

MERIDEN NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Local Green Space Site Assessment: September 2018

Site Address	Site Area	Site Ref
The Green, roundabout and commemorative stone, Main Road, Meriden	Approx. 0.27 ha	LGS No: 4

Plan



Site Description and Current Land Use

Meridian Roundabout and Green are located to the north of Main Road at the southwest side of the village and are situated on either side of junction of Main Road and Fillongley Road. Meriden Sports Parks is situated to the south of the roundabout and to the southwest of the Green.

Residential dwellings line roads leading to the roundabout to the north and east and to the south of the green. A parade of shops lines the road opposite the green to the northeast (across the road).

The sites form the setting for numerous Grade II listed buildings. The Grade II listed The Standing Cross on the Green and Cyclists War Memorial sit within the village green. Numerous Grade II listed buildings and a K6 Telephone Kiosk line the road opposite the village green to the north and another Grade II listed building is situated to the west of the roundabout. The village green sits within the conservation area and has designated 'Field in Trust' status.

Within the green are numerous planters with seasonal floral planting particularly around

the war memorial. Assorted shrubs populate the roundabout with and a mature oak tree at its centre under which is a stone marker. The marker commemorates the planting of the tree in 1962 'at the traditional centre of England' upon the completion of the bypass in 1958 'whereby Meridian becomes a village once again'.

Relevant Planning History

Ref. No: PL/2018/02181/ADV: The Roundabout

Proposed:

Four identical, non-illuminated signs measuring 1200mm wide x 500mm high, fixed into the ground using galvanised aluminium posts (2 per sign) with the distance between the ground and the bottom of the sign being approximately 500mm. Posts will be fixed into the ground to a depth of approximately 500mm using postcrete. Each sign will be installed facing an entrance to the roundabout and not conflict with any existing highways street furniture.

Status: Withdrawn - Historic Data Transfer

Site Ownership

PART: The Green - MERIDEN PARISH COUNCIL care of Solihull MBC Legal Services, Council House, Manor Square, Solihull, West Midlands B91 3QB.

NOTE: (05.10.2018) The proprietor's address for service has been changed

PART: The roundabout is unregistered.

Site Constraints

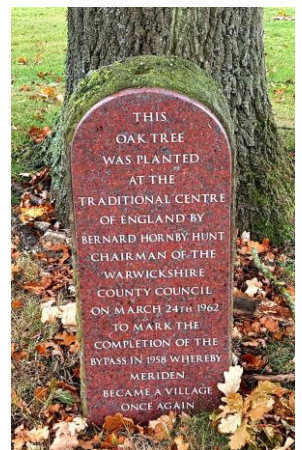
According to constraint maps produced by Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council, Meriden is inset within the Green Belt. The roundabout is bordered by the Green Belt along its southwestern boundary. The village green sits within the conservation area.

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Public Access

The site is open and accessible to the public

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 with the presence of the mature oak, seasonal planting and assorted shrubs. The seasonal floral planting can provide some food and shelter for numerous pollinating and other insects, such as bees. These can help create a wildlife corridor and provide food and shelter for numerous species, such as insects, small mammals and birds and their associated nesting sites. All of which are 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 sites are highly appreciated and valued by the local community. The green and roundabout provide an attractive entry for residents and visitors coming into the village and the setting for a scheduled monuments and listed buildings.

Commemorating both World Wars, the cyclists that served in them and Meriden's place in the 'traditional centre of England', the special qualities of the site include its contribution to the village's historic and social past as a place of public gathering and remembrance.

Due to its natural beauty, seasonal planting and open aspect, the site makes a strong contribution to the village's local character, distinctiveness and green setting.

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 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.