LOCAL GREEN SPACE - LARGE SCALE MAPS

1. Land south of Westergate House

This wooded area is opened for public access by the owner for all but two weeks of the year and is much enjoyed by residents for its tranquility, range of plants and wildlife. It is heavily wooded which is quite unusual in the parish. There is an area of traditional orchard abutting the main area. The land parcels are clearly shown on the 1840 Tythe Map.

4.54ha

Links into the Biodiversity Corridor. NPPF Assessment : 1,2,4,6,7,8

2. Coppice east of Hales Barn Farm

This small coppice, subject to a Tree Preservation Order, has a public footpath running through it and is a small area of tranquility where bird and other wildlife is observed as it is the only wooded area on that stretch of public footpath.

1.34ha

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3. Limmer Pond, Church Road

Small pond at the edge of Church Road, surrounded by trees, fed by chalk streams and a haven for insects and wildlife. Site lies close to the hamlet of Aldingbourne and housing in Norton Lane and Nyton Road. It is referenced in local histories of the parish as a site used for the watering of cattle. It is maintained by the Parish Council with work carried out by volunteers.

0.11ha

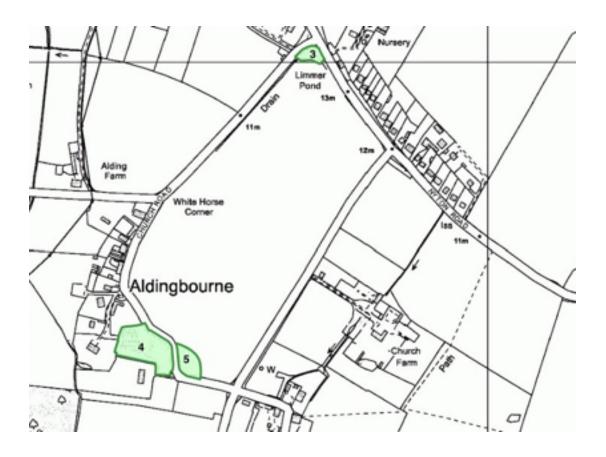
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4/5. St Mary's Church Yard and extension, Church Lane

Grave yard to the Grade 1 Listed Building, St Mary's Church. The location in the small hamlet of Aldingbourne, surrounded by fields and set amongst trees give this church yard a tranquil and calm feel. It is a haven for wildlife. Contains the parish War Memorial.

0.82ha

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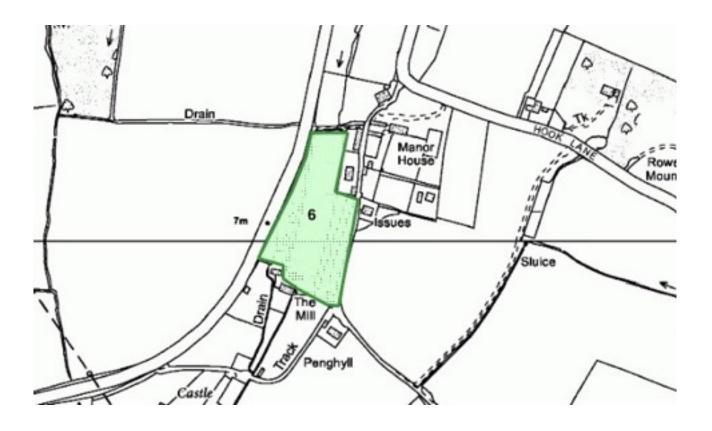
6. The Mill , Oving Road

Pond and small wooded area bounded by public rights of way. Tranquil area which is an important wildlife site, being the largest body of open water in the parish with a wide range of insects, birds and amphibians. The area is part of the proposed new Conservation Area. The pond was mentioned in the Doomsday book. The land is 200 metres away for the former Bishop's Palace. The pond is fed by three chalk streams.

1.72ha

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NPPF Assessment : 1,2,3,4,6,7,8



7. Aldingbourne Sports and Community Centre, Westergate Street

Community public sports field owned by Aldingbourne Parish Council and leased to a local charitable trust established for recreational purposes. Used by residents for Barnham Trojans Football Club (serving approximately 110 young footballers from 4 parishes), Aldingbourne Tennis Club, Bowling Club, Small Bore Rifle Club, Bognor Regis Model Railway Club and other sports and leisure purposes such as fetes, dog walking. Contains public playground for children. Bounded on three sides by mature tree lines and hedges and a chalk stream which forms part of the biodiversity corridor.

5.16ha

The land parcels are clearly shown on the 1840 Tythe Map. NPPF Assessment : 1,5,8

8. Aldingbourne Primary School, Westergate Street

School playing field primarily for school usage as part of its sport and health awareness and activity programmes. The field is bounded by hedges and trees and is a focus for village gatherings to do with the school. This field is owned by WSCC.

0.79ha

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9. Aldingbourne Methodist Church, Westergate Street

Area of grass behind the church used for social events connected with the church and by the wide variety of groups using the church hall, including guides, mother and toddler group, community cafe, fundraising. Also used as a quiet place for reflection, particularly important for funerals and other church use and much valued by the church community. This Methodist Church serves 3 parishes.

0.14ha

The land parcels are clearly shown on the 1840 Tythe Map.

NPPF Assessment : 1,2,3,4,6,7,8



(Note for Examiner : The gates to the field are kept locked due to issues with parking. The field gate is open when the church is in use which is most days.)

10. Lime Avenue Playground

Public playground much used by residents for children's play and recreation, in close proximity to housing enabling ease of parental supervision. Serves a large development close to Ormiston Academy occupied by many families with children, who would otherwise have to cross busy A29 to reach Aldingbourne Community Sports Centre for play facilities

0.19ha

NPPF Assessment : 1,2,5,8

11. Ormiston Academy School Playing Fields

School playing field primarily for school usage as part of its sport and health awareness and activity programmes. This field is owned by WSCC. Links into the Biodiversity Corridor.

4.18ha

The land parcels are clearly shown on the 1840 Tythe Map. NPPF Assessment : 1,5,8

12. Land east of Ivy Lane

Area of land on the village edge bounded by public rights of way and used for allotments. Used by residents for 70 years for dog walking, children's informal play and as a tranquil walking area to view bird and other wildlife. Links into the Biodiversity Corridor.

1.17ha

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(Examiner determined that the land to the south should be allocated as Local Open Space. The Parish contests this. If one piece of the land meets the NPPF criteria, it all does. It is all in close proximity, demonstrably special, historically significant, of good and proven recreational value, tranquil, rich in wildlife and local in character). The plans to develop the land to the east actually show this land as green open space within the proposed new development.

