

COMMUNITY LAND NOMINATION

The West Parley Parish Council hereby nominates the land specified below as an Asset of Community Value in accordance with Part 5 Chapter 3 of the Localism Bill and as a designated Local Green Space in accordance with para 77 of the National Policy Planning Framework.

The Land Nominated

The land nominated is a strip of land 50 metres to the North and 200 metres to the South of the Stour Valley Way where it passes through the Dudsbury Heights field – that is to say from approx 9709 0825 to 9708 0800 on OS Explorer OL22 or otherwise expressed as the land around the Stour Valley Way from the point where the footpath gate meets the lane to the Dudsbury Public House down to its Eastern point where the Stour Valley Way meets the gate leading to the Christchurch Road.

The land nominated furthers the social well being and social interests of the local community, defined in the Localism Act as cultural, recreational or sporting interests.

The land also meets the requirements in NPPF para 77, in that it is demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular significance in respect of its beauty, historic association, tranquillity and recreational value.

In particular, the land nominated is of high landscape value (see Buchanan report for the R.S.S.) having long range views all the way to the Needles in the Isle of Wight. It is of demonstrated recreational value in that it carries the Stour Valley Way, one of Dorset's most celebrated cross County walks. It is also extensively used by the local community, particularly dog walkers. Bearing in mind the importance of this field to the community and the points made in the Localism Act and the N.P.P.F., probably the most appropriate use of the field is its present one of providing horse paddocks for local owners and riders.