Addendum to Report on Assessment of Local Green Space Proposals

(August 2018)



Introduction

The Pre-Submission Publication Local Plan was presented to Full Council on 18th January and it was intended to make this available for comment prior to submission to the Planning Inspectorate for independent examination. However, at that stage Councillors voted not to progress with Thanet's Local Plan. Since the 18th January the Council has been evaluating options to move the plan forward.

This delay to the local plan has allowed an assessment of local green spaces at Westgate that had been omitted from the original assessment. Each site has been visited and assessed and as a result of these assessments, 5 out of the 6 submitted are now being proposed for designation and are included in the Pre-Submission Publication Draft Local Plan July 2018.

This addendum needs to be read in conjunction with the original Report on Assessment of Local Green Space Proposals January 2018. As a result of the proposed inclusion of the new sites, a number of the original tables and text needs to be amended to reflect the additional sites. In addition, the site assessment forms have also been included

 These are shown in the usual format of new text is shown in **bold** and text to be removed is shown as being struck out. Each addendum has a unique number LGS/AD1 etc and any corresponding changes to the policies map will be shown as an extract.

The Amendments

Addendum number:	LGS/AD1		
Document:	Report on Assessment of Local Green Space Proposals (January 2018)		
Paragraph / other reference/ page number:	Table 2: Sites that were not accompanied by a site plan:		
Action:	Add Westg	ate Sites to table	
Change:	Site Number	Site	Comment
	LGS44	Adrian Square, Adrian Square, Westgate-on-Sea	Assumed boundary of park based on OS data
	LGS45	Ethelbert Square, Ethelbert Square, Westgate-on-Sea	Assumed boundary of park based on OS data
	LGS46	Playing Field, Lymington Road / Minster Road, Westgate-on-Sea	Assumed boundary of park based on OS data
	LGS47	Recreation ground, Lymington Road, Westgate-on-Sea	Assumed boundary of park based on OS data
	LGS48	Local Park, Victoria Avenue, Westgate-on-Sea	Assumed boundary of park based on OS data
	LGS49	Esplanade Gardens, Royal Esplanade, Westgate-on-Sea	Assumed boundary of park based on OS map features

Addendum number:	LGS/AD2		
Document:	Report on Assessment of Local Green Space Proposals (January 2018)		
Paragraph / other reference/ page number:	Table 3: Proposed Local Green Spaces 2017		
Action:	Add Westgate Sites		
Change:			
	Site Number	Site	Proposer
	LGS44	Adrian Square, Adrian Square, Westgate-on-Sea	Westgate Town Council
	LGS45	Ethelbert Square, Ethelbert Square, Westgate-on-Sea	
	LGS46	Playing Field, Lymington Road / Minster Road, Westgate-on-Sea	
	LGS47	Recreation ground, Lymington Road, Westgate-on-Sea	
	LGS48	Local Park, Victoria Avenue, Westgate-on-Sea	
	LGS49	Esplanade Gardens, Royal Esplanade, Westgate-on-Sea	

Addendum number:	LGS/AD3
Document:	Report on Assessment of Local Green Space Proposals (January 2018)
Paragraph / other reference/ page number:	Table 5: Summary of Site Assessments
Action:	Factual amend summary of assessment for LGS12 Manston Airport to reflect airport is no longer a strategic allocation
Change:	Site has been identified as strategic allocation.
	Replace with:
	Site is an extensive tract of land and is not local in character.

Addendum number:	LGS/AD4
Chapter	Report on Assessment of Local Green Space Proposals (January 2018)
Paragraph / other reference/ page number:	Table 5: Summary of Site Assessments
Action:	Factual amend summary of assessment for LGS14 Manston Airport to reflect airport is no longer a strategic allocation
Change:	Site has been identified as strategic allocation. Replace with: Site is an extensive tract of land and is not local in character.

Addendum number:	LGS/AD5				
Chapter	Report on Assessment of Local Green Space Proposals (January 2018)				
Paragraph / other reference/ page number:	Table 5: Summary of Site Assessments				
Action:	Add Westg	Add Westgate Sites LGS44-LGS49 to the summary table			
Change:	Site Number	Site	Proposer	LGS	Summary of Assessment
	LGS44	Adrian Square, Adrian Square, Westgate-on- Sea	Westgate Town Council	Y	Site has value for visual amenity, historic significance, informal recreation, tranquillity and biodiversity. Designate as local green space.
	LGS45	Ethelbert Square, Ethelbert Square, Westgate-on- Sea		Y	Site has value for visual amenity, historic significance, informal recreation, tranquillity and biodiversity. Designate as local green space.
	LGS46	Playing Field, Lymington Road / Minster Road, Westgate-on- Sea		Y	Site has value for visual amenity, formal and informal recreation, tranquillity and wildlife. Site is local in character. Designate as local green space.
	LGS47	Recreation ground, Lymington Road, Westgate-on- Sea		Y	Site has value for visual amenity, historic significance, formal and informal recreation. Site is local in character.

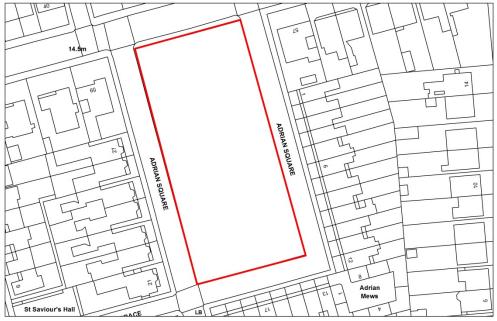
			Designate as local green space.
LGS48	Local Park, Victoria Avenue, Westgate-on- Sea	Y	Site has value for visual amenity, formal and informal recreation, tranquillity and wildlife. Site is local in character. Designate as local green space.
LGS49	Esplanade Gardens, Royal Esplanade, Westgate-on- Sea	Z	Although Site meets some of the criteria for local green space, it forms part of the clifftop area and its designation may impact on necessary coastal protection works. The site is, however, protected as open space. Do not include in designation.

Addendum number:	LGS/AD6
Document:	Report on Assessment of Local Green Space Proposals (January 2018)
Paragraph / other reference/ page number:	Appendices
Action:	Correction to reference for appendix 2
Change:	Appendix 2: delete Published separately as included in document

Addendum number:	LGS/AD7		
Document:	Report on Assessment of Local Green Space Proposals (January 2018) Appendix 2		
Paragraph / other reference/ page	Site assessment for LGS12 (and	,	
number:	Planning History/local Plan Policy		
Action:	Amend Site assessment forms – sections Site History / Local Plan Policy and Conclusion to reflect site is no longer a strategic allocation.		
Change:			
	Planning History/ Local Plan Policy	Part of a strategic mixed use allocation in the pre-submission draft Local Plan.	
		A planning application has been submitted for mixed use – no decision to date.	
		Site is also subject of a Development Consent Order for aviation use. No decision yet.	
	Conclusion	Site is a strategic allocation in the pre-submission draft local plan and the subject of a planning application and a Development Consent Order.	
		Site does not meet the NPPF criteria.	

Addendum number:	LGS/AD8
Document:	Report on Assessment of Local Green Space Proposals (January 2018) Appendix 2
Reference:	LGS44 Adrian Square Westgate-on-Sea
Action:	Add new site assessment to the end of Appendix 2 of the original report January 2018
Change:	New site assessment

Site reference	LGS44
Site name	Adrian Square
Site address	Adrian Square
Town/village	Westgate-on-Sea
Site area	0.4ha
Proposer	Westgate Town Council
Ownership / public access	Public access
Date of site visit	06/03/18



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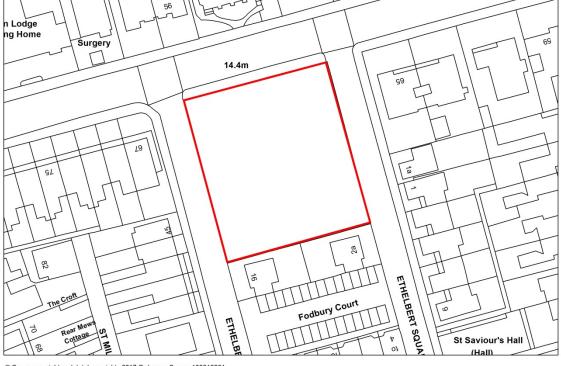
Site description

Adrian Square is an informal rectangular open space which forms part of the residential street scene. It is bounded to the north by Westgate Bay Avenue and on 3 sides by Adrian Square. The area is bounded by a low wall. It has very mature tree around the perimeter with some clipped shrubs forming a partial hedgerow. There are entrances to the open space on all four sides. It is surrounded by 3 and 4 storey Victorian / Edwardian terrace properties residential properties which look out over the square. Some of the properties have wrought balconies while others have timber balconies to the front and many are

	converted to flats.
	The open space provides a pleasant environment for informal recreation and there are a number of benches within the space.
	There is evidence of new tree planting.
Planning History/ Local Plan Policy	Site is protected as open space in the Adopted Local Plan 2006 and has been carried forward into the pre-submission plan. It is also within a conservation area.
Is the site in close proximity to the local community that it would serve?	The site is within the urban area and is surrounded on 3 sides by residential properties.
Where the green area is demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance	Site has been proposed by Westgate Town Council.
e.g. Is the proposals to designate supported by any of the following: A friends group, parish or town council, local community group, the Ward Member?	
Does the site have visual amenity value?	Site has visual amenity and forms part of the original layout of the residential terraces set round a square.
Does the site have historic significance? Local heritage asset? Setting of heritage asset?	Westgate was built as a planned estate in the mid 1800's with the arrival of the railway. The squares formed part of this planned development and the properties on the square were built as houses to rent.
Does the site have recreational value? E.g. playing field	Informal recreation area with benches
Is the site important for its tranquillity?	Fairly tranquil in the street scene
Is the site important for its wildlife value?	Some wildlife value associated with vegetation around and in the site.
Is the site local in character and therefore not an extensive tract of land?	Site is local in character.
Allocate as Local Green Space?	Yes
Is LGS appropriate?	Site meets the criteria in NPPF
If not any other designation more appropriate and why?	
Conclusion	Designate as local green space in the pre- submission draft Local Plan. Site meets the NPPF criteria for Local Green Space

Addendum number:	LGS/AD9
Document:	Report on Assessment of Local Green Space Proposals (January 2018) Appendix 2
Reference:	LGS45 Ethelbert Square Westgate-on-Sea
Action:	Add new site assessment to the end of Appendix 2 of the original report January 2018
Change:	New site assessment

Site reference	LGS 45
Site name	Ethelbert Square
Site address	Ethelbert Square
Town/village	Westgate-on-Sea
Site area	0.2ha
Proposer	Westgate Town Council
Ownership / public access	Public Access
Date of site visit	06/03/18



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Site description

This forms one of two squares along Westgate Bay Avenue. It is similar to Adrian Square but is slightly smaller. It is a rectangular open space bounded by a low yellow stock brick wall. The space is mainly grass with trees around the boundaries and clipped shrubs forming sections of hedging. There are a group of fairly mature trees to the southern edge.

There are entrances into the space on three sides. The site is bounded by Westgate Bay Avenue to the north and Ethelbert Square. There are properties on three sides overlooking the open space, some with wooden balconies. There are some later 20th century properties on the eastern boundary.

	The open space is maintained gross with
	The open space is maintained grass with
	tree and shrubs. There are a couple of
	benches and litter bins.
Planning History/ Local Plan Policy	Site is protected as open space in the
	Adopted Local Plan 2006 and has been
	carried forward into the pre-submission plan.
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	It is also within a conservation area.
Is the site in close proximity to the local	The site is within the urban area and is
community that it would serve?	surrounded on 3 sides by residential
	properties.
Where the green area is demonstrably	Site is proposed by the Town Council
special to a local community and	One is proposed by the rown council
holds a particular local significance	
e.g. Is the proposals to designate	
supported by any of the following: A	
friends group, parish or town council,	
local community group, the Ward	
Member?	
Does the site have visual amenity value?	Site has visual amenity and forms part of the
	original layout of the residential terraces set
	round a square
Does the site have historic significance?	Westgate was built as a planned estate in
Local heritage asset?	the mid 1800's with the arrival of the railway.
Setting of heritage asset?	The squares formed part of this planned
	development
Does the site have recreational value?	Informal recreation area with benches
E.g. playing field	inionnal recreation area with benches
Is the site important for its tranquillity?	Fairly tranquil in the street scene
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Is the site important for its wildlife value?	Some wildlife value associate with vegetation
	around and in the site.
Is the site local in character and therefore	Site is local in character.
not an extensive tract of land?	
Allocate as Local Green Space?	Yes
Is LGS appropriate?	Site meets the criteria in NPPF
If not any other designation more	
appropriate and why?	
Conclusion	Designate as local green space in the pre-
	submission draft Local Plan. Site meets the
	NPPF criteria for Local Green Space
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Addendum number:	LGS/AD10
Document:	Report on Assessment of Local Green Space Proposals (January 2018) Appendix 2
Reference:	LGS46 Lymington Road / Minster Road Westgate-on-Sea
Action:	Add new site assessment to the end of Appendix 2 of the original report January 2018
Change:	New site assessment

Site reference	LGS46
Site name	Playing Field
Site address	Lymington Road / Minster Road
Town/village	Westgate-on-Sea
Site area	2.13ha
Proposer	Westgate Town Council
Ownership / public access	Public access
Date of site visit	06/03/18



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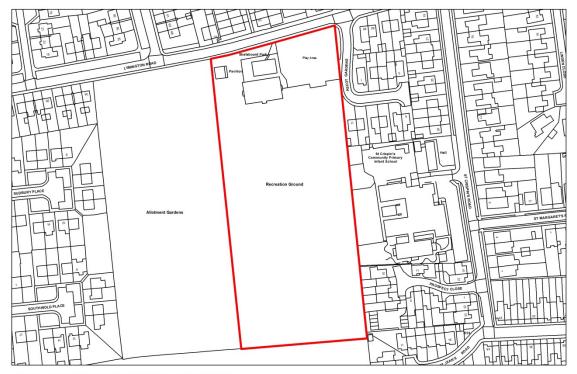


Site description	This is a large playing field bounded by Minster Road to the East and Lymington Road to the north. To the west and south r residential areas. The open space is grassed there are mature trees around the perimeter of the playing field. There are benches to the southern end of the site. There is also a community centre in the north west corner of the site accessed from Lymington Road with a small tarmacked car park.
Planning History/ Local Plan Policy	Site is protected as open space in the Adopted Local Plan 2006 and has been carried forward into the pre-submission plan.
Is the site in close proximity to the local community that it would serve?	Yes site is within the urban area and a residential area. It is opposite a small independent school.
Where the green area is demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance e.g. Is the proposals to designate supported by any of the following: A friends group, parish or town council, local community group, the Ward Member?	Site is proposed by Westgate Town Council.
Does the site have visual amenity value?	Site is an important large open space in a predominantly residential area.
Does the site have historic significance? Local heritage asset? Setting of heritage asset?	No

Does the site have recreational value? E.g. playing field	Site has recreational value as it is a playing field.
Is the site important for its tranquillity?	Fairly tranquil as it is large open space in an otherwise residential area.
Is the site important for its wildlife value?	Some wildlife value associate with vegetation around the perimeter
Is the site local in character and therefore not an extensive tract of land?	Site is local
Allocate as Local Green Space?	Yes either in local plan or neighbourhood plan.
Is LGS appropriate?	Site meets the criteria in NPPF
If not any other designation more appropriate and why?	
Conclusion	Designate as local green space in the pre- submission draft Local Plan. Site meets the NPPF criteria for Local Green Space

Addendum number:	LGS/AD11
Document:	Report on Assessment of Local Green Space Proposals (January 2018) Appendix 2
Reference:	LGS47 Recreation ground Lymington Road Westgate-on-Sea
Action:	Add new site assessment to the end of Appendix 2 of the original report January 2018
Change:	New site assessment

Site reference	LGS47
Site name	Recreation ground
Site address	Lymington Road
Town/village	Westgate-on-Sea
Site area	1.8ha
Proposer	Westgate Town Council
Ownership / public access	Public Access
Date of site visit	06/03/18



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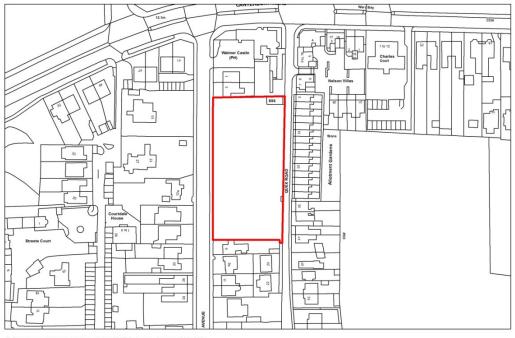


Site description	Site is a rectangular recreation ground bounded by Lymington Road to the north, agricultural land to the south and is within a large residential area. There is also a primary school on the eastern boundary St Crispin's and well used allotment gardens on the western boundary.
	The northern edge contains two fenced play area catering for different age groups, a skateboard park and a MUGA. The latter two have flood lighting. The site has small community building in the northwest corner which is boarded up. The space also contains benches and litter bins.
	There are hedgerows and trees along the east, west and southern boundaries.
Planning History/ Local Plan Policy	Site is protected as open space in the Adopted Local Plan 2006 and has been

	carried forward into the pre-submission plan. Adjacent site is protected as allotments.
Is the site in close proximity to the local community that it would serve?	Yes site is within a large residential area.
Where the green area is demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance e.g. Is the proposals to designate supported by any of the following: A friends group, parish or town council, local community group, the Ward Member?	Yes site was bought by the parish council in 1920 as a war memorial (Westgate Town Council website) Site has been proposed by Westgate Town Council
Does the site have visual amenity value?	Site has visual amenity within the residential street scene.
Does the site have historic significance? Local heritage asset? Setting of heritage asset?	Site was bought as a war memorial in 1920.
Does the site have recreational value? E.g. playing field	Both formal and informal recreation
Is the site important for its tranquillity?	Fairly tranquil
Is the site important for its wildlife value?	Some wildlife value associate with vegetation around the perimeter
Is the site local in character and therefore not an extensive tract of land?	Site is local
Allocate as Local Green Space?	Yes
Is LGS appropriate?	Site meets the criteria in NPPF
If not any other designation more appropriate and why?	
Conclusion	Designate as local green space in the pre- submission draft Local Plan. Site meets the NPPF criteria for Local Green Space

Addendum number:	LGS/AD12
Document:	Report on Assessment of Local Green Space Proposals (January 2018) Appendix 2
Reference:	LGS48 Local Park Victoria Avenue Westgate-on-Sea
Action:	Add new site assessment to the end of Appendix 2 of the original report January 2018
Change:	New site assessment

Site reference	LGS48
Site name	Local Park
Site address	Victoria Avenue
Town/village	Westgate-on-Sea
Site area	0.4ha
Proposer	Westgate Town Council
Ownership / public access	Public Access
Date of site visit	06/03/18



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Site description

Site is a rectangle local park bounded by Victoria Avenue and Quex Road to the west and east respectively. There are residential properties to the north and south.

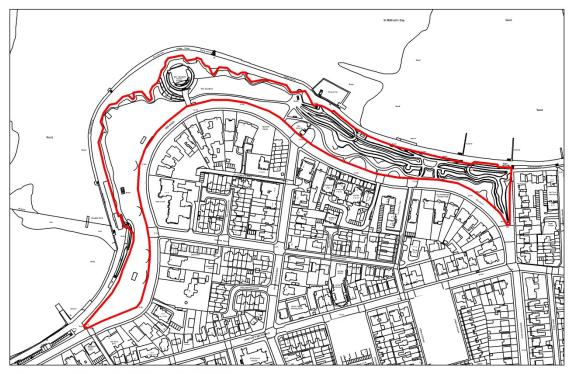
This is a grassed open space with mature tree around the perimeter and within the site. There is a fence boundary along Quex Road on the eastern boundary. The site is gently bowled in shape and slopes up to Quex Road. The Victorian terrace of residential properties on Quex Road, overlook the site. There is a group of mature trees on the eastern boundary.

Site also contains benches and bins

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Planning History/ Local Plan Policy	Site is protected as open space in the
	Adopted Local Plan 2006 and has been
	carried forward into the pre-submission plan
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	It is also within a conservation area.
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Is the site in close proximity to the local	Yes site is within a largely residential area.
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Where the green area is demonstrably	Site has been proposed by Westgate Town
special to a local community and	Council
holds a particular local significance	
e.g. Is the proposals to designate	
supported by any of the following: A	
friends group, parish or town council,	
local community group, the Ward	
Member?	
Does the site have visual amenity value?	Site provide interest in the street scene and
	a welcome break from the fairly high density
	residential areas.
Does the site have historic significance?	
Local heritage asset?	
Setting of heritage asset?	
Does the site have recreational value?	Informal recreation
E.g. playing field	
Is the site important for its tranquillity?	Yes fairly tranquil although not far from the
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Is the site important for its wildlife value?	Some wildlife value associate with vegetation
-	around the perimeter
Is the site local in character and therefore	Site is local
not an extensive tract of land?	
Allocate as Local Green Space?	Yes either in local plan or neighbourhood
·	plan.
Is LGS appropriate?	Site meets the criteria in NPPF
If not any other designation more	
appropriate and why?	
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Conclusion	Designate as local green space in the pre-
	submission draft Local Plan. Site meets the
	NPPF criteria for Local Green Space
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Addendum number:	LGS/AD13
Document:	Report on Assessment of Local Green Space Proposals (January 2018) Appendix 2
Reference:	LGS49 Esplanade Gardens Royal Esplanade Westgate-on-Sea
Action:	Add new site assessment to the end of Appendix 2 of the original report January 2018
Change:	New site assessment

Site reference	LGS49
Site name	Esplanade Gardens
Site address	Royal Esplanade
Town/village	Westgate-on-Sea
Site area	4.1ha
Proposer	Westgate Town Council
Ownership / public access	Public access
Date of site visit	06/03/18



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Does the site have recreational value? E.g. playing field Is the site important for its tranquillity?	Informal recreation and dog walking Fairly tranquil coastal environment.
Does the site have historic significance? Local heritage asset? Setting of heritage asset?	
Does the site have visual amenity value?	Site has strong visual amenity as it is part of the extensive coastal landscape around Thanet.
Where the green area is demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance e.g. Is the proposals to designate supported by any of the following: A friends group, parish or town council, local community group, the Ward Member?	Proposed by Westgate Town Council
Is the site in close proximity to the local community that it would serve?	Yes
Planning History/ Local Plan Policy	site is protected as open space in the Adopted Local Plan 2006 and has been carried forward into the pre-submission plan There is some overlap in places with the Thanet coast SAC, SPA, Ramsar and SSSI. However, this area is adjacent to these designations for the whole length.
Site description	The site is extensive area of cliff top. Wide expanse of grassland clifftop – more formal sunken gardens to the east. There is a tarmac path along the clifftop with benches and litter/dog bins. Grassland is maintained and mowed regularly. There are some modern shelter, some of which need restoration, and there is an access road leading down to a car park on the promenade. Adjacent to the car park is an area of rough grassland at the foot of the chalk cliff which is part of a longer term programme of work being carried out to plant 100 bee-friendly shrubs in partnership with the Bumblebee Conservation Trust There are beach huts on the Westbrook promenade. Long distance views out to sea,

Is the site important for its wildlife value?	Wildlife value associated with the adjacent SPA etc plus some interest in rough grassland adjacent to car park which is part of the Bumblebee Conservation Trust project.
Is the site local in character and therefore not an extensive tract of land?	Area is of more than local in character as it forms part of the extensive clifftop area around the coast of Thanet.
Allocate as Local Green Space?	No. Although it is an important open space it is already allocated as protected open space and therefore does not require any additional protection. Site forms part of the clifftop area and the designation of LGS may impact on flood protection and coastal works
Is LGS appropriate?	No
If not any other designation more appropriate and why?	
Conclusion	Site has sufficient existing protection as open space and therefore does not need an additional level of protection. Site forms part of the clifftop area and the designation of LGS may impact on flood protection and coastal works. Do not designate as local green space.