

Site Details (complete this form for each site to be proposed for designation)

Local Green Space Assessment for: West Marina Station Cliffs and Sidings	
Date of assessment: Desk based assessment 27.12.24 plus visits 2025	
Assessors: Jim Boot, Community Planner, Anna Sabin, WA	
Site Name and Address (location)	Grid Ref:
West Marina Station Cliffs and Sidings	TQ 78734 08970
Site owner (if known)	Hastings Borough Council
Have they been informed / discussed?	If yes date:
No	
Description and purpose / current use	
Wild mainly wooded/scrubby collapsed cliff and undercliff area with Railway Cottages and homes off St Saviours Road along the cliff top and a flat wedge of land from the foot of the cliff to the railway line - where the West Marina Station platform for trains from Brighton and train sheds used to be. According to the Local Wildlife Site Citations by SWT 2020: "Significant mosaic of woodland, scrub, tall herb and exposed sandstone cliff." There is no public access to this land.	
Statutory designations (eg SSSI¹)	Other designations (eg LNR²)
Close to but just outside the Grosvenor Gardens Conservation Area.	Local Wildlife Site West St Leonards Railway Embankments
Site allocations in Local Plan	
Site included in allocation	
Planning permission	
None current or likely owing to being amenity land and within the conservation area.	
Access & proximity including how close to the community it serves (in meters)	
Adjoining housing to the north and railway siding to the south.	
List any public rights of way to or across the site:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harley Shute Walk to the east of the site 	

¹ Site of Special Scientific Interest

² Local Nature Reserve

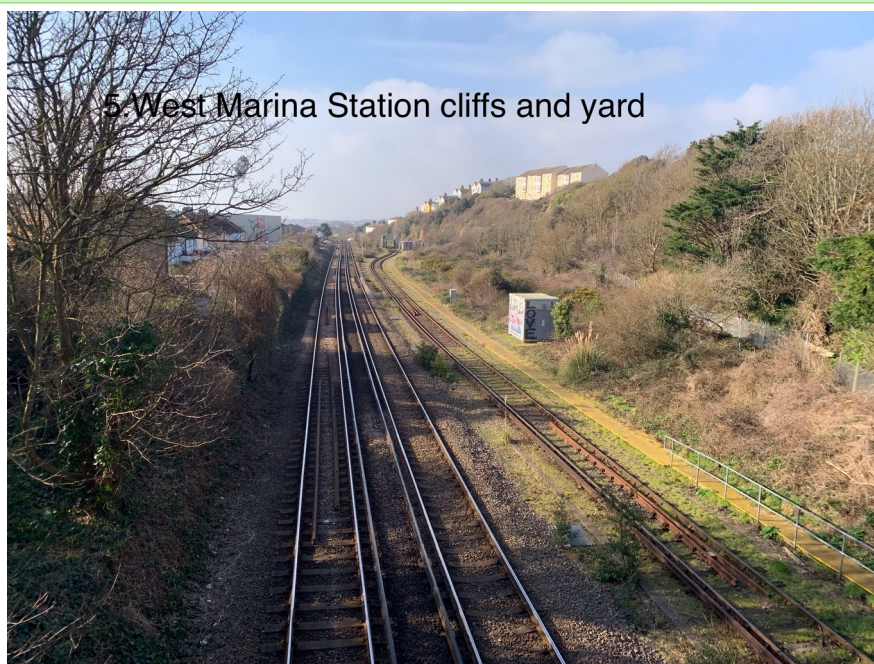
Which of the following criteria does it meet?	Fully / Partially / Not (if F or P provide details)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beauty 	Partially – adds green note to otherwise densely developed area.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historic significance / heritage 	Partially – part of the historical cliff and former West Marina Station
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreational value 	None
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tranquillity 	Partially – no public access
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wildlife 	Fully – an overgrown cliff top and undercliffe.

Local in character – how would you describe for this statement?

This flat wedge of land between the cliff and the line to Brighton is the site of the demolished, and potential new, West Marina station to connect West St. Leonards to Bexhill, Eastbourne and Brighton - and Glyne Gap, the missing next stop westwards. Wildlife living on the cliff and cliff base would be unaffected by a train stop here but it would greatly help local people switch from mobility by car to mobility by train, walking and cycling.

Area (in hectares)	1.08ha
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Photograph – West Marina Station – Cliffs and yard



Aerial photo map or plan showing accurate boundary of site.



Adapted from Locality Local Green Spaces, 2019:

<https://neighbourhoodplanning.org/toolkits-and-guidance/making-local-green-space-designations-neighbourhood-plan/>