

Appendix 3 –Valuable Habitats & Sites of Nature Conservation Value

CATERHAM HARESTONE

Total area –462.40 ha.

Within the Green Belt –352.43 ha = 76.22%

Urban –109.97 ha = 23.78%

View Point on the southern boundary is in the [Surrey Hills ANOB](#) (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty), as is Fosterdown Wood. Beech Farm Fields in the SW corner are also in the [AONB](#). View Point overlooks the wider expanse of the [ANOB](#) to the south. The east of the ward overlooks Tillingdown Farm also in the [AONB](#).

High Pastures also on the southern boundary is part of the [Quarry Hangers SSSI](#) (Site of Special Scientific Interest).

Woodland –ASNW (Ancient Semi-natural woodland known to exist before AD 1600, which has developed a valuable range of species that has developed over the centuries)

- ☐ Old Park –Old Park Wood (Abbots Wood), TQ335536, c.22 ha. Private. ASNW. In Gravelly Hill pSNCI (potential Site of Nature Conservation Interest) and in AGLV (Area of Great Landscape value)
- ☐ Old Park - Ten Acre Shaw (Cassocks Wood), TQ340536, c.4 ha. Private. ASNW. In Gravelly Hill pSNCI. AGLV.
- ☐ Tupwood Scrubs, TQ342534, c.4 ha. Common. ASNW. SNCI.
- ☐ Eight Acre Shaw, TQ345542, 2.5 ha. Private ASNW. SNCI.
- ☐ Fosterdown Wood, TQ 345533, c.14 ha. Public open space. AONB. ASNW. SNCI.
- ☐ Winders Hill TQ354536. Private. AONB. pSNCI.

Woodland –the vegetation suggests that they are ASNWs, but they are small areas and not listed as such. Nevertheless they are valued habitats.

- ☐ Markfield Wood, TQ344544 10 ha –small section is within White Knobs Recreation Ground and is ASNW. Private, but openly accessible. In the Valley pSNCI

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- Ockley Wood, TQ353539, 1 ha. Private.
- Paddock Wood, TQ354543, 1 ha. Private. pSNCI.
- Upwood Gorse estate, TQ342541. Private.

Secondary Woodland - Woodland that has developed in comparatively recent time, but provide valuable habitat for a number of species of plants, birds, mammals and insects.

- Aldercombe Lane, TQ329539, c. 2 ha. Private. In White Hill pSNCI
- Beechhanger, TQ331542, 2 ha. Private.
- Weald Way, Woodland Way, TQ332536. Private? In White Hill pSNCI

Chalk Downland (High value rare habitat –97% nationally destroyed since WW2)

- High Pastures, TQ327535, c.3 ha. Private. SSSI. AONB.
- White Knobs slopes, TQ343547. Public open space. In the Valley pSNCI.
- Old Park –Vipers Hollow TQ336535, 16 ha –until recent years this was top quality chalk downland, but with complete lack of management is now secondary woodland. Private. In Gravelly Hill pSNCI. AGLV.
- Field between Godstone Road and the Bypass, TQ345551. Owned by Croudace. AGLV.
- Chalet Field, TQ348541. Private. SNCI.
- Foxborrow Fields TQ338541. Private. SNCI
- View Point TQ342533. Public open space
- View Point Quarries –chalk habitat in quarries until recent times. Privately owned. In Gravelly Hill pSNCI. AONB.
- Beech Farm Fields, TQ330538, c.2.5 ha. Nature reserve owned by residents. In Whitehill pSNCI
- Church Hill Open Space, TQ337552. Public open space.
- St John's churchyard, TQ342553. Free access.
- War Coppice House Field. TQ330533 Private. pSNCI. AONB.

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- ☐ Godstone Road Field, east of Bypass TQ349544 pSNCl. AONB.

Views

- ☐ View Point > to the South
- ☐ War Coppice Road > to both north and south
- ☐ Tupwood Lane > across valley to AONB
- ☐ Harestone Valley Road > woodland views along hilltops
- ☐ Church Hill > along Harestone Valley to Old Park.

Open Vistas/spaces

- ☐ Tillingdown Farm. Private
- ☐ Aldercombe Farm Fields. Private. In Whitehill SNCl
- ☐ Timber Hill. Public open space.
- ☐ St John's School playing fields. Private.
- ☐ Caterham School playing fields. Private.
- ☐ Fields south of Caterham School. Private.
- ☐ Congregational church grounds. Freely accessible.

CATERHAM VALLEY

Total Area 126.65 ha.


Within Green Belt 46.66 ha = 36.85%

Urban 79.98 ha = 63.15%


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The Tillingdown hilltop lies in the Surrey Hills AONB (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) and the ward adjoins the Surrey Hills AONB all along its eastern boundary.


ASNW - Ancient semi-natural woodland

 Tillingdown Hill Playground, TQ344562 c.1 ha. Small wood adjoining playground. Private ASNW

Woodland –the vegetation suggests that they may be Ancient Semi-Natural Woodlands, but they are small areas and not listed as such. Nevertheless they are valued habitats

 Tillingdown Hill Bridleway, TQ346560, 0.5 ha. Public access


 Essendene Woods –small section –c.TQ338560. c.0.5 ha. Private. Valuable wildlife corridor.

 Valley Hilltop Hedgerow bank, running north to south through various Private grounds, alongside Roman Road. Valuable wildlife corridor.

Secondary Woodland - Woodland that has developed in comparatively recent time, but it provides valuable habitat for a number of species of plants, birds, mammals and insects.

 Bypass Shaw, TQ345555, c.1 ha. Public access. Also provides valuable buffer from transport pollution of A22

Views

 Hillside views > along Stafford Road

 Views > over Manor Park from Burntwood Lane

 Views > over Whyteleafe/Warlingham/Woldingham from Burntwood Lane

Open Vistas/Spaces

- ☐ Tillingdown Hill Recreation Ground (Roman Road). Public open space
- ☐ Marden Lodge School playing fields. Private
- ☐ Croydon Road Recreation Ground. Public open space.
- ☐ Stoney Hill West –the unmanaged area at the end of Greenhill Avenue, c.6 ha. Private AONB. pSNCI (Potential Site of Nature Conservation Interest).
- ☐ Fields between Tillingdown Hill and the bypass TQ347567, c. 7 ha. Managed as hay meadows? Private but no restriction to access. In the Surrey Hills AONB
- ☐ Tillingdown Hilltop, TQ344561, c.2 ha. Managed in recent years for the public. In the Surrey Hills AONB.
- ☐ Tillingdown Farmland, TQ345559, c 8ha. Managed as arable in living memory, but now unmanaged and no restriction on access. Would be a very suitable location for a country park. In the Surrey Hills AONB.
- ☐ Tillingdown Reservoir TQ344556. Fenced and close-mown. Private. In the Surrey Hills AONB.

WHYTELEAFE

Total area 217.42 ha

Within Green Belt 124.34 ha = 57.19%

Urban 93.08 ha =42.81%

The southern tip overlooks the Surrey Hills AONB (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty).

Abuts Kenley Common on its western heights, which is owned by the City of London and has Croydon open spaces adjoining to the north.

Riddlesdown Chalkpit is a valuable site immediately to the north.

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The only **waterway** to be found in the CR3 area is the Bourne, which flows, tradition says, every seven years from the Woldingham viaduct to the north along the Caterham Valley at Whyteleafe. It last produced a serious amount of water in 2000 and created mayhem.

Woodland –ASNWs - Ancient Semi-natural woodland known to exist before AD 1600, they have developed a valuable range of species that has developed over the centuries.

- ☐ Manor Park hanger. Public open space. ASNW. SNCI (Site of Nature Conservation interest).
- ☐ Portley Wood, 4 sections. Private. ASNW. pSNCI (potential SNCI)
- ☐ Blize Wood. Private ASNW. pSNCI.
- ☐ Torwood Lane. Private.
- ☐ Coxes Wood, part. Private.

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- ☐ Church Road woodland. Private.
- ☐ Whyteleafe Hill woodland. Private. Part of the Blize Wood SNCI.

Secondary Woodland –new woodland gives a fine green canopy to the north of Godstone Road.

Chalk Downland (High value rare habitat –97% nationally destroyed since WW2)

- ☐ Manor Park, Burntwood Lane, c.22 ha –a former golf course that has a very fine chalk flora. It is now a nature reserve, part managed by the Downland. Countryside Management team. There is a fine cedar tree. Public open space. SNCI.
- ☐ Whyteleafe Recreation Ground, Hillbury Road, c. 6 ha. has a steep chalk bank with a very good flora. Public open space. SNCI.
- ☐ Joysons Hill pSNCI

Views

- ☐ Fine views > across Caterham Valley from Manor Park

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- Fine views > northwards along Caterham Valley from Westhall Road.
- Grazing fields between Church Road and Salmons Lane give an attractive rural aspect.
- There are fine rural views > along Woldingham Road across hedged fields.

Open Vistas/Spaces

- St Luke's churchyard has a good flora. Freely accessible.

PORTLEY

Total area 126.91 ha

Within Green Belt 38.71 ha = 30.52%

Urban 88.17 ha = 69.48%

Portley abuts Coulsdon Common, owned by the City of London, and Kenley Common/Airfield to the north, which is still an active airfield, with wide open spaces.

Coxes Wood –a small section of Coxes Wood is designated ASNW (Ancient Semi-natural Woodland –valuable woodland with a wide range of species) but the wood covers c.6 ha in all on the slopes above Whyteleafe Hill

Open Vistas/Spaces

- Kenley Airfield fields surrounding remaining buildings.
- Salmons Green, c. 1 ha. Public open space.
- St Francis School fields. Private
- Sunnydown School fields. Private

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WESTWAY

Total area 83.82 ha


Within Green Belt 15.27 ha = 18.23%

Urban 68.54 ha = 81.77%

Westway overlooks Coulsdon Common to the north AGLV (Area of Great Landscape Value) and Surrey National Golf Course to the west.


North of Magazine Road is within the Dene Fields pSNCI (potential Site of Nature Conservation Interest).

Open Vistas/Spaces

 Westway Common. Common.

 Adjoining allotment area. Private.

 Caterham Barracks cricket field. Public open space .

 Open green areas have been designated along Green Lane when the hospital site was developed. Private? Freely accessible.

QUEENS PARK

Total area 141.03 ha

Within Green Belt 42.58 ha = 30.20%

Urban 98.44 ha = 69.80%

Queens Park's eastern boundaries are formed by woodland along the top of Caterham and Harestone valleys. The woodland verging Harestone Valley is on the list of ASNW (ancient semi-natural woodland), the highest quality of woodland with its diverse range of plants and animals.

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The Essendene woods, although not listed in the same category have a fine range of species and are also of high value. Both woods provide valuable wildlife corridors.

To the South-west the ward overlooks the green fields of the AGLV (Area of Great Landscape Value)

Open Vistas/Spaces

- Queens Park is a large open area, c.10 ha. –public open space.
- Banstead Road Recreation Ground –public open space.
- Caterham School playing fields. Private.
- Hillcroft School playing fields. Private.
- Sunny Rise allotments. Private.
- The Dene Hospital fields. Private.
- St Mary's churchyard and cemetery. Freely accessible.
- St Lawrence's churchyard. Freely accessible.
- Church of the Sacred Heart churchyard. Freely accessible.
- Waller Lane –fine treescape. Public highway.
- Fine Cedar Tree in High Street

CHALDON

Total area 472.02 ha

Within Green Belt 427.49 ha = 90.57%

Urban 44.53 ha = 9.43%

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Chaldon has a fine agricultural landscape with many woods, shaws and hedges. There are two lakes on the Surrey National Golf Course, a pond at Willey Farm and four other ponds.














SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest) –Part of the Quarry Hangers SSSI on the scarp of the North Downs lies in the parish.

A large area of the Surrey National Golf Course are designated as a pSNCI (potential Site of Nature Conservation Interest), as is Hilltop House Field along the North Downs Way pSNCI (potential Site of Nature Conservation Interest).

The area to the east of Stanstead Road is incorporated in the Whitehill pSNCI

Fryern Field off Rook Lane is designated a pSNCI.

ASNW (Ancient Semi-natural woodland known to exist before AD 1600, has developed a valuable range of species that has developed over the centuries. Chaldon has a generous list of such woodland –

-  Broad Wood, TQ314560 ASNW.
-  Fryern Broom Wood, TQ316554 ASNW. pSNCI.
-  Grubs Wood, TQ325539 ASNW.
-  Home Wood, TQ324555 ASNW.
-  Piles Wood, TQ313560 ASNW pSNCI.
-  Ridgebushes Wood, TQ316544 ASNW pSNCI.
-  Round Wood, TQ319550 ASNW.
-  Stanstead Wood, TQ327543 ASNW.
-  Willey Broom Wood, TQ316547 ASNW pSNCI.
-  Chalkpit Copse, on golf course, TQ318557 ASNW. pSNCI.
-  Church Lane/Rook Lane Shaws, TQ312550 ASNW.
-  Dirty Sarmans Shaw, Birchwood Lane, TQ320548 ASNW.
-  Six Brothers Field Shaw, TQ312547 ASNW.