

**LOCAL GREEN SPACE - ASSESSMENT FORM****Space Detail**

Code	Criteria	Space Details
SD1	Name of the Space	N03 Springhead, Mill Street, Fontmell Magna. SP7 0NU
SD2	Space description	Historical mill site combined with natural spring-fed lake and romantic 20th Century landscaping features. Created as Educational Trust in 1973 by Gardiner family, promoting sustainable living, organic gardening, the performing arts and environmental education for school children.
SD3	Has a map of the space been provided?	Yes
SD4	Was the space proposed as a result of the questionnaire or consultation process?	Questionnaire

**Local Green Space Criteria**

Code	Criteria	Explanation/Policy prompt
1.1	Land is not subject of planning permission for development	No Planning Applications for Development on site extant.
1.2	Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan	No proposal from either
1.3	The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character	Space lies in a valley between Fontmell Down and the village, bordered by hedges all round. It is within easy walking distance of the centre of the village and provides a pedestrian link to the Down. Springhead Trust provides a host of public events throughout the year, which are much valued in the village.
1.4	The space is in close proximity of the community it serves	Space is close to the centre of the village with ample parking for visitors.
1.5	The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance	Space is the single most outstanding feature in the Parish, having a stream, a lake, a beautiful and extensive garden and listed buildings dating back to before the dissolution of the monasteries. Friends of Springhead support the work of the Trust

**Demonstrably special to a Community**

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2.1	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty	It has great natural beauty which has been skilfully enhanced by years of care from generations of owners. The lake feeds Collyers Brook with clear chalk spring water which flows through the village.
2.2	The proposed space is of particular local historic significance	The site is of significant historical value lying within a Conservation Area, as detailed above.
2.3	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value	The site is frequently open to the public for garden, literary, musical, artistic and educational events.
2.4	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquility	By its very nature, the site is extremely tranquil, offering beautiful walks by the lake, well away from the main road.
2.5	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife	Site is home to a wide variety of aquatic bird species. Otters are known to frequent the brook. The space acts as a wildlife corridor leading to Fontmell Down.
2.6	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of another reason not covered by criteria 2.1 - 2.5	Mill race has a hydro-turbine installed to drive a generator, stimulating much local interest.

**Conclusion of Assessment**

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CA1	Have all the Local Green Space criteria (in Table 1) been met?	Yes.
	Why is the area considered to be demonstrably special to the local community?	Historical and cultural value as described above.
CA2	Is the space suitable as a Local Green Space?	Yes
CA3	Landowner Details	Springhead Trust, [REDACTED]
CA4	Has the landowner been informed at an early stage about the proposal to designate any part of their land?	Yes
	Response?	Dear Robin and Dick,

I am writing on behalf of Springhead to say that we are pleased that a proportion of our land has been designated a 'green open space' for the village. We feel that the 'village plan' is an important document for Fontmell Magna helping identify appropriate and inappropriate development in the years ahead.

Thank you for all your hard work and we would like to reiterate that Springhead offers its full support of the Village Plan.

Best

Eddie

Edward Parker  
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The Springhead Trust.