

## LOCAL GREEN SPACES DESIGNATIONS

The reasons for proposing these 13 sites as Local Green Space are summarised below:

### Site 1: West Horsley Village Green

Located at the 'heart' of the village, this is a small informal recreational area (approximately 0.19 hectares) of what was originally known as Tintalow Village Green. Originally there were three village greens, but this is the only one remaining, and therefore is held particularly dear to the residents of West Horsley. In the centre is a mature Oak tree which villagers affectionately refer to as the 'Village Oak'.



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A public footpath (95) runs through the green, connecting this part of the village to the West Horsley Place Estate. This footpath joins with other footpaths on the Estate, enabling residents from the village to walk to St Mary's Church.

A tranquil and peaceful spot for reflection by residents and a place of rest for local walkers on the bench provided, this site has historic significance and is a locally valued landmark of West Horsley. West Horsley Parish Council

(WHPC) who own and maintain this site fully support its designation as a Local Green Space. Although this land is located within the Green Belt, it is felt that Local Green Space designation will provide additional planning protection for this area.\*

### Site 2: West Horsley Village Orchard

Located within West Horsley's Conservation Area, on a triangle of land (0.15 hectares) at the junction of Ripley Lane and The Street, the Village Orchard used to be part of the playground of St. Mary's Church school.



Stonewater (Housing Association) owns this land and support the designation as Local Green Space for the benefit of the community. West Horsley Parish Council manage and maintain the Orchard which provides 'a little area of quiet, a safe place to sit and allow children to play, or simply to sit with friends and have a chat'.

This space is very special to the residents of West Horsley. Recently fitted with picnic benches, a new sign, natural paths, gates and disabled access, the site is the starting point for the twice yearly West Horsley Litter Pick. As one of only two of West Horsley's community gardens, the Village Orchard is a valuable community asset



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and all residents are invited to help themselves to a variety of fruit when in season. It is also home to a variety of wildlife, with five bird boxes regularly monitored by a representative of the British Trust for Ornithology.

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**Site 3: West Horsley Village Hall Playground**

Situated beside West Horsley's Village Hall, at what is regarded as the centre of the village community, this area provides a playground for younger children of local families. The playground is open throughout the year and is very well used, for example weekly by the Puddleducks pre-school nursery who attend the Village Hall next door.



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Managed by the Village Hall Management Committee, the playground is very well equipped and regularly maintained. WHPC own this site and fully support its designation as a Local Green Space, recognising that this site has significant recreational value to the local community.

It is worth adding that although just outside West Horsley's Conservation Area, the site is located within an Area of High Archaeological Potential.

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**Site 4: Recreational area at Nightingale Crescent**

Providing an important informal recreational area to the residents of Nightingale Crescent and the adjacent Nightingale Avenue and Northcote Road, this stretch of land sits within the road boundary of Nightingale Crescent. This is the largest (nearly one hectare) of these small local green spaces that provide visual relief for the more 'built-up, sub-urban' areas of West Horsley that emerged after the Second World War.





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Originally a 'Council Housing' estate, this area is now predominantly privately owned, but a few houses, and the green itself, are still owned by Guildford Borough Council who have been informed of this proposed designation. Although this land is located within the Green Belt, it is felt that the Local Green Space designation will provide additional planning protection for this area.\*

### Site 5: Horsley Football Club

Horsley Football Club is a thriving recreational facility highly valued by the local community. Founded in 1903, the football club provides children through to adults of all abilities the opportunity to play competitive football in beautiful rural surroundings.



The Football Club's grounds include two full sized pitches, two youth pitches, and four mini pitches, a grass training area and a3G Astroturf training pitch. As well as being a very significant part of West Horsley's community with matches played each weekend against teams across the County, training during the week and the annual Horsley Football Tournament, the club is also a recognised training venue for coaches and managers, and is linked closely with Fulham FC. You can even have your birthday party here!



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With 30 teams and over 400 players this is clearly an area worth preserving for future generations. The Horsley Football Club Committee who manage this facility fully support the designation of this land as a Local Green Space. Two of the fields that form part of the Club are leased by local land owner Stephen Isaac who supports this designation.

Although this land is located within the Green Belt, it is felt that Local Green Space designation will provide additional planning protection for this area.\*

### Site 6: Horsley and Send Cricket Club

Horsley and Send Cricket Club is located on a slight dome of unspoilt countryside in the southern part of the village, accessed from Ripley Lane. A splendid new clubhouse was built to replace the tiny old one near the railway, when Horsley CC merged with Send CC in 1997. This is a highly valued recreational facility, set in beautiful and tranquil surroundings, enjoyed by families throughout West Horsley and beyond.





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Five adult teams play regularly throughout the summer and there are also five enthusiastic junior teams. The local primary school runs their very popular cricket club on this site, and the clubhouse is also available for private functions.

Twinn's Field, where the original Horsley CC club has played since the 1940s, was gifted to West Horsley Parish Council, and the second field, created in 1998 on former agricultural land, is owned and managed by the Club's Trustees. Both parties fully support the proposed designation of Local Green Space, recognising that this is a truly irreplaceable part of West Horsley.

Although this land is located within the Green Belt, it is felt that Local Green Space designation will provide additional planning protection for this area.\*

### Site 7: West Horsley Tennis Court

The West Horsley Tennis Court is located just outside the settlement boundary and next door to Horsley Football Club. Easily reached on foot, by bike or car, the Tennis Court is highly valued by local residents who can turn up and play for free at any time of the year.



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Used regularly by local tennis coaches and other community groups within West Horsley, this is a popular recreational facility. West Horsley own and maintain the Tennis Court and its grounds, and fully support the proposed designation of Local Green Space.

Although this land is located within the Green Belt, it is felt that Local Green Space designation will provide additional planning protection for this area.\*

\* The majority of sites listed above already benefit from the national designation of Green Belt. However, it must be noted that the Guildford Borough Proposed Submission Local Plan (2017) proposes to inset the village of West Horsley from the Green Belt, and many of these sites will no longer be afforded this protection. The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group therefore believe that it is important to designate these sites as Local Green Space.

**The following sites are a group of small verges that border The Street and East Lane, the main road which winds its way through the centre of the village towards Ockham Road North. These verges are highly regarded by the residents of West Horsley as important 'green ribbons' that add to the much valued open and rural character of the village.**

**Site 8: Verge at the junction of Silkmore Lane and The Street**

This small local green space is located at the junction of Silkmore Lane with The Street. Adjacent to the Conservation Area of West Horsley, but within an Area of High Archaeological Potential, this is a much treasured tranquil stopping point for local residents and walkers who often can be seen sitting on the bench provided. The site is opposite West Horsley Village Hall, a bus and school coach stop, and the Parish Council Noticeboard. It is one of many of these beautiful small green sites located throughout the village that give West Horsley its distinct open and rural character valued so highly by residents.



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Surrey County Council owns and maintains this site, as well as the other verges listed below in Sites 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15.

Surrey County Council have been informed of the proposed designation of these sites as Local Green Space.



**Site 9: Verge at the top of Long Reach and East Lane**

Situated at the intersection of Long Reach and East Lane, this small green triangle of land is highly valued as a defining feature of the local character of West Horsley.

Like many other places where roads meet within the village, this spot provides an opportunity



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for reflection and peaceful enjoyment of the surrounding countryside by local residents and walkers. The views from the bench at the top of Long Reach looking back across the fields are breath-taking at any time of year.



Surrey County Council owns and maintains this site.

### Site 10: Verge at the corner of East Lane and Northcote Road

This land holds historical significance to West Horsley being the only piece of land remaining from the sale of the former Church of St. Alphege. The Church was sadly demolished in 2012 to make way for two five bedroom detached houses at the entrance to Northcote Road. A Plaque has been placed as a memorial to the Church on the corner of the green.



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This is also traditionally the place where retiring members of the Parish Council plant a tree – this is carefully overseen by local residents who live nearby, and who regularly maintain this land.

The site is owned by Surrey County Council, although the electricity supply company have a wayleave over the land.

### Site 11: Verge at the corner of Ripley Lane and The Street

This small green space is located at the junction of Ripley Lane and The Street, with Cranmore Lane and the Village Orchard opposite, and represents an important crossroads connecting the village with the village of Ripley.



Every weekend walkers and cyclists are to be seen taking advantage of this tranquil and beautiful stopping point which is also within West Horsley's Conservation Area.

These green triangles are crowded every last weekend in July as residents gather to watch the annual Prudential Ride London Bike Race as it passes through the village.



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As you drive down through the village from the A246, this is one of those green areas that give West Horsley its distinct open and rural character valued so highly by residents.

Surrey County Council owns and maintains this site.

### Site 12: Verge at the corner of Butlers Hill and The Street

Situated at the corner of The Street and Butlers Hill is a small green triangle of land with particular historical significance to the residents of West Horsley.



Located within the Conservation Area this was the site of the former Village Pound where stray animals would have been penned, awaiting collection by their owners. The owner would have

paid a fee to the pound-keeper for caring for the lost animals.



This is a beautiful and peaceful spot, with views across the fields where Highland cattle still graze today. A plaque remains to remind the local community of the former importance of this area.

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Surrey County Council owns and maintains this land.

### Site 13: West Horsley's Water Trough

West Horsley's very own Water Trough is located just outside the Conservation Area at the southern end of the village on a small green at the junction of Shere Road and the A246.



This is one of the rare Metropolitan Drinking Fountain and Cattle Troughs to be found outside of London, and was erected in 1909 under the Will of Mrs Laura M. Fielder of West Horsley Place, for the benefit of the residents.

The Water Trough is highly valued by residents who regard it as a very special feature of the village and a well-known landmark. It has recently been refurbished, providing clean water for walkers, runners, cyclists, and even horses as they pass through the village or head up to Sheepleas.



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The verge is owned by Surrey County Council, and the Water Trough is owned and managed by West Horsley Parish Council who fully support the designation of this area as a Local Green Space.

*NB: The maps in this Appendix have been sourced using Surrey County Council's interactive map. WHNPSG has contacted the GIS Team at SCC and permission to include these maps in this Plan has been granted.*