


**MERIDEN NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

**Local Green Space Site Assessment: September 2018**

Site Address	Site Area	Site Ref
Memorial Approach Main Road, Meriden	Approx. 0.07 ha	LGS No: 7
<b>Plan</b>		
		
<b>Site Description and Current Land Use</b>		
<p>The site consists of a small parcel of green verge along the south side of Main Road. Within it is a raised wooden bed with seasonal floral planting with wooden benches on either site. The bed has a centre of coal symbolising an eternal flame. At the rear of the raised bed is a plaque inscribed with ‘Meriden Parish Council, Memorial Approach’. It is bound by a semi-circular black wrought iron fence along its southern boundary.</p> <p>Along its southern boundary are the grounds of Grade II* listed, Meriden Hall. Residential dwellings line the road opposite the site to the north. A number of Grade II listed buildings can also be found along the opposite side Main Road near the site to the north.</p>		
<b>Relevant Planning History</b>		
No relevant planning history found.		
<b>Site Ownership</b>		
MERIDEN PARISH COUNCIL of 3 Thebes Close, Millisons Wood, Coventry CV5 9QW		

### Site Constraints

According to constraint maps produced by Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council, Meriden is inset within the Green Belt. The site is in a Mineral Safeguarding Area / Area of Search. Along its southern boundary are the grounds of Grade II\* listed, Meriden Hall.

### 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. The season floral planting can provide some food and shelter for numerous pollinating and other insects, such as bees. As such, the site plays a minor contributory role in the wider ecological significance of the village.

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

The site is highly appreciated and valued by the local community. Designed by Meriden Bloomers for WWI committee, as part of the WWI 100 year commemoration, the special qualities of the site include its contribution to the villages historic and social past as a place of public gathering and remembrance. The site was dedicated by St Laurence Church. Solihull Neighbourhoods in Bloom awarded it Best WW1 Commemoration.

Due to its natural beauty 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 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.