

Urban Open Space Assessment

UOS No (if applicable)	
Site Name / Address	Amberley

Part 1: General Description and Screening	
Screening principle: Is the site substantially undeveloped?	Yes – acts as the garden for adjoining residential house.
Has the whole site or part of it been developed to the extent that it no longer fulfils an open space function?	No
Type of open space	Garden
Predominant land use in surrounding area	Residential and road
Proximity to residential properties – Please state approx. distance to nearest houses from edge of open space (Check on map prior to visit)	Adjoins residential property.
Topography	Flat
Open / enclosed – Please state boundary treatment if applicable	Enclosed Boundary mixed: wall, fence, hedge, trees
Surface treatment – E.g. grass, paving, tarmac etc.	Grass – well maintained
Does the open space feel safe / inviting? Note presence or absence of security features, lighting, surveillance, etc.	No public access. Very safe and inviting as it is part of the house. No lighting. No security features observed.
General appearance of the open space: E.g. attractive / average / poor appearance / well kept / run down / untidy	Attractive Well kept Visually pleasing
Are there any other open spaces in the immediate area? (Desktop check prior to visit)	Amenity land in adjoining cul-de-sac. Wildlife field in close proximity to the south of the site.

Part 2: Open Space Review Principles	Comments
Principle 1: public access and opportunities for outdoor sports, recreation, play, or food growing	
Access	
Is the open space accessible to the public? Level of access: at all times /restricted hours of access / entry fee or membership required?	No
Allotments use / food production	
Is the site in use as an allotment?	No
Does the site have the potential for use as an allotment or community garden?	No
Children's Play or Young Persons Facilities	
Is the site a playground, or is there play equipment or other facilities for children / young persons? E.g. skate park / youth shelter	No
Is there the potential to provide play / youth facilities on this site?	No
Sport	
Does the site comprise one or more sports pitches or other sport related facilities? E.g. pavilions / changing facilities	No
Is there potential to provide sports facilities or additional pitches within the site?	No
Amenity and Informal Recreation	
Availability of private gardens in surrounding area: E.g. good sized gardens / small gardens / no gardens	Good sized gardens.
Does the open space provide an amenity function either formal or informal for nearby places of work / educational facilities / visitors to town centre etc.?	Some, the wall limits the amenity function of the area but can still see glimpses from the road.
Does the open space provide an area of tranquillity in noisy surroundings?	To an extent – adjoining road is noisy.
Are there any seating areas for use by visitors to the open space?	No

Community Use	
Is the open space attached to a community building such as a school, community centre, church, village hall, scout hut etc.?	No
Does / could the open space provide a venue for community functions e.g. fêtes etc.	No
Does the site have potential for educational use?	No
Principle 2: Local character, townscape, landscape, public visual amenity	
Character of surrounding area: E.g. urban / suburban / village / rural	Urban
Density and type of development in surrounding area: E.g. high / medium / low / houses / flats / detached/ semi / terraced	Medium to high density
Presence of soft landscaping and vegetation in surrounding area: E.g. high / some / little or none	None
Contrast between open space and surroundings: E.g. open space provides relief from built up environment / open space contributes to pleasant character of area / open space integrated in well landscaped area or countryside / open space detracts from character of surrounding area	Open space provides relief from the built up area and contributes to the character of the area but there is only limited viewing from the roadside.
Distinctive features of open space that contribute to character of area: E.g. historic buildings or structures / monuments / memorials / natural landscape features / mature trees / formal planting or hard landscaping / water features artwork or sculpture	None.
Does the open space make a contribution to the visual appearance of the area when viewed from public vantage points?	Yes
Principle 3: Nature conservation, geological, heritage, or green chain functions	
Ecology / biodiversity	
Is the site designated for nature conservation? E.g. SSSI, SNCI, LNR, Ancient Woodland etc.? Or adjacent / near to such a site? Desk top check prior to visit	TPOs along eastern and southern boundaries.

Does the site contain features / habitats of value for biodiversity? E.g. mature trees / fallen trees/ woodland / undergrowth / ponds / water courses / heath / meadow/	Established mature trees.
Natural Green Space	
Does the open space contain areas of unmown grass / meadow / woodland, heath which is accessible from nearby residential areas?	No
Historic Interest	
Does the open space provide the setting to historic buildings or contribute to the character of a conservation area?	No
Geological Interest	
Is the site a designated RIGG? Desk top check prior to visit.	No
Does the site contain features of geological interest – rocks, caves, mineral workings?	No
Flood Risk / Climate Change Management	
Is the site located in Flood Zone 2 / 3 or an area at risk of Surface Water Flooding? Check prior to visit.	Yes risk of surface water flooding 1 in 1,000 years
Is the site close to any water course? E.g. rivers / streams / ditches / canals	No
Are there any ponds, or larger water bodies on the site?	No
If within area at risk of flooding as identified above, does the site have the potential to provide additional flood storage?	No
Does the site provide natural shade / cooling? E.g. tree cover	Limited natural shade from trees.
Connectivity	
Does the site have existing footpaths, cycleways or bridleways passing through it?	No
Is there potential to link up existing footpaths, cycleways or bridleways via the site?	No

Does the site provide a link between other areas of open space, links to residential areas, shops, schools or other facilities?	No
Could the site be described as a wildlife corridor, providing a link between habitats?	No

Part 3: Further comments on open space functions and characteristics

No further comments.

Part 6: Consultation Responses

DMP Consultation Responses	Comments
Was the site referred to in the DMP Regulation 18 Consultation? If so, insert any relevant comments.	