

## Is the area demonstrably special to the local community?

### Supplementary Detail

Area name: Hurst Meadow and Hurst Park Open Space

Settlement: East & West Molesey

Area reference: 67

Area size: 27.34Ha

Description: A large open space with residential land to the west, east and south with the River Thames adjacent to its northern boundary. To the south it is bounded by Hurst Road (A3050).

Identified in the Open Space and Recreation Assessment 2014: Natural Green Space and Children's Play Area (also designated as Strategic Urban Open Land in the Replacement Elmbridge Local Plan 2000).

### Beauty

Visual attractiveness	✓
Contribution to the townscape	✓
Contribution to the landscape	✓
Contribution to the character and/or setting of the settlement including views to and from the settlement	✓
Contribute to local identity and character	✓
Contribute to sense of place	✓

Score: 5

This area is an attractive and valuable asset to the Borough containing natural and semi natural areas. It is considered that this piece of land satisfies all of the above criteria as it helps form the outlook for the urban area to the south, forms part of the wider Thames landscape to the north and provides the setting for the settlement and characterises the buffer between Molesey and London to the north.

### Historic significance

Has significant recorded / demonstrable local historical value / provides the setting for a locally listed building.	
Provides the setting for at least one statutory historical designation (this includes Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, Scheduled Ancient Monuments and Areas of High Archaeological Potential).	✓

Score: 5

The area forms part of the setting for the East Molesey Kent Town Conservation Area, the grade II Listed St Paul's Church as well as the Molesey Boat Club and the Gates to former Hurst Park Race Course locally Listed Buildings.

### Recreational value

Suitable for a variety of recreation?	✓
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Score: 5

The entire area is not a formalised recreation ground however it does offer opportunities for informal recreational activities including dog walking, picnics, football, cycling jogging and walking in addition to the various fitness machines spread throughout the site, a basketball court, cricket pitch and a play area.

### Tranquillity

Is the area visually and audibly tranquil?	X
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Score: 1

Although the area is large and is in close proximity to the River Thames to the north, traffic noise is prominent across the site from the south towards Hurst Road, and does not decrease significantly across the site.

### Richness of wildlife

Contains one notable habitat.	
Contains two notable habitats.	
Contains three or more notable habitats.	
Contains / is within a locally designated area of wildlife value.	✓
Contains / is within an internationally / nationally / regionally designated area of wildlife value.	

Score: 4

The site contains meadows.

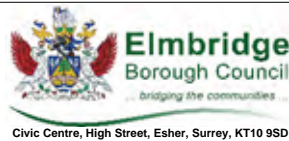
## Potential Local Green Space area



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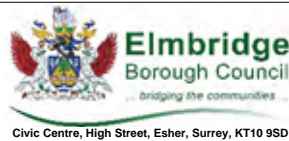
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