

## WSLNF – Proposed green sites – The Gap, West Hill – No 08


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

Local Green Space Assessment for: Grosvenor Gardens	
Date of assessment: 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	
Assessors: William Ackroyd, Anna Sabin (WSLNF), Jim Boot, Community Planner	
Site Name and Address (location)	Grid Ref:
The Gap, West Hill	TQ 79297 08875
Site owner (if known)	Hastings Borough Council
Have they been informed / discussed? No	If yes date:
Description and purpose / current use	
Informal recreation space, memorial bench, kick about area and scrub / bramble area on cliff top giving 180 <sup>o</sup> views of sea and coastline as far as Beachy Head.	
Statutory designations (eg SSSI <sup>1</sup> )	Other designations (eg LNR <sup>2</sup> )
	Informal open space within Grosvenor Gardens Conservation Area
Site allocations in Local Plan	
No	
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)	
A beauty spot overlooking the sea with a memorial bench and stunning views. Abutted by Victorian semi-detached town houses to the north and the large gardens of two smaller Victorian homes to east and west.	
List any public rights of way to or across the site: Sussex Steps (currently blocked, but should be reopened) to the east – HAS/83/1	

<sup>1</sup> Site of Special Scientific Interest

<sup>2</sup> Local Nature Reserve

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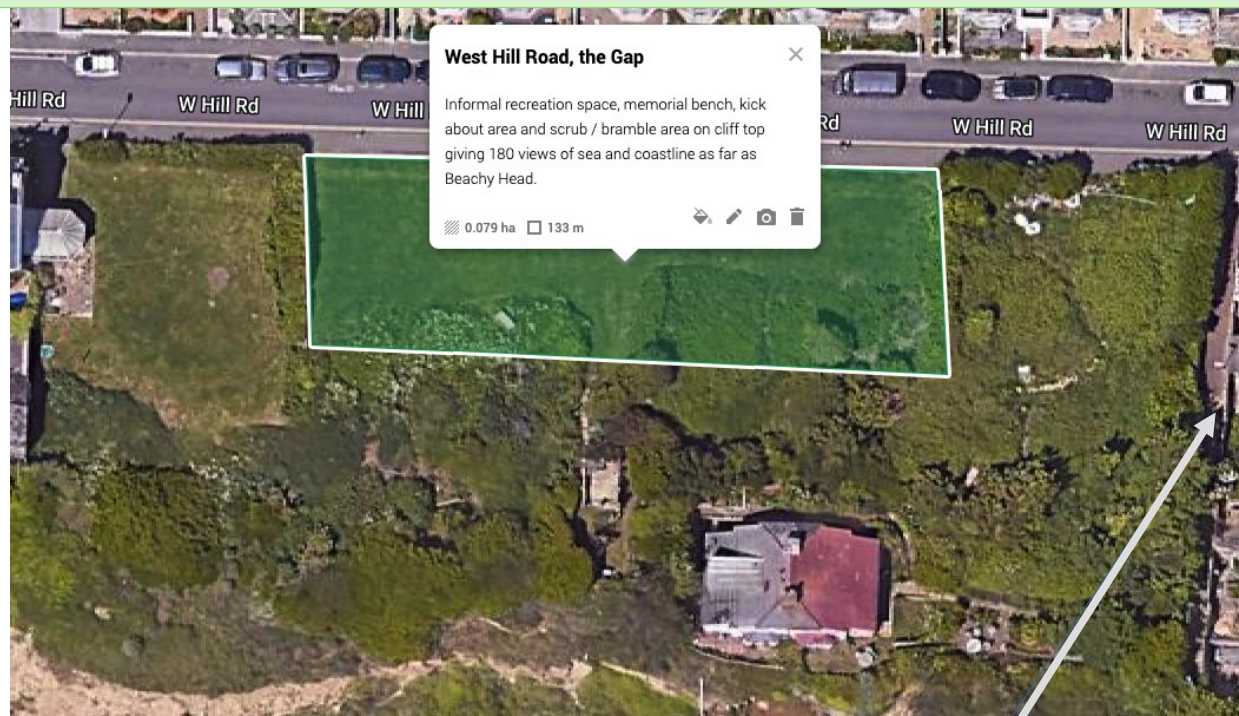
<b>Which of the following criteria does it meet?</b>	<u>F</u> ully / <u>P</u> artially / <u>N</u> ot (if <u>F</u> or <u>P</u> provide details)
• <b>Beauty</b>	Fully – beautiful view point in Conservation Area
• <b>Historic significance / heritage</b>	Fully – wholly included in the Conservation Area
• <b>Recreational value</b>	Fully – informal football games and kite flying
• <b>Tranquillity</b>	Fully – a quiet spot to enjoy views of the sea
• <b>Wildlife</b>	Fully – sits atop an overgrown cliff top which extends to the east and west of the site.
<b>Local in character – how would you describe for this statement?</b>	
Popular with local residents after work and at weekends.	
<b>Area (in hectares)</b>	0.079 ha
<b>Photograph</b>	
	<b>Left – looking north over West Hill</b>

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looking south towards Beachy Head



Aerial photo map or plan showing accurate boundary of site.



Sussex Steps

Adapted from Locality Local Green Spaces, 2019:

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