

CHALDON PROPOSED LOCAL GREEN SPACES

Name	Location	Reference: CH017 (Local Plan: CAT 023)
Fryern Fields / Round Wood	Chaldon Parish	
Description		
Deciduous woodland between Rook Lane, Fryern Broom Wood, and Footpath 3. Also including Round Wood on the southern side of Rook Lane.		
Planning Permission?	No	
Can all community benefit from LGS	Yes. Chaldon's rural landscape is of enormous importance to its residents. This site is an integral part of the parish's character because it provides a wooded, natural backdrop against the village's main road.	
Does the land already benefit from protection?	Green belt. However, given the unique importance of this wood – especially for wildlife movement – it warrants additional protection.	

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Is the green space is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves?	Yes. The site borders Rook Lane, Chaldon's main road. Footpath 3 terminates on Rook Lane directly adjacent to the wood. It is also accessible from Leazes Avenue via the other end of Footpath 3 (approximately 10 minutes walk).
Is the green space local in character and is not an extensive tract of land?	Yes. The northern site forms a clearly defined area between Rook Lane, Fryern Broom Wood and Footpath 3. The southern site is a small wood with boundaries clearly indicated on the map.
Is it demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular local significance because of:	
Beauty	Important woodland backdrop to Rook Lane which reinforces the rural character of Chaldon. This has become even more valued in light of visually-intrusive developments at Chaldon Mead.
Historic	
Recreational Value	Fryern Fields Wood is essential to the character of Footpath 3, which is enjoyed by many of Chaldon's dog-walkers, wildlife watchers and hikers. It is also included in Chaldon's biannual Village Walks.
Tranquillity	A haven of tranquillity that provides both walkers and wildlife with essential screening from Rook Lane. The density of the woodland provides a visual shield from traffic and allows walkers to very quickly feel that they are enjoying a rural and peaceful parish.
Richness of Wildlife	It is difficult to overstate the importance of this wood for biodiversity. It lies within the wildlife corridor that extends from Coulsdon through to Quarry Hangers and on towards Outwood. In fact, over the entire route, the corridor is at its narrowest at Rook Lane. Wildlife that is using the corridor is therefore enormously dependent upon the proposed LGS; while a small site in itself, it is a stepping stone between two Sites of Special Scientific Interest, several ancient woodlands, and numerous other biodiverse sites. Fryern Fields, together with

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	<p>Round Wood (directly opposite across Rook Lane) thus are of unique and very high importance, not only to Chaldon but to Tandridge as a whole.</p> <p>The proposed LGS has been designed as a potential Site of Nature Conservation Importance by Surrey Wildlife Trust.</p> <p>Mammals include roe deer <i>Capreolus capreolus</i>, badgers <i>Meles meles</i>, and foxes <i>Vulpes vulpes</i>; common shrews <i>Sorex araneus</i> and yellow-necked mice <i>Apodemus flavicollis</i> have also been recorded. It is very possible that hazel dormice <i>Muscardinus avellanarius</i> – a UK Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) priority species – are present, because their presence has been verified in nearby, well-connected hedgerows. Common pipistrelle bats <i>Pipistrellus pipistrellus</i> were identified with a heterodyne bat detector in 2016, and it is likely that other bat species are present.</p> <p>Tawny owls <i>Strix aluco</i> are abundant, and are easily seen and heard in winter. Several UK BAP priority bird species, including marsh tits <i>Poecile palustris</i> and lesser redpolls <i>Carduelis cabaret</i> have been recorded from nearby gardens.</p>
Does it have public access?	Footpath 3 runs along the Fryern Fields Wood’s eastern border, and a second path crosses the north of the site from Footpath 3 to Rook Lane.
Does it have a public right of way?	Yes, see above.
Is it located in a new development?	No
Is it in public ownership?	No

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How will LGS be managed?	The management will remain the responsibility of the current owners. However, it there is a strong case for listing it on the register of assets of value to the community (see above).
Should it be registered as an Asset of Community Value?	Consideration should be given to listing this important space as an Asset of Community Value, due to its importance to Chaldon's biodiversity conservation and landscape character.