

South Downs National Park Authority Open Space Assessment 2023



Open Space (OS) Form

Introduction & Context

The South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) has recently commenced its Local Plan Review (LPR). As part of the LPR, the SDNPA is carrying out an Open Space (OS) Assessment to inform the review of the following policies in the Adopted South Downs Local Plan (SDLP):

- **SD45** – Green Infrastructure; and
- **SD46** - Provision and protection of open space, sports and recreational facilities and burial grounds/cemeteries.

As part of the above, the OS Assessment aims to:

- Identify the current (and any shortfalls in) publicly accessible OS provision for the SDNP;
- Provide evidence of OS quality to inform s106 agreements, CIL and other funding bids; and
- Protect existing, and provide new, publicly accessible OS through Policy SD45, Policy SD46, and/or (if appropriate) any potential development site allocations.

Please note, in terms of Local Green Spaces (LGS) [Policy SD47], a call-for-sites was carried out in Summer 2022, and the LGS Assessment 2017 will be updated in due course.

Instructions

Please use this form to provide information on each publicly accessible Open Space (OS) in your parish / town area. When completing this form, please ensure you have addressed the following:

- Please submit a separate Open Space (OS) form for each OS in your parish / town area;
- Please complete as many parts of the form as possible; and
- Please include a map (if possible) showing the boundary of the OS.

Please submit your sites to us by **06 April 2023**, and please contact us if you have a problem meeting this deadline.

I. Your Details

Information Required	Response
Name of Parish / Town Council	Kingston
Main Contact Address	Kingston Pavilion, St Pancras Green. Kingston. BN7 3LN
Cllr/Officer Name & Role	Julie O'Donnell, Parish Clerk
Cllr/Officer Email & Telephone	clerk@kingston-pc.gov.uk

2. Site Details

Information required	Response
Name of Site (If possible, please incl. address and location details)	Kingston Community Garden, Gows Croft, Kingston. BN7 3NJ
Site Area (in hectares)	0.1
Open Space Typology (Please tick all that apply)	<p>X Allotments, community gardens/orchards, or community growing</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Amenity greenspace <input type="checkbox"/> Cemeteries and churchyards <input type="checkbox"/> Children and young people's playing equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Natural and semi-natural greenspace (Inc. Open Access Land) <input type="checkbox"/> Parks and gardens </p>
What is the Open Space currently used for?	This former Local Authority allotment has been restored for future use as a community garden.

3. Access & Quality Details

(The SDNPA will use the below responses to assess the “quality” of the site).

Information required	Response
What is <u>good</u> about the Open Space? (i.e. ancillary facilities, cleanliness, drainage, flooding, landscape, maintenance, security, safety, signage, welcome feel etc.)	It is in a very central location on a junction used by many residents on foot and so will be a very visible feature when established. Infrastructure is being installed to encourage use by villagers and visitors to the village alike, such as seating and an information board. It will be used as an example of gardening for the benefit of wildlife which fits with the Parish Council's strategy to improve biodiversity across the parish.
What is <u>bad</u> about the Open Space and how could this be improved? (i.e. ancillary facilities, cleanliness, drainage, flooding, landscape, maintenance, security, safety, signage welcome feel etc.)	There is no water supply and connecting to the mains would improve the range of plants that can be grown, especially food crops in the greenhouse. There are tall trees to the south-western boundary which shade much of the site.
How is the site accessed? Please also explain if there are any access issues and/or if any access improvements are required.	The sit abuts the access road to Gow's Croft
What is the approximate distance from the Open Space to the edge of the Settlement is serves?	It is centrally located within the village and is within the settlement boundary, abutting it at a point at its south-east corner.

4. Landowner

Information Required	Response
Who is the landowner of the Open Space?	Lewes District Council (LDC) own the site. The site is leased from LDC by the independent Kingston Action Group (KAG). Kingston Parish Council (KPC) supports the work of the KAG, sometimes providing grants, but is not responsible for its running or financing.
If you are the landowner, please explain what future aspirations and plans you have for the Open Space.	
If you are <u>not</u> the landowner, please outline your interest in the land.	Kingston Action Group lease this site. Kingston Parish Council support the work done by this group of volunteers.

5. Additional Information

Please provide any additional information (not previously captured in the above) which may assist in the development of the South Downs Open Space (OS) Assessment/Study. Please also list any attachments (i.e., photographs or Word documents) as appropriate.

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DISCLAIMER

The South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) is making no commitment in respect of which sites (submitted or otherwise) will be included in the Open Space (OS) Assessment, and what their final “quality” assessment will be. The inclusion, and “quality assessment”, of Open Spaces (OS) will be determined through officer site visits (as appropriate) and the SDNPA’s Local Plan Review (LPR).

DATA PROTECTION STATEMENT

The information collected in this response form will be used by the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) to inform the Open Space (OS) Assessment and the Local Plan Review (LPR). This information will then be retained until it is superseded. **All sites that are submitted will be made public and will be published on the SDNPA website.** By responding, you are accepting that your response (and the information within it) may be made available to the public. Any personal information provided (i.e., names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses or other contact details etc.) will not be made public. Your personal information may be passed to other formally constituted plan making bodies (such as a district or parish council) where such bodies are using the evidence base for the purposes of their plan making. Please let us know if you do not wish for your information to be shared in this way.

You may ask us to remove your personal data from the register at any time. To do this, please contact the South Downs Planning Policy team using the details below.

All information held by the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) may be subject to release under the Freedom of Information (Fol) Act. If any information included is sensitive and you would like to have the opportunity to object to its release in the event of a Freedom of Information (Fol) request, then please contact us.

Further details on how we manage your information, including your rights under the GDPR, are available in our Privacy Notice <https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/national-park-authority/transparency/privacy-statement-2/>

<input type="checkbox"/>	Please tick here to confirm you have read and agree to submit your information in accordance with the disclaimer and data protection statement.
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Information required	Response
Print Name	
Date	

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