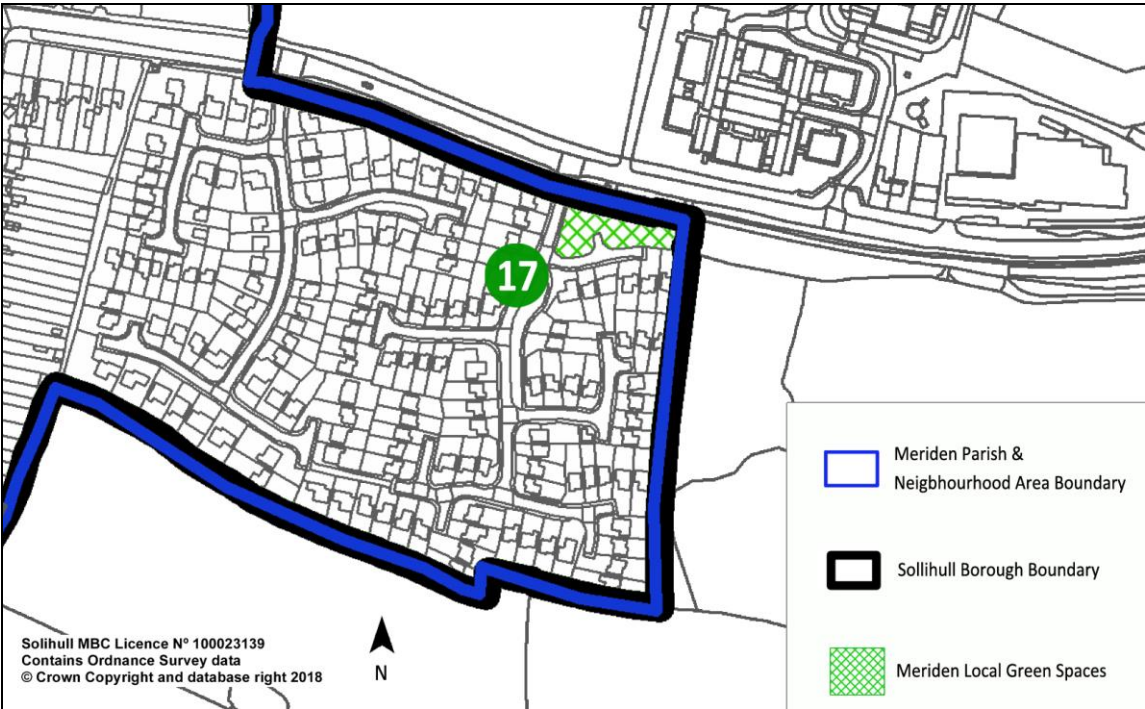


## MERIDEN NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

### Local Green Space Site Assessment: February 2019

Site Address	Site Area	Site Ref
Million's Coppice, Luxor Lane, Millison's Wood Estate, south of Birmingham Road, Meriden	Approx. 0.2 ha	LGS No: 17
<b>Plan</b>		
 <p data-bbox="284 1249 592 1305">Solihull MBC Licence N° 100023139 Contains Ordnance Survey data © Crown Copyright and database right 2018</p> <p data-bbox="1093 1061 1401 1305"> <span style="border: 1px solid blue; display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px; margin-right: 5px;"></span> Meriden Parish &amp; Neighbourhood Area Boundary  <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px; margin-right: 5px;"></span> Solihull Borough Boundary  <span style="background: repeating-linear-gradient(45deg, transparent, transparent 2px, green 2px, green 4px); display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px; margin-right: 5px;"></span> Meriden Local Green Spaces         </p>		
<b>Site Description and Current Land Use</b>		
<p>The site is a small copse located at the northeast corner of the Million's Wood Estate. The site is surrounded by residential dwellings to the south and west and borders Birmingham Road to the north. The copse carries on to the east beyond the Neighbourhood Area and Solihull Borough Boundaries.</p>		
<p>Within the site are numerous shrubs and mature trees. A small car parking area is situated along the southern boundary. A pedestrian pavement runs parallel to the site's northern boundary and a track along its eastern boundary. Wide verges line the site's west and southern boundaries. An electric substation is located in the site's northwest corner.</p>		
<b>Relevant Planning History</b>		
<p>No relevant planning history found.</p>		
<b>Site Ownership</b>		
<p>THE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF SOLIHULL of Strategic Land &amp; Property, Solihull MBC, PO Box 9, Council House, Manor Square, Solihull B91 3QB</p>		

### Site Constraints

According to constraint maps produced by Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council, Meriden is washed over by Green Belt and is in an Area of Search for Waste Management Facilities and a Mineral Safeguarding Area / Area of Search.

### Public Access

The site is open and accessible to the public.

### Site Photo



### Ecological Significance

The site's ecological value is a reflection in part of the mixed species of trees & shrubs growing therein. The site possesses a wide range of tree species (mainly native species) and the trees have a wide range of age categories (from self-set young trees, to semi-mature & mature specimens). Some non-native species include Leyland Cypress (adjacent to the utility site), and Cherry Laurel shrubs (interspersed throughout the middle section of the site).

These create a wildlife corridor and provide food and shelter for numerous species, such as insects, small mammals and birds and their associated nesting sites. They increase the diversity of insect species (including butterflies and bees which are currently in decline), which are a food source for bird and mammal species and can also play an important role in the pollination of plants and crops in the surrounding area. The diversity and population numbers of insects directly impacts the food chain for other fauna in the area and has a wider impact on the cultivation of crops.

Within the village, there have been sightings of larger fauna species such as bats, birds of

prey (e.g. buzzards and owls), rabbits and hedgehogs. These are all vital for the wider food web and species diversity within the village's ecosystem and they play an important contributory role in the wider ecological significance of the village.

### **Special Qualities and Local Significance**

The site forms an important green corridor linking the built-up area to the countryside to the northeast.

The special qualities of the site include its recreational value and the sense of well-being that its woodland environment offers. It is highly valued by the local residents, walkers and dog-walkers as a natural green space adjacent to a built-up area.

The special qualities of the site include its strong contribution to local character and distinctiveness due to its natural beauty.

### **Summary and Suitability for Designation as Local Green Space**

This site is well related to and appreciated and valued by the local community and makes a positive contribution to the local distinctiveness of the village.

The LGS as outlined on the above plan is considered to be suitable for Local Green Space designation in accordance with paragraph 99-101 of the National Planning Policy Framework in that it:

- in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;
- demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance because of its value as a copse and its richness of habitats and wildlife potential; and
- local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.