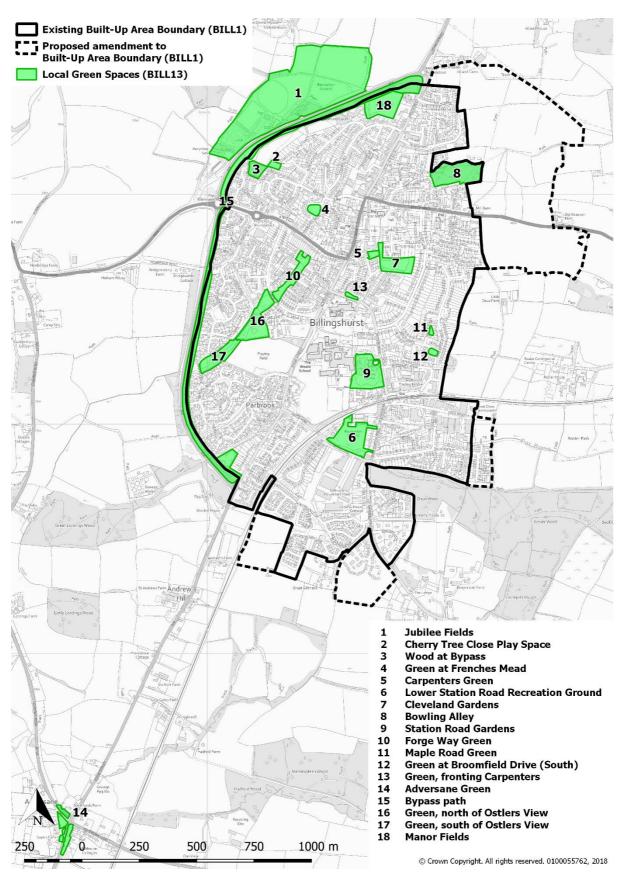
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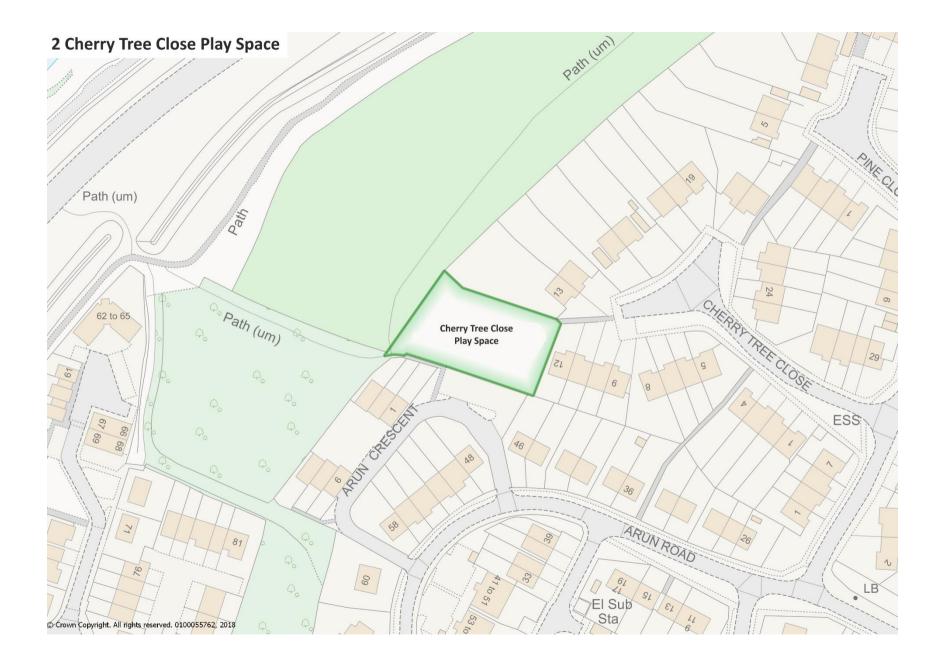
LOCAL GREEN SPACES - JUSTIFICATION



Name and Location ref	Description/Purpose	Quality of Facility
1. Jubilee Fields Location ref: RH14 9HZ	Large open space hosting ground of BFC, other marked and unmarked football pitches including junior and senior cricket pitch, Trim Trail (incl. exercise stations), fishing lake and skate park. The space is supported by a car park and clubhouse comprising a function room and changing rooms. It is also well used as an informal dog-walking area.	Well-maintained
Photograph:	Owner - BPC	
Any statutory designations	Site allocations	Planning permissions
None	No	No
NPPF Criteria		
Close to the Community	Demonstrably special to the local community?	Local in character / not extensive tract of land
Other side of bypass to village although well-served by foot/cycle bridge.	Only outdoor public sports area in the village. Serves a multitude of interests and ages. Hosts annual village firework display and other community events such as Fun Days etc.	Yes



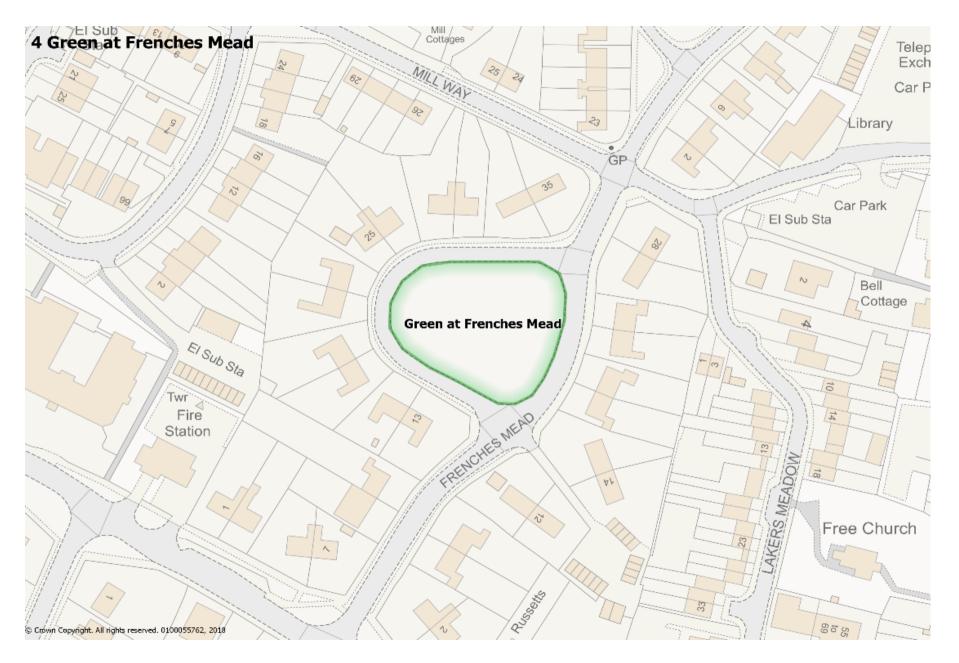
Name and Location ref	Description/Purpose	Quality of Facility
2. Cherry Tree Close Play Space Location ref: RH14 9GP	Children's play area including basket swing, climbing frame and small goal unit.	Well maintained / recently refurbished.
Photograph:		
Any statutory designations	Site allocations	Planning permissions
None	No	No
NPPF Criteria		
Close to the Community	Demonstrably special to the local community?	Local in character / not extensive tract of land
Within residential area.	Very popular and well-used facility serving a wide area including many young families.	Yes



Name and Location ref	Description/Purpose	Quality of Facility
3. Wood at Bypass Location ref: N/k	Informal woodland, bordering by-pass path. Provides access to play area for adjoining housing areas as well as informal play in itself.	Average
Photograph:		
Any statutory designations	Site allocations	Planning permissions
None	No	No
NPPF Criteria		
Close to the Community	Demonstrably special to the local community?	Local in character / not extensive tract of land
Yes	Access to woodland in a residential area is quite rare and the local community, with easy access to it, use the space regularly for countryside walks and dog walking. It enables children to enjoy creative play, as opposed to formality of a play area.	Yes



Name and Location ref	Description/Purpose	Quality of Facility
 Green at Frenches Mead Location ref: Frenches Mead Billingshurst RH14 9LF Photograph: 	Circular amenity space in centre of residential area. Grass plus a few trees. Used for informal recreation by local residents.	Average
Any statutory designations	Site allocations	Planning permissions
None	No	No
NPPF Criteria		
Close to the Community	Demonstrably special to the local community?	Local in character / not extensive tract of land
Centre-piece of development.	Helps define and give character to an otherwise ordinary residential area. Allows children to play outside their houses with other children and strengthen the cohesion of the neighbourhood. In this respect it is well used and well valued by the local residents.	Yes



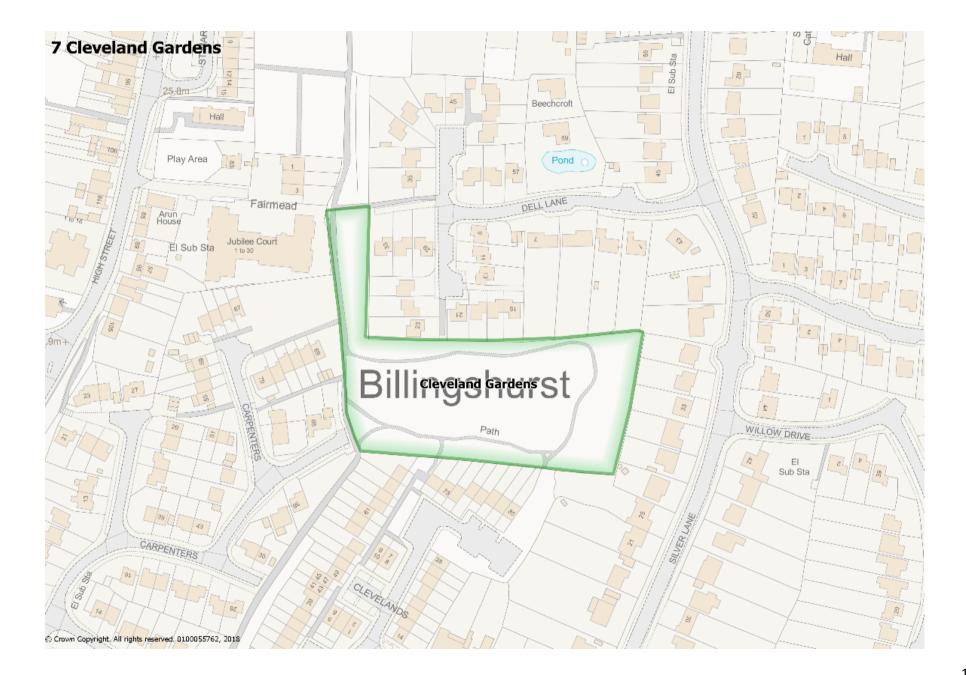
Name and Location ref	Description/Purpose	Quality of Facility
 5. Carpenters Green Location ref: Carpenters Billingshurst RH14 9RA Photograph: 	Amenity space in residential area.	Good
Any statutory designations	Site allocations	Planning permissions
None	No	No
NPPF Criteria		
Close to the Community	Demonstrably special to the local community?	Local in character / not extensive tract of land
Very	It is overlooked by local houses, providing an attractive vista to an otherwise typical built-up area. It is also well used by local children for informal play which helps to strengthen the cohesion of the local community.	Yes



Name and Location ref	Description/Purpose	Quality of Facility
 6. Lower Station Road Recreation Ground Location ref: RH14 9EZ Photograph: 	Recreation Ground. Used for informal sports and large village events. Hosts children's play area, skate park basketball net and benches. Home to a tennis club, scout hut and a pre-school. A stream (Parbrook) runs along southern boundary.	Very good. Skate and play kit recently refurbished.
Any statutory designations	Site allocations	Planning permissions
None	No	No
NPPF Criteria		
Close to the Community	Demonstrably special to the local community?	Local in character / not extensive tract of land
Yes, in residential area.	It is home to a number of key village events and activities. Parbrook is a well-liked local feature.	Yes



Name and Location ref	Description/Purpose	Quality of Facility
7. Cleveland Gardens Location ref: RH14 9RA Photograph:	Informal sloping open space with benches, grass and woodland area. Slopes used for sledging. Surrounded by large trees, shrubs and hedging, this area together with the Churchyard, Church Path and Carpenters Green forms an important wildlife corridor in an	Good
	urban area.	
Any statutory designations	Site allocations	Planning permissions
None	No	No
NPPF Criteria		
Close to the Community	Demonstrably special to the local community?	Local in character / not extensive tract of land
Yes, centre of several local housing developments.	This is one of a few sizeable open spaces in the area. It is highly valued by dog-walkers as a high quality open space.	Yes



Name and Location ref	Description/Purpose	Quality of Facility
8. Bowling Alley Location ref: RH14 9EJ Photograph:	Informal undulating woodland criss-crossed by official and permissive footpaths.	Due to be improved by new management company.
Any statutory designations	Site allocations	Planning permissions
None	No	No
NPPF Criteria		
Close to the Community	Demonstrably special to the local community?	Local in character / not extensive tract of land
Yes. Surrounded by existing housing and housing under construction.	The space performs an important function of providing a green lung between two residential areas in the north-east of the village that would otherwise run into one another. It is one of the few remaining densely wooded areas in Billingshurst which people can easily access for walking and recreation. It is a well established location for local residents to go sledging in winter.	Yes



Name and Location ref	Description/Purpose	Quality of Facility
9. Station Road Gardens Location ref: RH14 9RS Photograph:	Formal open space and public gardens. Grass, trees, shrubs and benches (many dedicated) with some formal planting. It also has a sensory garden.	Very well maintained, denoted by Regional In Bloom awards.
	It has two plays areas, one for toddlers and one for older children, a MUGA and a youth shelter.	
	It also has a small allotment area used by local schoolchildren. Hosts some smaller village events.	
Any statutory designations	Site allocations	Planning permissions
None	No	No
NPPF Criteria		
Close to the Community	Demonstrably special to the local community?	Local in character / not extensive tract of land
Yes.	Its location in the heart of community (adjacent to Leisure Centre, Secondary School, Family Centre and Bowling Club) means it is a green 'lung' for Billingshurst that is well located for enjoyment by local residents. For this reason it is well used. Much of the maintenance is undertaken by volunteers.	Yes.