

LOCAL GREEN SPACE ASSESSMENT AND JUSTIFICATION – MARCH 2022

NPPF CRITERIA	LGS 1 - VILLAGE GREEN	LGS 2 - SONGHURST MEADOW
(a) in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the village centre – the heart of the village. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Just outside the Settlement Boundary and Conservation Area. • 2-minute walk to/from village centre. • Opposite the village school. • Footway through the land connects Newpound Lane (and the School) to Durbans Road.
(b) demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife; and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quintessential village green • Historical significance • Recreational area or informal and organised sport • Green space contributes to positive mental health due to tranquil and visually attractive environment which is easily accessible to all. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreational area for informal and organised junior sport. • Sports use by the school. • Potential learning environment for the school. • Natural area with richness of biodiversity. • Tranquil area. • Green space contributes to positive mental health due to tranquil and visually attractive environment which is easily accessible to all.
(c) local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quintessential village green. • Main green, which includes the children’s playground and Sports Pavilion, is approximately 1.95 hectares. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area of land that connects Newpound Lane to Durbans Road – approximately 2.2 hectares. • Rural character has been enhanced with wildflower and tree planting.