

**LOCAL GREEN SPACE - ASSESSMENT FORM****Space Detail**

Code	Criteria	Space Details
SD1	Name of the Space	N05 Springhead to Fontmell Down approach
SD2	Space description	Footpath from Mill Street to entrance to Fontmell Down nature Reserve. Approx. 450m long.
SD3	Has a map of the space been provided?	Yes
SD4	Was the space proposed from the questionnaire or the consultation process?	Questionnaire

**Local Green Space Criteria**

Code	Criteria	Explanation/Policy prompt
1.1	Land is not subject of planning permission for development	Site has no Planning Applications extant
1.2	Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan	Site is not so proposed
1.3	The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character	Site has very clearly defined boundaries consisting of stock fencing and gates. Path is the only pedestrian access from the village to the Down and as such is regularly used by walkers.
1.4	The space is in close proximity of the community it serves	Site is within easy walking distance of the village.
1.5	The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance	Path is of very special significance since it is the only direct footpath connecting the village to the Down.

**Demonstrably special to a Community**

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2.1	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty	Site provides spectacular views on the approach to the Down and lies within the AONB.
2.2	The proposed space is of particular local historic significance	Route to the Down figures on ancient map dated 1774.
2.3	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value	This route is a very popular walking trail for access to the Down.
2.4	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquility	When the trees and bushes which surround the path have recovered from their severe "coppicing" the path will offer a feeling of separateness and quiet as it used to.
2.5	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife	As above, when these hedges have regenerated, they will function as a green corridor, as before.
2.6	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of another reason not covered by criteria 2.1 - 2.5	SAFETY. The path offers a safe alternative to pedestrians having to walk up Mill St to reach the Down.

**Conclusion of Assessment**

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CA1	Have all the Local Green Space criteria (in Table 1) been met? Why is the area considered to be demonstrably special to the local community?	Yes. Fontmell Magna lies at the foot of Fontmell Down and this is the most direct path into this beautiful and invaluable nature reserve.
CA2	Is the space suitable as a Local Green Space?	No, site is adequately protected by other legislation.
CA3	Landowner Details	Mr R Wright, [REDACTED] Mr D Mackenzie, [REDACTED]
CA4	Has the landowner been informed at an early stage about the proposal to designate any part of their land? Response?	Yes The attached documents have been brought to our attention by the landowner whom we are representing. Can you please clarify whether the land referred to on the plan is the footpath marked 'purple', or whether there is additional land being referred to within my client's ownership that we are not seeing marked on this plan? So far as the footpath is concerned it seems wholly unnecessary to seek to apply a protective designation to a designated footpath which is already protected via several tiers of legislation including the Highways Act 1980 and could only be altered in express agreement with the Dorset County Council Rights of Way Officers the County Highways Agency or the Secretary of State.

Adam Bennett, for Springhead Farm

Dear Sirs

We act on behalf of the owner of the land shown on the plan. We are confused. The land shown on the plan is already a designated a public footpath?  
Perhaps you would forward information you have about the neighbourhood plan.

Yours faithfully

Rebecca Kimber-Danger, for Mr Mackenzie