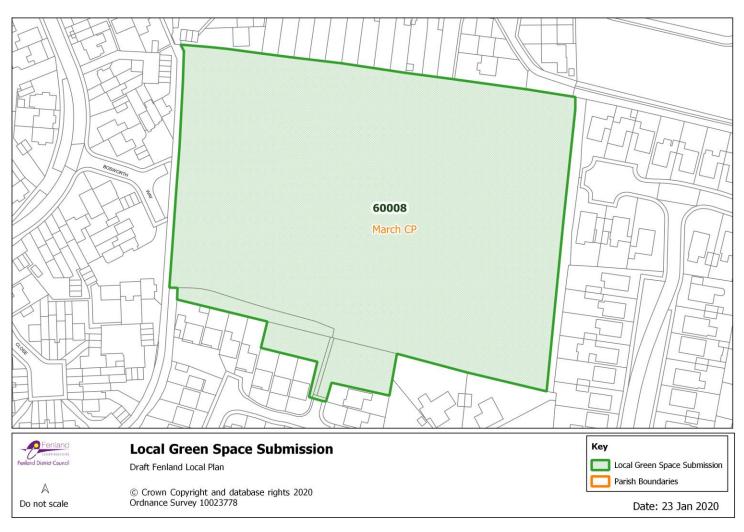
✓ ✓ ✓ Beauty Historic Recreational Tranquility Richness Other, see significance value of wildlife summary

Summary of green space's significance to community:

Frontage to the estate. Estate was originally built as "open plan" with nothing over 18" high on frontage to each property. Original entrance indicating the philosophy of the 1970's estate.

Trees and bushes enhance the visual effect and ability of wildlife to exist.

Site area (ha): 2



Green space ID: 60008 Settlement and parish: March, March CP

Name and address of green space:

The Sconce Breton Way

Description of green space:

Formerly known as "Battery Hills" Medieval ridge and furrow Post medieval - house Post medieval - sconce

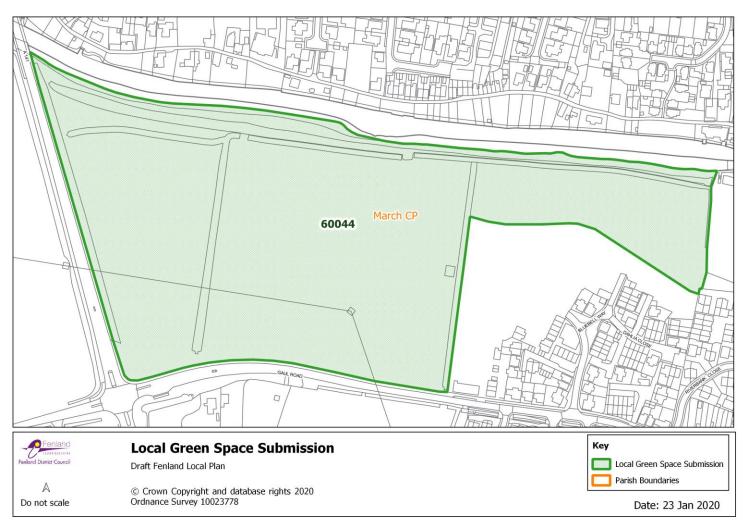
Historic England monument number - 27188

'Demonstrably special' criteria:

✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ **✓** Recreational Tranquility Richness Beauty Historic Other, see of wildlife significance value summary

Summary of green space's significance to community:

Green open space within a housing estate.
Lack of open space within The Cavalry Barn area.
Historic England monument.
Hedges provide refuge for wildlife.
Recreational area.



Green space ID: 60044 Settlement and parish: March, March CP

Name and address of green space:

Riverside park

Description of green space:

Site area (ha): 11.7

Any remaining land not currently passed for development between Cannon Kirk development and bypass in March, north of Gaul road.

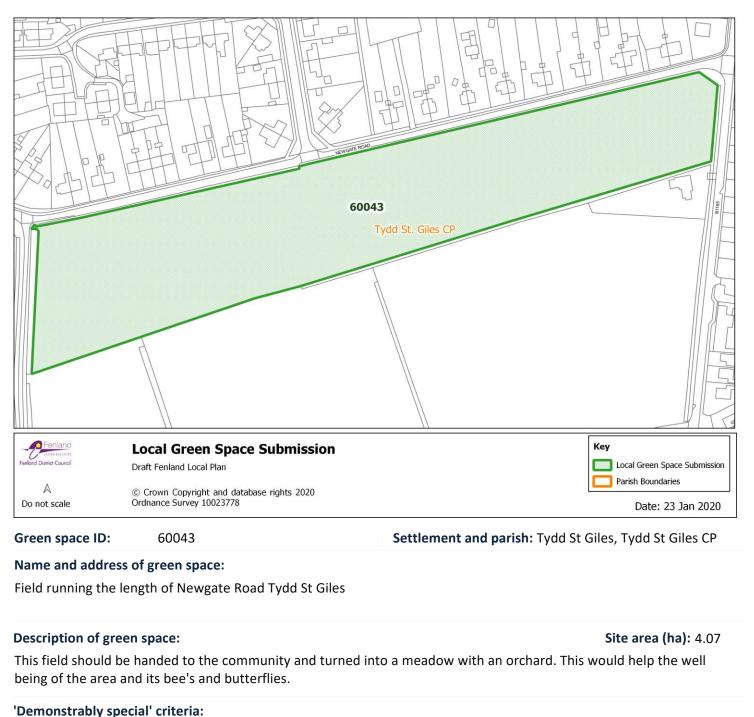
To take West end park up to the bypass. This is flood zone 3 and shouldn't be built on anyway.

'Demonstrably special' criteria:

Beauty Historic Recreational Tranquility Richness Other, see significance value of wildlife summary

Summary of green space's significance to community:

To complete the park as promised.



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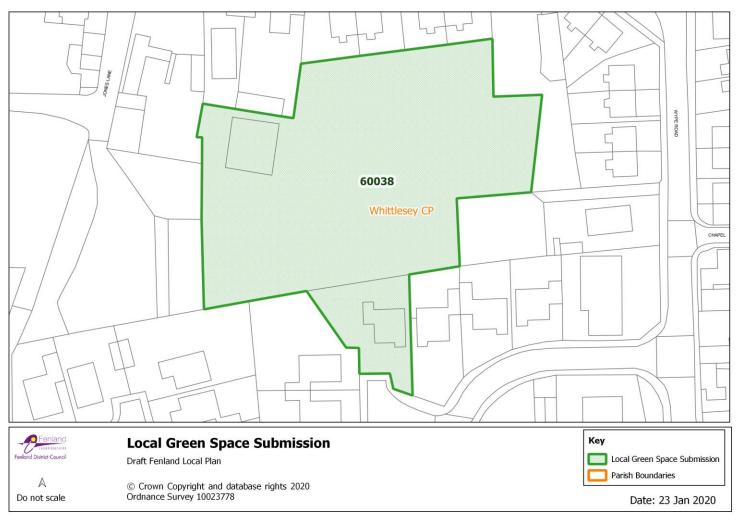
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Summary of green space's significance to community:



Green space ID: 60038 Settlement and parish: Eastrea, Whittlesey CP

Name and address of green space:

Ex. Pig field Ref F/YR19/0559/O Land south of 6-26 Wype Road

Description of green space:

Site area (ha): 0.51

Rectangular grassland, landlocked by houses with a narrow field entrance off Wype Road.

Houses with a narrow field entrance off Wype Road.

Refused building planning on several occassions because of narrow access.

'Demonstrably special' criteria:

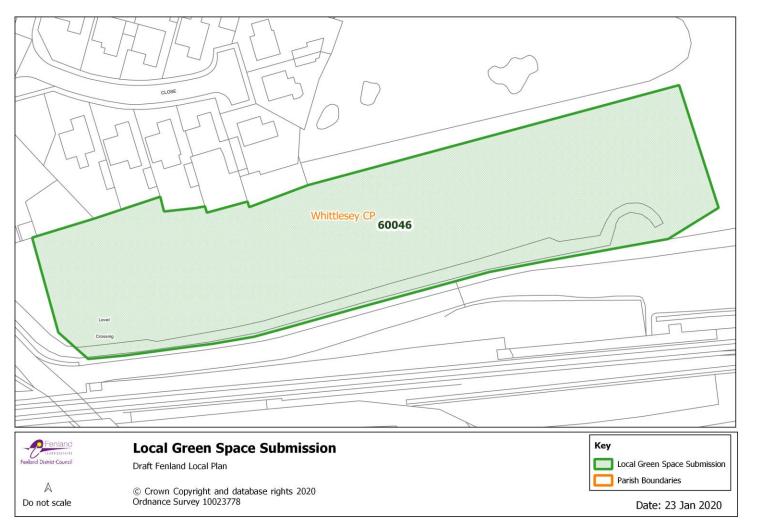
✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ Historic Recreational Tranquility Richness Other, see Beauty significance value of wildlife summary

Summary of green space's significance to community:

The land is landlocked by houses at the present time.

The land would make a beautiful community orchard with dog walking around the boundary fence.

Flowering trees of a fruiting nature would attract bees in the summer and birds in the autumn.



Green space ID: 60046 **Settlement and parish:** Whittlesey, Whittlesey CP

Name and address of green space:

Whittlesea Station Wood

Off Station Road to the left of the car parking area for Whittlesea Station

Description of green space:

Site area (ha): 4

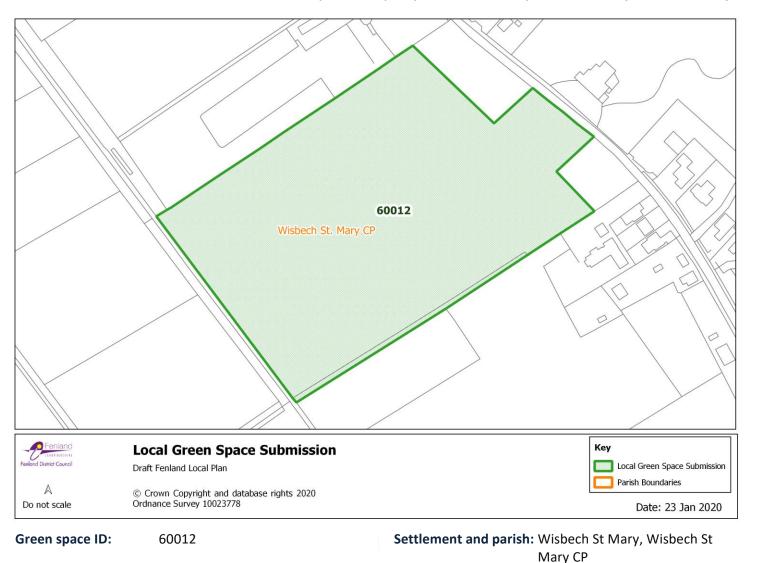
At the moment this is a densely wooded "no go" area which could be cleared of debris and made into a beautiful memorial garden with seating and a walking trail. The memorial would be for the 244 soldiers who left Whittlesea Station on their way to the war

'Demonstrably special' criteria:

✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ Historic Recreational Tranquility Richness Beauty Other, see of wildlife significance value summary

Summary of green space's significance to community:

This wood is a precious commodity and potential beauty spot which could be turned into an attractive trail feature for people to remember the soldiers who left Whittlesea Station never to return.



8.5 acre open space, Station Road

Description of green space:

Site area (ha): 3

8.5 acre opposite Wisbech St Mary Manor House - 1 acre for Housing Development. 7.5 acre to improve Wisbech St Mary carbon footprint.

'Demonstrably special' criteria:

✓ ✓ ✓ Tranquility Other, see Beauty Historic Recreational Richness significance value of wildlife summary

Summary of green space's significance to community:

Within 1/4 mile of church at Wisbech St Mary.

Very central.

If planning permission for 4 houses along road frontage is permitted away from vision of Manor House. Rest of the field will be put aside for tree planting and dog walking area. So providing nature's green for Wisbech St Mary growth village.