

WSLNF – Proposed green sites – Newts Way Play area – No 19

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

| Local Green Space Assessment for: Dog Kennel Wood | |
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| Date of assessment: Desk based assessment 17 th February 2025 | |
| Assessors: Anna Sabin, Chair and Jim Boot, Community Planner | |
| Site Name and Address (location) | Grid Ref: |
| Newts Way Play area | TQ 78279 10221 |
| Site owner (if known) | Hastings Borough Council |
| Have they been informed / discussed? No | If yes date: |
| Description and purpose / current use | |
| <p>Just across the road from the southern end of Porters Grove Wood, a well kept and fenced playground with grass and a bark deck for the climbing frame and a lovely big old beach tree by the entrance.</p> <p>A small fragment of ancient woodland separated by the railway from Marsh Wood, with homes on two sides and a stream running through it from the nearby Porters Grove Wood. A small play area.</p> | |
| Statutory designations (eg SSSI¹) | Other designations (eg LNR²) |
| Close to Coombe Haven SSSI. | Close to Filsham Reedbed LNR |
| Site allocations in Local Plan | |
| None | |
| Planning permission | |
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| Access & proximity including how close to the community it serves (in meters) | |
| Popular wooded green space and play area serving local homes. At the end of the to be reinstated Porters Wood Path. | |
| List any public rights of way to or across the site: | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No public rights of way but open access with a tarmac footpath running from Newts Way to the play area. | |

¹ Site of Special Scientific Interest

² Local Nature Reserve

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| Which of the following criteria does it meet? | Fully / Partially / Not (if F or P provide details) |
| • Beauty | Fully – attractive woodland area |
| • Historic significance / heritage | Not known |
| • Recreational value | Fully – play area and climbing trees |
| • Tranquillity | Partially – a quiet haven amongst a built up area – with a railway on the western side |
| • Wildlife | Fully – woodland |
| Local in character – how would you describe for this statement? | |
| Area (in hectares) | 0.264 ha |

Photograph

Newts Way Play ground



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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/>