

## WEST HORSLEY LOCAL GREEN SPACES JUSTIFICATION

NPPF Criterion	Location	Designations	Current Use/Owner	Existing Planning Permission or proposed GBC Local Plan 2017 allocation	Distance to edge of nearest settlement i.e. reasonable proximity to community it serves	Area (Ha) i.e. local in character and not an extensive tract of land	Demonstrably special and holds a particular local significance (beauty, historic significance, recreation value (including as a playing field), tranquillity, richness of wildlife, other).
Site. No							
1	West Horsley Village Green	Green Belt (within GBC Local Plan 2003 Settlement Boundary)	West Horsley Parish Council (WHPC) who support this designation.	None (Proposed to be 'inset' from Green Belt in GBC draft Local Plan 2017)	Within current settlement boundary  Bordered on three sides by hedgerows, the gardens of a private house, and The Street. A public footpath runs through the centre.	0.20	A small, beautiful area of local green space near the centre of the Village and home to the Village Oak tree. This local beauty spot has particular historical significance as it was originally part of Tintalow Village Green. The public footpath (FP95) which runs through the centre connects with other footpaths on the West Horsley Place Estate, and was used by villagers to walk to church at St. Mary's. It is regarded by many as a peaceful spot for reflection and a place of rest for local walkers. This is very much a locally valued landmark of West Horsley.
2	West Horsley Village Orchard	Green Belt Conservation Area (within GBC Local Plan 2003 Settlement Boundary)	Stonewater Housing Association. WHPC rents and manages for token rent to ensure continued use by village community.  Stonewater support this designation.	None (Proposed to be 'inset' from Green Belt in GBC draft Local Plan 2017) (GBC: Accessible Natural Green Space) *	Within current settlement boundary  Situated at the junction of The Street and Ripley Lane. Bordered on all sides by established hedgerows and trees.	0.15	Located within West Horsley's Conservation Area the Village Orchard used to be part of the playground of St. Mary's Church school, and is therefore of historical value to the local community. As one of only two of West Horsley's community gardens, the Village orchard is also a valuable community asset. It is home to a variety of wildlife, with five bird boxes regularly monitored by a representative of the British Trust for Ornithology, and features many native tree species, including wild damson.

3	West Horsley Village Hall Playground	Green Belt Area of High Archaeological Potential (within GBC Local Plan 2003 Settlement Boundary)	West Horsley Parish Council who support this designation.	None (Proposed to be 'inset' from Green Belt in GBC draft Local Plan 2017) (GBC: Education Space) *	Within current settlement boundary  Situated next to The Village Hall, The Street. Car parking available. Bordered on three sides by established trees and hedgerows.	0.10	This area provides valuable recreational facilities for younger children in West Horsley, especially for the many young families who live in the immediate area of the Village Hall. This playground is also an asset of community value and is open throughout the year.
4	Recreational area at Nightingale Crescent	Green Belt (within GBC Local Plan 2003 Settlement Boundary)	GBC  GBC have been notified of this proposed designation.	None (Proposed to be 'inset' from Green Belt in GBC draft Local Plan 2017) (GBC: Amenity Green Space)*	Within current settlement boundary  Bordered by Nightingale Crescent housing and single-track lane.	0.90	This green space provides a valuable recreational area for the residents of Nightingale Crescent and surrounding roads. It is used throughout the year by children as an informal playing field, dog walkers and the local Primary School as the training area for their popular Cross-Country Club. This is the largest of this type of green space in West Horsley which provides visual relief for the surrounding buildings, a former 'Council Estate' but now predominantly privately owned.

5	Horsley Football Club	Green Belt	<p>Horsley Football Club support this proposed designation. (Their land includes the Clubhouse, the astro turf area and the field to the left-hand side of HFC.</p> <p>Two fields to the right-hand side of the club are owned and leased to HFC by Stephen Issac who also supports this designation.</p>	None	Adjacent to Settlement Boundary	4.50	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The Club has 30 teams and over 400 players playing each weekend during the football season. It is also a recognised training centre for managers and coaches and is linked closely with Fulham FC.</p>
6	Horsley and Send Cricket Club	Green Belt	<p>WHPC own Twinns Field. They support this designation.</p> <p>H&amp;S Cricket Club Trustees own the second field and club house. They also support this designation.</p>	None	Adjacent to Settlement Boundary	3.90	<p>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. 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.</p>

7	West Horsley Tennis Court	Green Belt	West Horsley Parish Council who support this designation.	None	Adjacent to Settlement Boundary	0.70	<p>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.</p> <p>Used regularly by local tennis coaches and other community groups within West Horsley, this is a popular recreational facility.</p>
8	Verge at the junction of The Street/Silkmore Lane	Green Belt	<p>SCC</p> <p>SCC have been notified of this proposed designation.</p>	None	Within current settlement boundary	> 0.05	<p>This small piece of land is typical of those found around West Horsley which have become places of tranquillity and reflection by the local community. A regular stopping point for walkers, (a bench is provided for this purpose) this beautiful small green triangle of land is much valued by residents for the contribution it makes to the local community.</p>
9	Verge at the top of Long Reach/East Lane	Green Belt	<p>SCC</p> <p>SCC have been notified of this proposed designation.</p>	None	Within current settlement boundary.	> 0.05	<p>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 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.</p>

10	Verge at the corner of East Lane/Northcote Road	Green Belt	<p>SCC EC has a 'way leave'</p> <p>SCC have been notified of this proposed designation.</p>	None	Within current settlement boundary	> 0.05	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. A plaque has been placed here as a memorial to the Church. It is also traditionally the place where retiring members of the Parish Council plant a tree – this is carefully overseen by one of the local residents who lives nearby.
11	Verge at the corner of Ripley Lane/The Street	Green Belt Conservation Area	<p>SCC</p> <p>SCC have been notified of this proposed designation.</p>	None	Within current settlement boundary	> 0.05	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.
12	Verge at the corner of Butler's Hill/ The Street	Green Belt Conservation Area	<p>SCC</p> <p>SCC have been notified of this proposed designation.</p>	None	Within current settlement boundary	> 0.05	<p>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.</p> <p>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. A plaque remains to remind the local community of the former importance of this area.</p>

13	West Horsley's Water Trough	Green Belt	<p>SCC</p> <p>SCC have been notified of this proposed designation.</p>	None	Located at the bottom of Shere Road, set back from the A246	> 0.05	<p>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.</p> <p>The Water Trough is highly valued by residents who regard it as a very special feature of the village and a well-known landmark.</p>
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