

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

Code	Criteria	Space Details
SD1	Name of the Space	N04 Gossip Tree triangle, Church Street, Fontmell Magna
SD2	Space description	Historical meeting place on the site of a preaching cross and a 250 year old elm in centre of village.
SD3	Has a map of the space been provided?	Yes
SD4	Was the space proposed from the questionnaire or consultation process?	Consultation

**Local Green Space Criteria**

Code	Criteria	Explanation/Policy prompt
1.1	Land is not subject of planning permission for development	No planning consent or application extant
1.2	Space is not allocated or proposed for development in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan	Not planned for development in Local or Neighbourhood Plans
1.3	The space is not an extensive tract of land and is local in character	Site forms a triangle at the meeting of West Street and Church Street. Its area is less than 20 square yards and it is an attractive, historic, well-known landmark.
1.4	The space is in close proximity of the community it serves	Site lies at the heart of the village.
1.5	The space is demonstrably special to the local community and holds particular local significance	Historically of great significance to the village as the site of the original preaching cross. Following the Reformation it became a well-used meeting place. A replacement tree for the elm has been planted and is now more than 40 years old.

**Demonstrably special to a Community**

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2.1	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its beauty	The site is home to a specimen Lime tree in the centre of the village lying within a Conservation Area
2.2	The proposed space is of particular local historic significance	The original 250 year old Elm tree was replaced by the present Lime in 1976 - the tradition goes on. The tree stands in front of Gossips Tree Cottage, one of the oldest properties in the village.
2.3	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its recreational value	
2.4	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its tranquility	
2.5	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife	
2.6	The proposed space is of particular local significance because of another reason not covered by criteria 2.1 - 2.5	The triangle and the tree form an attractive setting for the adjacent listed buildings.

**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?	The Gossip Tree is special because of its historical significance.
CA2	Is the space suitable as a Local Green Space?	Yes
CA3	Landowner Details	Fontmell Magna Parish Council
CA4	Has the landowner been informed at an early stage about the proposal to designate any part of their land?	Yes
	Response?	None