

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

## 2. Site Details

Information required	Response
<b>Name of Site</b> (If possible, please incl. address and location details)	Village Green, The Street, Kingston. BN7 3NT
<b>Site Area</b> (in hectares)	0.43
<b>Open Space Typology</b> (Please tick all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Allotments, community gardens/orchards, or community growing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Amenity greenspace</b> <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
<b>What is the Open Space currently used for?</b>	<i>If cemetery or allotment, please incl. number of plots if known.</i> <i>If includes sports pitches/courts/ancillary facilities etc., please list.</i> <i>If play equipment, please state whether LAP, LEAP or NEAP.</i> This is used as a play area and is enclosed by a dog-proof fence. Within the space is play equipment suitable for a range of children. The village fete is held on this area. Informal outdoor exercise classes / activities also take place here.

## 3. Access & Quality Details

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

Information required	Response
<b>What is <u>good</u> about the Open Space?</b> (i.e. ancillary facilities, cleanliness, drainage, flooding, landscape, maintenance, security, safety, signage, welcome feel etc.)	As a smaller space than St Pancras Green it offers a more secluded and intimate space. It is surrounded by established trees and hedges and is enclosed by a fence making it a safer place for young children to play care-free. It is near the primary school and is well used by families after school. It is conveniently positioned behind a Public House and a short walk on the dead-end public road, The Street, from the Parish Hall
<b>What is <u>bad</u> about the Open Space and how could this be improved?</b> (i.e. ancillary facilities, cleanliness, drainage, flooding, landscape, maintenance, security, safety, signage welcome feel etc.)	
<b>How is the site accessed?</b> Please also explain if there are any access issues and/or if any access improvements are required.	The site can be accessed on foot from a stile on the North East boundary, from the main road the C324, Ashcombe Lane. There is an access through the privately owned car park of the public house. There is pedestrian access and a locked gateway for vehicular access.

Information required	Response
<b>What is the approximate distance from the Open Space to the edge of the Settlement it serves?</b>	The Village Green sits at the centre of the village and is 70 metres from the settlement boundary at its closest.

## 4. Landowner

Information Required	Response
<b>Who is the landowner of the Open Space?</b>	Kingston Parish Council
<b>If you are the landowner,</b> please explain what future aspirations and plans you have for the Open Space.	Continued improvement of the play facilities available. Local volunteers have been granted permission to improve the floristic diversity of some of the grassed area.
<b>If you are <u>not</u> the landowner,</b> please outline your interest in the land.	

## 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/>

X	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	

Please return this form to:  
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or

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