## Green Spaces - Detailed Assessment of Shortlisted Sites

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| **Site name and/or address** | **Calmore Recreation Ground, Nutsey Close Calmore** |
| **Is the site allocated for development or subject of planning permission?** | No, requests have been made to use it for commercial football, but it was felt the request would effectively remove the facility from public use. |
| **Is the site already protected from development?** | The land is owned by New Forest District Council and is leased to Totton and Eling Town Council to maintain. |
| **Is the site reasonable proximity to the community it serves?** | Yes, next to the school, very close to the Community Centre and among houses on the Calmore estate. |
| **Is the site local in character? Or is the site an extensive tract of land?** | It is a municipal recreation ground, maintained as low grass and surrounded by low shrubs and trees. It has an outdoor gym facility. It is heavily used and is in the style of other sites across the town. |
| **Is the site demonstrably special to the community it serves or of particular importance?** | There are few sites of this size on the estate, and it is big enough to allow football and cricket matches at an informal level for local young people. It is widely used by dog walkers, children, and young people.<br>The provision of this green space allows visitors to walk locally and supports the impact on the New Forest locally, by reducing visitor numbers. |
| **Recommended for Designation?** | Yes, as a green space it is important to the community for its recreational value. |



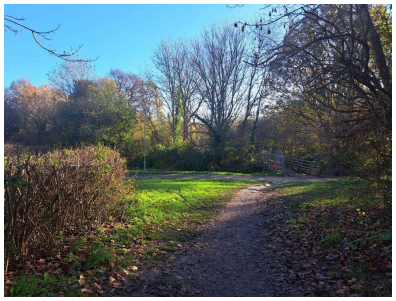


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| **Site name and/or address** | **Bartley Park and Bartley Water, from Myrtle Avenue to Goatee Beach, Totton and Eling** |
| **Is the site allocated for development or subject of planning permission?** | No |
| **Is the site already protected from development?** | Some of the site has been designated as a conservation area; some has been designated as a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) and other parts of the area remain undesignated. |
| **Is the site reasonable proximity to the community it serves?** | Yes, it runs through and behind the estates of homes to the West and South of Totton and Eling. |
| **Is the site local in character? Or is the site an extensive tract of land?** | The site is extensive and runs along the full length of Bartley Water from where it first runs through Totton and Eling to Goatee Beach at its estuary. |
| **Is the site demonstrably special to the community it serves or of particular importance?** | The area is a major wildlife corridor and allows for a range of habitats and biodiversity which otherwise would not only be missing from Totton and Eling but also from the area more widely. This allows people access to wildlife in a way which they would not otherwise be able to have. There are a number of rare species which have been found in the area including Epipactis Helleborines and rare reptiles. Seals and otters have also been seen swimming in this area.<br>Much of the area also doubles as an active travel corridor between the North of the town and the Southwest and is a much valued, off-road travel route. It is also hoped that areas which have been closed to the public will be reopened to enable more residents to use it as an extensive area in the heart of a residential part of the town.<br>The provision of this green space allows visitors to walk locally and supports the impact on the New Forest locally, by reducing visitor numbers. |
| **Recommended for Designation?** | Yes, as a green space due to the following factors - recreational value, beauty, richness of wildlife and tranquility. It could form a country park in the future. |





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| **Site name and/or address** | **Testbourne Play area including Briarwood, West Totton** |
| **Is the site allocated for development or subject of planning permission?** | No |
| **Is the site already protected from development?** | No |
| **Is the site reasonable proximity to the community it serves?** | Yes, surrounded by houses and alongside a green walking and cycling infrastructure for local residents. |
| **Is the site local in character? Or is the site an extensive tract of land?** | The site is a continuation of the Bartley Park and Bartley Water wildlife corridor as well as a green space for residents. It is used as a dog walking area and recreation ground but also has woodland and areas for wildlife so it is a good community facility for a town which was much more rural until a few decades ago. The variety of habitats epitomizes the character of the town which is urban but runs alongside a rural history. |
| **Is the site demonstrably special to the community it serves or of particular importance?** | The site links parts of Northwest Totton to a larger green space alongside the Bartley Water River, a New Forest Stream which runs through West Totton and on to Goatee Beach. It serves as a green space for recreation for a community of residents living adjacent to it but also for estates nearby which do not have similar amenities. Young people, children and dog walkers are the most common users. However, the route also extends a cycling and walking green route to Northwest Totton, making active travel to the lower west town easier and is also used as part of a cycling and walking route to local community centres, sports facilities, shops and cultural facilities. The provision of this green space allows visitors to walk locally and supports the impact on the New Forest locally, by reducing visitor numbers. |
| **Recommended for Designation?** | Yes, as a local green space due to the following factors - recreational value, richness of wildlife and it offers tranquility. |


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| **Site name and/or address** | **Land beyond Hawkers Close, Totton** |
| **Is the site allocated for development or subject of planning permission?** | No |
| **Is the site already protected from development?** | An agreement dated 7th Dec 2001 between NFDC, Geoffrey Stephen Snow, Kenneth Mooney & Linden Homes with particular reference to the first Schedule paragraph 1 “That the Open Space Land shall only be used as agricultural land or open space or for recreational purposes” |
| **Is the site reasonable proximity to the community it serves?** | Yes |
| **Is the site local in character? Or is the site an extensive tract of land?** | It is an extensive tract of land. |
| **Is the site demonstrably special to the community it serves or of particular importance?** | Yes, it’s a ‘green lung’ to contrast with the air pollution in Totton and has been used by the local people of Totton for recreation even before Hawkers Close was built, mainly for walking – with or without dogs, blackberry picking, bird watching, sledging and playing energetic games with children. It proved invaluable as a recreational space for people during the Covid pandemic. Large numbers use it regularly; it is a popular calm and quiet area, unlike other green spaces in Totton. It is a valued amenity. It also includes Wetron Copse – a carpet of bluebells in the spring.<br>The provision of this green space allows visitors to walk locally and supports the impact on the New Forest locally, by reducing visitor numbers. |
| **Recommended for Designation?** | Yes, as a green space due to the following factors: recreational value, richness of wildlife and it offers tranquility. |



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| **Site name and/or address** | **Hanger Farm Park** |
| **Is the site allocated for development or subject of planning permission?** | No, although some discussion has been made regarding a plan to build nearby. |
| **Is the site already protected from development?** | No |
| **Is the site reasonable proximity to the community it serves?** | Yes, local homes are a short walk away. |
| **Is the site local in character? Or is the site an extensive tract of land?** | Well maintained grass area which is extensive enough for informal sports and occasional events, e.g. local arts festival etc. The area is the largest green space in the West Totton area. |
| **Is the site demonstrably special to the community it serves or of particular importance?** | Much used by the local community, particularly families and young people. A nearby paddling pool brings young families whilst the grass provides a space for them to picnic and to run around. The space complements the formal tennis courts nearby. |
| **Recommended for Designation?** | Yes, Local Green Space used by young families, informal sports and events and as a gateway to the Green Route nearby. |






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| **Site name and/or address** | **Little Copse North** |
| **Is the site allocated for development or subject of planning permission?** | No |
| **Is the site already protected from development?** | No |
| **Is the site reasonable proximity to the community it serves?** | Yes, houses are a short walk away |
| **Is the site local in character? Or is the site an extensive tract of land?** | Similar to Little Copse South, the area is of local rural character with sloe and hazel predominant. Part of the area is also reed bed and marsh. Both these habitats are common to other local estuaries across the New Forest but Little Copse North is less accessible to dog walkers so provides a haven for wildlife along the river which can be seen from the outer reaches of the area. This has encouraged kingfishers and even otters have been seen close by. |
| **Is the site demonstrably special to the community it serves or of particular importance?** | Very special for improving biodiversity locally and residents interested in viewing wildlife from this type of habitat. |
| **Recommended for Designation?** | Yes, much valued Local Green Space. |





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| **Site name and/or address** | **Rushington to Rumbridge Street (excepting SINC area)** |
| **Is the site allocated for development or subject of planning permission?** | No |
| **Is the site already protected from development?** | No |
| **Is the site reasonable proximity to the community it serves?** | Yes, some local houses back onto the path. |
| **Is the site local in character? Or is the site an extensive tract of land?** | The site is extensive in length but quite narrow in width. It is local in providing access to the river and some trees still remain from the original land estate that the housing estate was built on. |
| **Is the site demonstrably special to the community it serves or of particular importance?** | Yes, the pathway provides access to the river, a restful area for local residents to walk and a haven and corridor for wildlife. It is also seen as part of the access to local shops which takes pedestrians away from most of the busy roads. |
| **Recommended for Designation?** | Yes, as a green space due to recreational value, richness of wildlife, tranquility and helping pedestrians access facilities using a path which is largely away from busy roads. |





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| **Site name and/or address** | **Portal Road Park** |
| **Is the site allocated for development or subject of planning permission?** | No |
| **Is the site already protected from development?** | No |
| **Is the site reasonable proximity to the community it serves?** | Yes, some local houses back onto the park. |
| **Is the site local in character? Or is the site an extensive tract of land?** | The site is one of several similar recreation grounds across the town and is used for dog walking and informal sports. |
| **Is the site demonstrably special to the community it serves or of particular importance?** | Provides green recreational space to a number of estates nearby. |
| **Recommended for Designation?** | Yes, Local Green Space |





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| **Site name and/or address** | **Little Copse South** |
| **Is the site allocated for development or subject of planning permission?** | No |
| **Is the site already protected from development?** | No |
| **Is the site reasonable proximity to the community it serves?** | Yes, houses are a short walk away. |
| **Is the site local in character? Or is the site an extensive tract of land?** | Very much of local rural character with sloe and hazel predominant. Part of the area is also reed bed and marsh. Both these habitats are common to other local estuaries across the New Forest area but few have such easy access for residents. |
| **Is the site demonstrably special to the community it serves or of particular importance?** | Very special for wildlife and residents interested in accessing this type of habitat. Well used as a dog walking area, for wildlife and as a bluebell walk in the spring**.** |
| **Recommended for Designation?** | Yes, much valued Local Green Space. |





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| **Site name and/or address** | **Goatee Beach and part of Goatee Meadow, Eling** |
| **Is the site allocated for development or subject of planning permission?** | No |
| **Is the site already protected from development?** | Yes, partly. One area is part of a conservation area, and another part of the beach is at the end of the Glebe Fields owned by the local church. |
| **Is the site reasonable proximity to the community it serves?** | Yes, the area is used by residents of Eling and beyond in Totton. It is the only stretch of sea that people can walk to from Totton and Eling and it forms the start of a footpath which progresses along the shoreline to Marchwood. |
| **Is the site local in character? Or is the site an extensive tract of land?** | The site is individual in character as there is no other beach. However, the area is well known and well used by local people and gives direct access to the water for swimming, canoeing and yachting for example. It allows people to watch events at the docks such as firework displays and ship launches. |
| **Is the site demonstrably special to the community it serves or of particular importance?** | The site is a link to the heritage of Totton and Eling and is an area where bricks were made and shipped out, where boats passed by to take treated telegraph poles and pit props to the whole county. Three masted sailing ships were watched from there by the local community and yachting galas were held on the fields and beaches. Evidence of occupation has been found there dating back to neolithic times. Beacons were lit there to celebrate events and historically the fields and beach were where most of Eling and much of Totton spent Sundays and learnt to swim. |
| **Recommended for Designation?** | Yes, as a local green space due to the following factors – beauty, recreational value and tranquility. |







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| **Site name and/or address** | **Eling Hill Playground, off Eling Hill** |
| **Is the site allocated for development or subject of planning permission?** | No |
| **Is the site already protected from development?** | No |
| **Is the site reasonable proximity to the community it serves?** | Yes |
| **Is the site local in character? Or is the site an extensive tract of land?** | The site is comparatively small but it is a discreet area surrounded by trees which serve the community well. |
| **Is the site demonstrably special to the community it serves or of particular importance?** | Few areas exist in the proximity which are suitable for Playground equipment as other areas are either wildlife focused or marshland. The area is set with tables which provide a respite for families while children play on the play equipment to or from a longer walk. |
| **Recommended for Designation?** | Yes, as green space complimenting the more wildlife-focused areas. High recreational value for local families. |






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| **Site name and/or address** | **Meadow Close Recreation Ground / Claymeadow, Hounsdown** |
| **Is the site allocated for development or subject of planning permission?** | No, but some discussion has been made regarding the area and close proximity to a now empty council site. |
| **Is the site already protected from development?** | No |
| **Is the site reasonable proximity to the community it serves?** | Yes, some local houses back onto it. |
| **Is the site local in character? Or is the site an extensive tract of land?** | Local in character as more rural - some areas are relatively under-maintained for wildlife. The area is quite extensive but is only really known about and used by local people. |
| **Is the site demonstrably special to the community it serves or of particular importance?** | Hounsdown is an area which is 'fenced' by main roads, and it is difficult to access other green spaces without a car journey or crossing a very major road. This area is important to local people as a green lung and dog walk area, for informal sports and as a play area for families with young children. The tarmac area is also well used for a range of sports as an all-weather area.<br>The housing estate close by has a number of council owned homes with residents who live with poverty, so having free access to a green area is important for their wellbeing. |
| **Recommended for Designation?** | Yes, local green space. |





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| **Site name and/or address** | **King George's Field (Recreation Ground)** |
| **Is the site allocated for development or subject of planning permission?** | No |
| **Is the site already protected from development?** | No |
| **Is the site reasonable proximity to the community it serves?** | Yes, some houses border the site |
| **Is the site local in character? Or is the site an extensive tract of land?** | A local field and dog walking with an occasionally used cricket pavilion. Frequently used for local play and joggers. One section set aside as dog exercise area specifically installed to minimise overuse of the New Forest |
| **Is the site demonstrably special to the community it serves or of particular importance?** | Yes, it's well used by dog walkers, families and young people looking for free play space, informal football etc. Nearby sites are formal clubs or some distance away. New developments will increase the use of this valuable green space. |
| **Recommended for Designation?** | Yes, Local Green Space for families and young people seeking informal sports space. Also, for alleviating use of the New Forest for dog walking. |







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| **Site name and/or address** | **Testwood Recreation Ground and Cheam Way Park Salisbury Road and Cheam Way** |
| **Is the site allocated for development or subject of planning permission?** | No |
| **Is the site already protected from development?** | No |
| **Is the site reasonable proximity to the community it serves?** | Yes, some houses border the site. |
| **Is the site local in character? Or is the site an extensive tract of land?** | The site is extensive as a sports area, used for some formal sports activities. The site also contains a newly developed wildlife area and family amenities including a paddling pool and play area. |
| **Is the site demonstrably special to the community it serves or of particular importance?** | Yes, very popular with local people from across the town, particularly summer use of the paddling pool. The site was an early recreation ground for the new phase of the town in the 1930's so has generational importance for church events etc. |
| **Recommended for Designation?** | Yes, local green space. Popular recreational use. Potentially as a wildlife haven and wildlife corridor section as the wildlife area takes hold. |







| Site name and/or address | **Town Park (Testvale) between Salisbury Road and Testwood Lane** |
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| **Is the site allocated for development or subject of planning permission?** | No. The area has been mentioned in the Totton Masterplan with possibilities for building more housing locally. |
| **Is the site already protected from development?** | No |
| **Is the site reasonable proximity to the community it serves?** | Yes, some residents border the park |
| **Is the site local in character? Or is the site an extensive tract of land?** | This is the main town park for Totton and Eling and has been upgraded to include some rural-style children's play equipment, a performance area and the War Memorial. This is much loved by local people and it is much used by shoppers and people working in the town. |
| **Is the site demonstrably special to the community it serves or of particular importance?** | The park has been the site of various local events, particularly the Remembrance Parade and the firing of Maroons both of which happen around November 11th. The performance area is used occasionally by local performance groups and has served as an outdoor venue for up to 250 people. |
| **Recommended for Designation?** | Yes, much valued Local Green Space which encourages residents to stay longer and make use of their town centre. |






| Site name and/or address | Eling Recreation Ground, Bartram Road Eling |
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| **Is the site allocated for development or subject of planning permission?** | No |
| **Is the site already protected from development?** | No |
| **Is the site reasonable proximity to the community it serves?** | Yes, some houses border the site, other areas of the estate are a short walk. The site is also used for the town carnival on a cross-town basis but still for local residents. |
| **Is the site local in character? Or is the site an extensive tract of land?** | The site is extensive as a recreation ground but also conjoined with an important local wildlife area. |
| **Is the site demonstrably special to the community it serves or of particular importance?** | The site has generational history and was set aside at the time of the housing estate surrounding it in the 1930's. Used for formal and informal sport and is a big enough area to be used as a centre for local events such as the carnival, local school sports day etc.<br>The site also has a splash pad, tennis court, dog exercise area etc. and is highly regarded as a local amenity. |
| **Recommended for Designation?** | Yes, very important recreational and sport use for the local community. |







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| **Site name and/or address** | **Totton and Eling Cricket Club** |
| **Is the site allocated for development or subject of planning permission?** | No |
| **Is the site already protected from development?** | No |
| **Is the site reasonable proximity to the community it serves?** | Yes, local houses directly overlook the space |
| **Is the site local in character? Or is the site an extensive tract of land?** | The site is managed by a private company as an important opportunity for local people to take part in quality amateur and semi-professional sport. |
| **Is the site demonstrably special to the community it serves or of particular importance?** | The cricket ground is very important to many of the local residents of all ages who play cricket, watch cricket and make use of the club house. The green can be used for other sports but tends to be kept for cricket in order to provide a good quality pitch. |
| **Recommended for Designation?** | Yes, Local Green Space |



