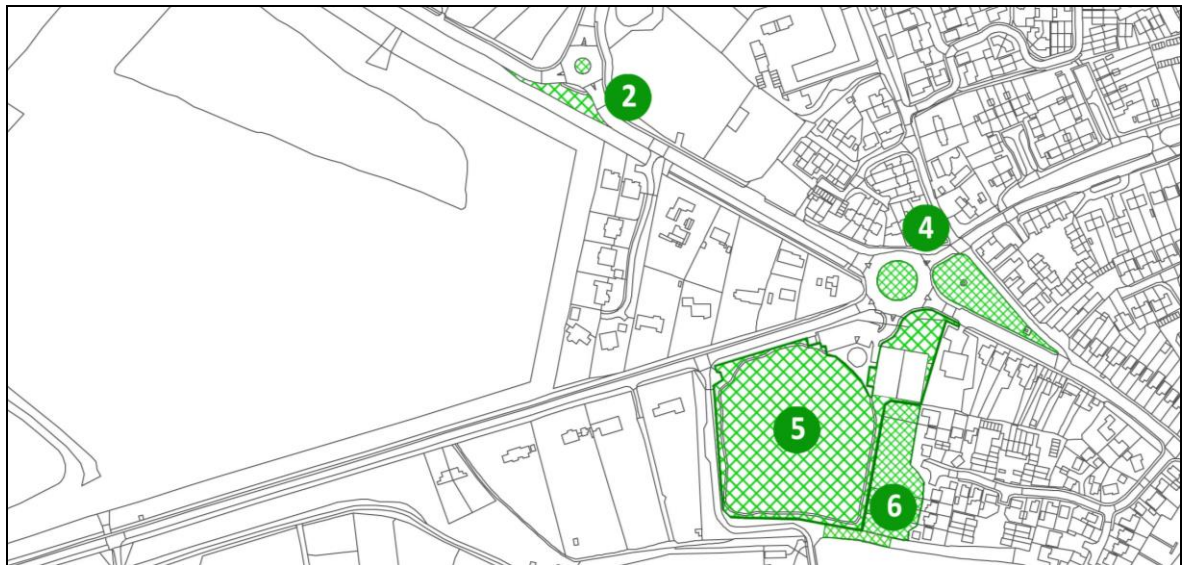


MERIDEN NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Local Green Space Site Assessment: September 2018

Site Address	Site Area	Site Ref
Coronation Island and the wildflower bank Birmingham Rd, Meriden, Coventry CV7 7JS	Approx. 0.65ha	LGS No: 2

Plan



Site Description and Current Land Use

This well-maintained site is located at the northwest side of Meriden and creates an attractive entrance into the village. It is comprised of a roundabout on the north side of Birmingham Road where it meets Maxstoke and a wide bank on the opposite side of the road the south. Both are situated south of the A45.

The bank consists of a wide verge to its eastern side and a meadow of wild flowers directly southwest of the roundabout. Lining the rear of the bank and verge is a line of mature trees, including; oak, rowan, birch and ash. The roundabout is populated with a variety of low ornamental shrubs.

To the northwest of the site are the Forest Grounds, home of the Meriden Archery Club and within which are Forest Hall Cottage, the Grade II* listed, Forest Hall and Forest Hall Pavilion and Grade II listed Forest Hall Workshop. Residential dwellings line the road behind the bank to the southwest. The pavement running along the road frontage of the bank allows passers-by to enjoy the seasonal meadow flowers.

Sand and gravel pits in border the site to the southwest. Land bordering the site to the northeast is an open field and pond that it is designated for a retirement development.

Relevant Planning History

No relevant planning history found for the site.

Reference	PL/2000/00333/RM
Address	Meriden Caravan Centre Birmingham Road Meriden
Proposal	Construction of seven residential dwelling, access and landscape arrangements
Decision	Reserved Matters Approval
Decision Issued Date	Thu 28 Dec 2000

Site Ownership

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT of Great Minster House, 76 Marsham Street, London SW1P 4DR and care of Highways Agency, National Property Management and Disposals, Ash House, Falcon Road, Sowton, Exeter EX2 7LB and of NationalPMD@highways.gsi.gov.uk

Site Constraints

According to constraint maps produced by Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council, the site sits within the Green Belt, an Area of Search for Waste Management Facilities and a Mineral Safeguarding Area / Area of Search. On the opposite side of the road are the grounds of the Grade II* listed, Forest Hall and Forest Hall Pavilion and Grade II listed Forest Hall Workshop.

Public Access

The bank and verge are open and accessible to the public. The roundabout is easily visible, and though not restricted to the public, access would be limited due to passing traffic and its location.

Site Photo





Ecological Significance

Due to the nature of its use, the site has limited ecological value. However, there is some ecological value within the site and along its periphery. The site contains a mix of trees including; mature oak, rowan, birch and ash. Mixed species hedgerows and shrubs are also present on the roundabout. The wildflowers along the bank provide food for bird, insects and invertebrates.

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. These are all vital for the wider food web and species diversity within the village ecosystem. And as such, the site plays a contributory role in the wider ecological significance of the village.

Special Qualities and Local Significance

The site helps form part of the setting for the locally and historically significant Forest Grounds with its numerous Grade II and Grade II* listed buildings to the northwest of the site and which is the home of The Woodmen of Arden.

The special qualities of the site include its strong contribution to local character and distinctiveness as the gateway into the village from the north 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 paragraphs 99-101 of the National Planning Policy Framework in that it is:

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