

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

Code	Criteria	Space Details
SD1	Name of the Space	N10 Middle Mill Pond and Collyers Brook.
SD2	Space description	The mill pond above Middle Mill Dam with a part of Collyers Brook leading into it and the marshy ground between the brook and Mill Street. Bounded on the north side by Mill Street and on the south by fields.
SD3	Has a map of the space been provided?	Yes
SD4	Was the space proposed as a result of the questionnaire or consultation process?	Questionnaire

Local Green Space Criteria

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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	Most of the pond can be seen from Mill Street, it is not very wide and is well sheltered by mature trees and bushes.
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	The site is frequently visited by local people and visitors alike who enjoy the view over the pond and observing the wildlife.

Demonstrably special to a Community

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2.1	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty	Middle Mill Pond is a well known local beauty spot.
2.2	The proposed space is of particular local historic significance	The Middle Mill Pond was the source of power for one of the three mills in the village mentioned in the Domesday Book.
2.3	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value	The viewing areas are frequently used by visitors many of whom are following the footpath across the dam.
2.4	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquility	The ponds are in a peaceful and quiet part of the village.
2.5	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife	The area belongs to the Dorset Wildlife Trust and is called the Collyers Brook Reserve. For a description of the site and its wildlife visit the DWT website at http://www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/collyers_brook_reserve
2.6	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of another reason not covered by criteria 2.1 - 2.5	It forms part of the green corridor of the Collyers/Fontmell Brook watercourse through the village.

Conclusion of Assessment

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CA1	Have all the Local Green Space criteria (in Table 1) been met?	Yes
	Why is the area considered to be demonstrably special to the local community?	Because of its status as a wildlife reserve and also because it is part of the watercourse through the village
CA2	Is the space suitable as a Local Green Space?	Yes
CA3	Landowner Details	Dorset Wildlife Trust, [REDACTED]
CA4	Has the landowner been informed at an early stage about the proposal to designate any part of their land?	Yes
	Response?	Hi Dick,

Thank you for your email, glad you are enjoying the spring and all the wildlife sightings.

In this case we wouldn't have a problem with Collyers Brook being included as Greenspace in the Neighbourhood Plan. The main issue with Greenspace generally is that it can lead to greater public access but we're not concerned about this there, as there shouldn't be too much disturbance to the sort of wildlife that inhabits the reserve.

So no objections, just keep us informed on how things turn out.

Enjoy the sunshine!

Best regards,

Steve

Steve Oliver
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