

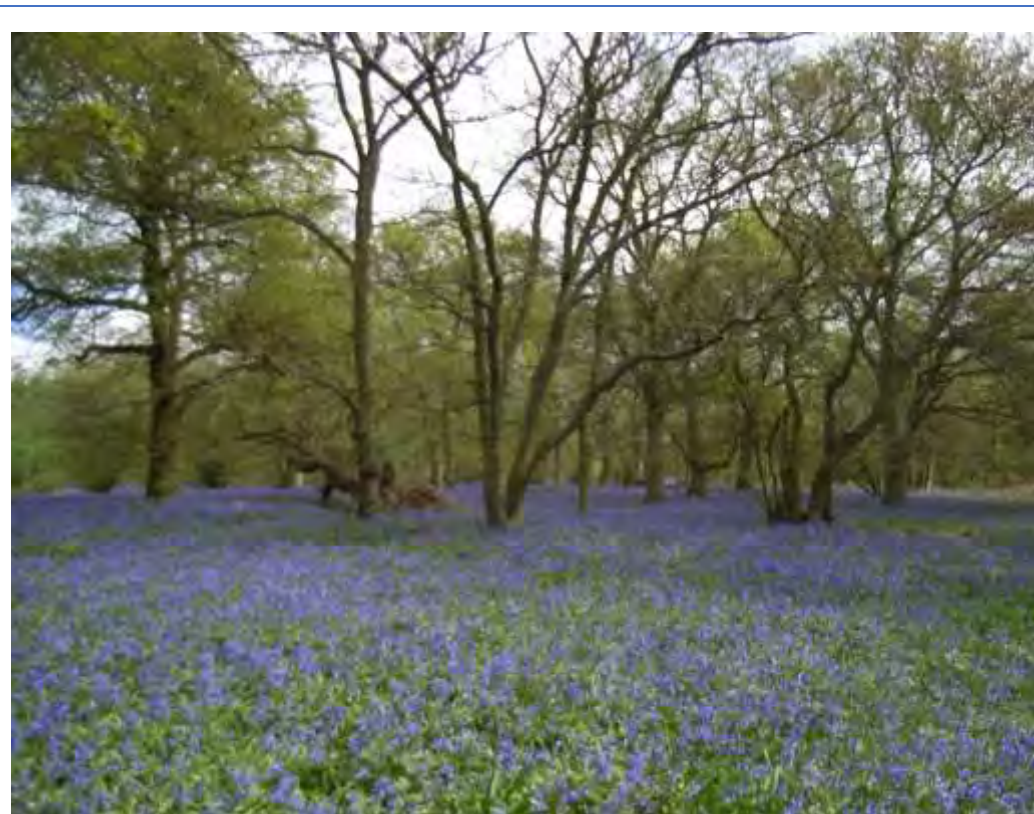
The revised National Planning Policy Framework July 2018 states that:

The designation of land as Local Green Space through local and neighbourhood plans allows communities to identify and protect green areas of particular importance to them. Designating land as Local Green Space should be consistent with the local planning of sustainable development and complement investment in sufficient homes, jobs and other essential services. Local Green Spaces should only be designated when a plan is prepared or updated, and be capable of enduring beyond the end of the plan period.

The Local Green Space designation should only be used where the green space is:

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

Site No. & Name	LGS1 Hillhouse Wood
Location	OS Grid Ref. TL946281 West of Old St Mary's Church, Hall Road, West Bergholt, CO6 3DU
Current Use	Publicly accessible woodland & wildlife area
Any existing designations or planning permission?	Ancient Woodland
Capable of enduring beyond end of plan period?	Yes
Close proximity to community?	1 mile from centre of village (CO6 3HL) Thousands of visits a year are made by parishioners (with or without dogs) to enjoy the Wood
Demonstrably special and local significance? e.g. beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquillity or richness of wildlife	When this privately-owned area of Ancient Woodland was put up for sale in 1993, the Woodland Trust wished to purchase it and so they launched an appeal for funds. This included writing to all West Bergholt residents and the required amount was raised in six weeks. As those involved wished to become involved in the maintenance and management of the Wood, the 'Friends of Hillhouse Wood' was formed and now has around 230 members and organises 7 regular Working Parties a year. The Wood consists of a mosaic of different woodland types with two ponds and streams providing a magnet, particularly to our younger explorers. Whilst the beauty of the carpets of Bluebells in the Spring attracts many visitors, there are still many undisturbed areas for Nightingales and other creatures to enjoy some peace and quiet. Registered as LoWS Co63 Hillhouse Wood.
Not an extensive tract of land (% of Parish)	13.56ha (33.51 acres) <1.5% of Parish
Comment	As only around 2% of the original area of Ancient Woodland still exists, the Parishioners feel protective towards 'their' piece of it. Owned and maintained by The Woodland Trust.



LGS1 Hillhouse Woods

Site No. & Name	LGS2 Lorkin Daniell Field
Location	OS Grid Ref. TL959277 By the Orpen Memorial Hall, Lexden Road, West Bergholt, CO6 3BW
Current Use	Recreation & Sports Ground with Play Equipment
Any existing designations or planning permission?	Trustee Land
Capable of enduring beyond end of plan period?	Yes
Close proximity to community?	0.15 miles from centre of village (CO6 3HL)
Demonstrably special and local significance? e.g. beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquillity or richness of wildlife	This land was left to the inhabitants by Mr Lorkin Daniell around 80 years ago for recreational purposes. Now administered by West Bergholt Parish Council as Sole Trustee of the Lorkin Daniell Field. Charity Number 208913. The area provides a large expanse of grassed area adjacent to the Orpen Memorial Hall. There is a children's playground and a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA), including two tennis courts. Exercise boot camps also use the field. West Bergholt Football Club have their clubhouse and use the pitch during the football season; the youth football club also train here. Every year this area now hosts the annual Village Fete.
Not an extensive tract of land (% of Parish)	Insignificant percentage of Parish area
Comment	This area is enclosed in three sides by housing with the exception of a narrow access from Mumford Close provided via the LGS6 Mumford Close Oak Tree grassed area.



LGS2 Lorkin Daniell Field

Site No. & Name	LGS3 Poor's Land
Location	OS Grid Ref. TL962280 Behind Heathlands School, Colchester Road, West Bergholt, CO6 3JF
Current Use	Recreational & Sports Ground
Any existing designations or planning permission?	Trustee Land
Capable of enduring beyond end of plan period?	Yes
Close proximity to community?	0.3 miles from centre of village (CO6 3HL)
Demonstrably special and local significance? e.g. beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquillity or richness of wildlife	This was provided as a Recreational Ground and now administered by West Bergholt Parish Council as Sole Trustee of Poor's Land. Charity Number 208914. The Poor's Land is used by Bergholt Heath Youth Football Club for their training and matches on the various sized pitches. Heathlands School use the area for the children's recreation in good weather and there is a rounder's pitch marked out during the year as well as athletics track ready for Sports Day. The field is also used by the school's PTA for the annual firework display. Dog walkers also use the area – taking great care to clean up behind them!
Not an extensive tract of land (% of Parish)	Insignificant percentage of Parish area
Comment	This area provides access from Colchester Road to LGS4 Heath/Village Green and School entrance without having to walk along the narrow School Lane which lacks both lights and footway.

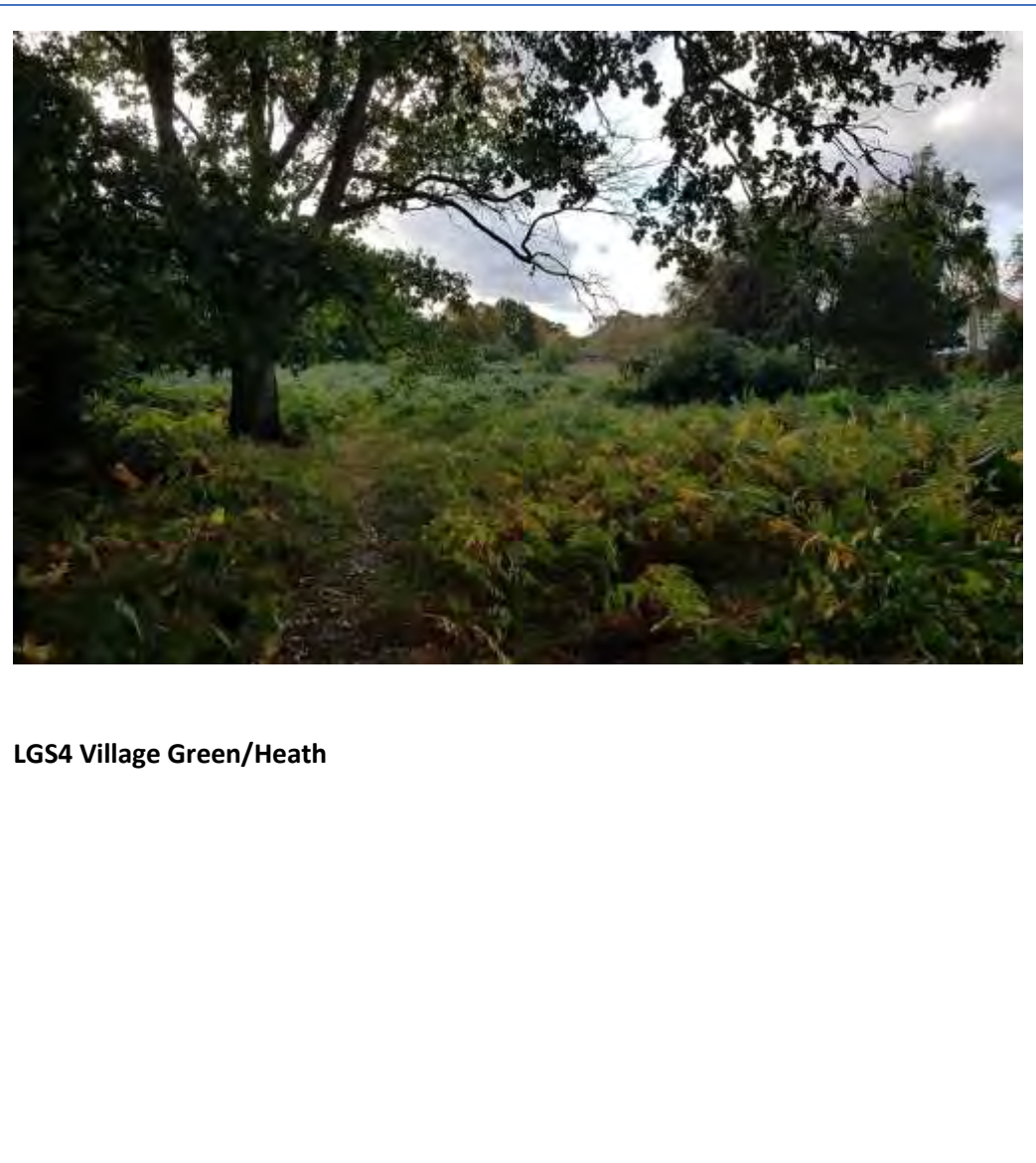


LGS3 Poor's Land

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Site No. & Name	LGS4 Heath/Village Green
Location	OS Grid Ref. TL961278 In front Heathlands School, New Church Road, West Bergholt CO6 3JF
Current Use	Heath & Wildlife Area with Scout Hut
Any existing designations or planning permission?	Trustee Land
Capable of enduring beyond end of plan period?	Yes
Close proximity to community?	0.2 miles from centre of village (CO6 3HL)
Demonstrably special and local significance? e.g. beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquillity or richness of wildlife	This is all that remains of the extensive tract of heath that covered much of the area. This was provided as an area for exercise and recreation and now administered by West Bergholt Parish Council as Sole Trustee of the Village Green. Charity Number 301429. The Village Green or Heath provides an area of heathland adjacent to Heathlands School. This open space is highly regarded by parents, waiting for their children, and by villagers alike. A recent survey has found a large variety of rich wildlife. Registered as LoWS Co77 West Bergholt Heath. The school use the area responsibly as part of the Forest Schools programme. The Scout Hut (former reading room of the village) is also housed on the Village Green. During the week numerous sessions are held for Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Guides and Explorers.
Not an extensive tract of land (% of Parish)	Insignificant percentage of Parish area
Comment	This area provides the Parishioners and visitors alike with an indication of the environment that used to cover the wider area.



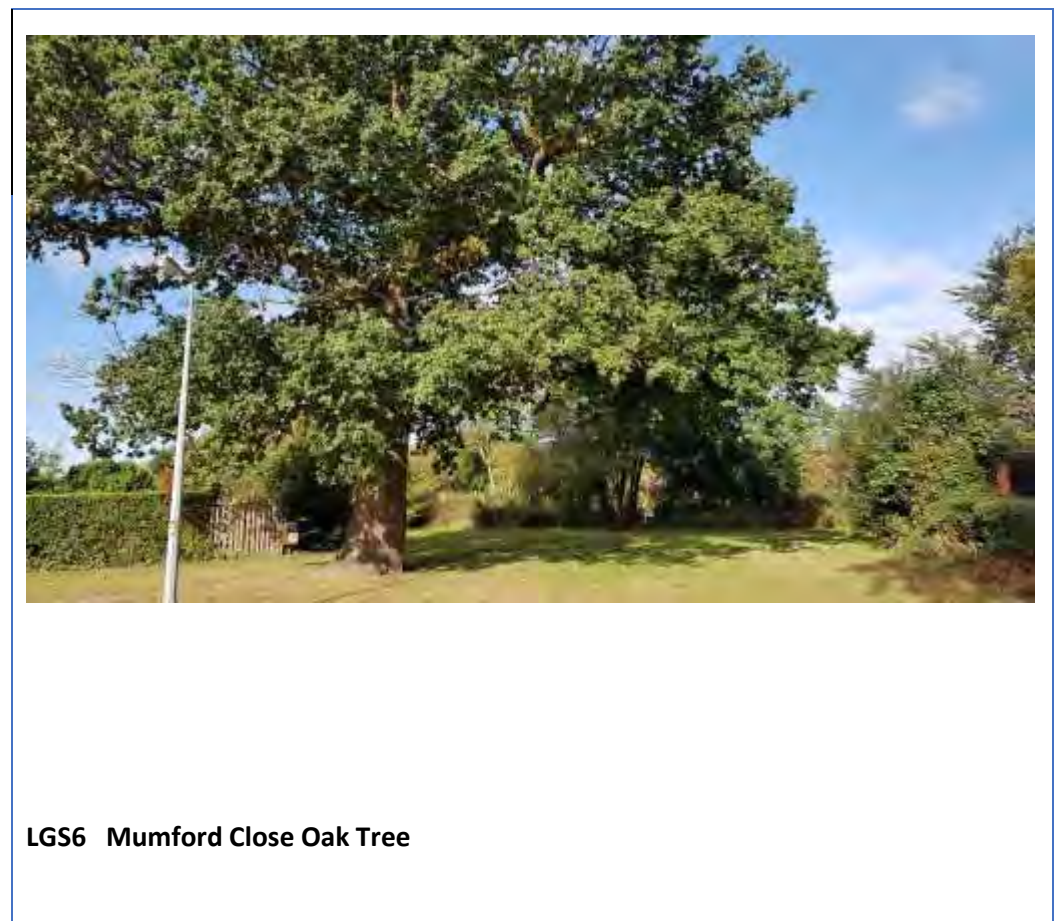
LGS4 Village Green/Heath

Site No. & Name	LGS5 Allotments
Location	OS Grid Ref. TL964277 At the corner of Chapel Road & New Church Road, West Bergholt CO6 3JB
Current Use	Allotments
Any existing designations or planning permission?	Trustee Land
Capable of enduring beyond end of plan period?	Yes
Close proximity to community?	0.2 miles from centre of village (CO6 3HL)
Demonstrably special and local significance? e.g. beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquillity or richness of wildlife	The allotments were created as the result of an enclosure 'to provide allotments for the labouring poor of the Parish of West Bergholt'. West Bergholt Parish Council now administer the allotments as Sole Trustee of the New Allotments. Charity Number 219751. Around 80 full size plots are provided (some of them are now divided in half for those requesting less area making approximately 140 plots) so whilst it can provide solitude at times, it's also one of the main places for community interaction.
Not an extensive tract of land (% of Parish)	Insignificant percentage of Parish area
Comment	The allotment holders have, in recent years, created a 'Charity Stall' which has raised many thousands of pounds each year for local charities. An example of the community coming together.



LGS5 West Bergholt Allotments

Site No. & Name	LGS6 Mumford Close Oak Tree
Location	OS Grid Ref. TL959276 Land on the west side of Mumford Close, West Bergholt, CO6 3HY Land Registry Title Number: EX602172
Current Use	Recreation
Any existing designations or planning permission?	None
Capable of enduring beyond end of plan period?	Yes
Close proximity to community?	0.1 miles from centre of village (CO6 3HL)
Demonstrably special and local significance? e.g. beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquillity or richness of wildlife	This is a piece of land owned by West Bergholt Parish Council consisting of a specimen Oak surrounded by grass. It provides separation between existing housing developments and enables easy pedestrian access from the southern portion of the village to LGS2 Lorkin Daniell Field . In itself, it provides a quiet recreational area for informal games particularly by parents and their young children.
Not an extensive tract of land (% of Parish)	Insignificant percentage of Parish area
Comment	With regards to the contribution it makes to village life, its importance is out of all proportion to its area.



Site No. & Name	LGS7 Churchyard – St Mary the Virgin Church
Location	OS Grid Ref. TL962277 St Mary The Virgin Church, 34 New Church Rd, West Bergholt, CO6 3JE
Current Use	Churchyard attached to operational church
Any existing designations or planning permission?	Cemetery
Capable of enduring beyond end of plan period?	Yes
Close proximity to community?	0.2 miles from centre of village (CO6 3HL)
Demonstrably special and local significance? e.g. beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquillity or richness of wildlife	Has been a burial ground for the past 100 years. Provides a tranquil environment for quiet contemplation amongst the gravestones and attendant wildlife. Registered as LoWS Co79 West Bergholt Church. Also listed by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission as the final resting place of five casualties from both World Wars.
Not an extensive tract of land (% of Parish)	Insignificant percentage of Parish area
Comment	Owned by the Church of England and is nearing capacity.



LGS7 Churchyard – St Mary the Virgin Church

Site No. & Name	LGS8 Churchyard – Old St Mary’s Church
Location	OS Grid Ref. TL954281 Old St Mary’s Church, Hall Road, West Bergholt CO6 3DU
Current Use	Churchyard attached to redundant church
Any existing designations or planning permission?	Closed cemetery
Capable of enduring beyond end of plan period?	Yes
Close proximity to community?	0.55 miles from centre of village (CO6 3HL)
Demonstrably special and local significance? e.g. beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquillity or richness of wildlife	The churchyard is attached to a church that has stood on this site for more than one thousand years. It produces a setting of peace and tranquillity amongst the rich and varied wildlife just outside the village. Registered as LoWS Co72 West Bergholt Hall Church.
Not an extensive tract of land (% of Parish)	Insignificant percentage of Parish area
Comment	Old St Mary's Church is a redundant Anglican church. It is recorded in the National Heritage List for England as a designated Grade I listed building and is under the care of the Churches Conservation Trust and supported by an active local Friends' group.



LGS8 Churchyard – Old St Mary’s Church

Site No. & Name	LGS9 Pocket Park - Maltings
Location	OS Grid Ref. TL968277 Off Lorkin Way, West Bergholt, CO6 3SL Land Registry Title Number: EX709761
Current Use	Recreational area with Play Equipment
Any existing designations or planning permission?	Play Area
Capable of enduring beyond end of plan period?	Yes
Close proximity to community?	0.5 miles from centre of village (CO6 3HL)
Demonstrably special and local significance? e.g. beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquillity or richness of wildlife	A grassed area with adjacent children's play equipment situated next to the Maltings Park housing estate. It was built specifically for the local children although it's used by others from around the Parish. The area is not only used for informal ball games and other forms of exercise but is a safe environment well away from the nearby main road to Colchester.
Not an extensive tract of land (% of Parish)	Insignificant percentage of Parish area
Comment	Owned and maintained by Colchester Borough Council.



LGS9 Pocket Park - Maltings

Site No. & Name	LGS10 Erle Havard Park – Pirie Road
Location	OS Grid Ref. TL964275 Adjacent to 39 Pirie Road, West Bergholt, CO6 3TA Land Registry Title Number: EX862453
Current Use	Recreational area with Play Equipment
Any existing designations or planning permission?	Play Area
Capable of enduring beyond end of plan period?	Yes
Close proximity to community?	0.2 miles from centre of village (CO6 3HL)
Demonstrably special and local significance? e.g. beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquillity or richness of wildlife	This is a grassed area with adjacent children's play equipment situated between two 1980's housing estates. It therefore provides a highly needed recreational area useful for informal ball games. The numerous mature oaks provide an oasis for wildlife amongst the developments.
Not an extensive tract of land (% of Parish)	Insignificant percentage of Parish area
Comment	Owned and maintained by Colchester Borough Council.



LGS10 Erle Havard Park – Pirie Road

Site No. & Name	LGS11 Queen's Road Pond
Location	OS Grid Ref. TL959274 Opposite the Queen's Head Pub, 1 Queen's Road, West Bergholt, CO6 3HE
Current Use	Village Pond
Any existing designations or planning permission?	Pond
Capable of enduring beyond end of plan period?	Yes
Close proximity to community?	0.15 miles from centre of village (CO6 3HL)
Demonstrably special and local significance? e.g. beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquillity or richness of wildlife	The village pond is on land set aside for the purpose in a plan approved by the Enclosure Commissioners (1865). It provides a picturesque target for many local walks and it supports fish, ducks and even a visiting Heron! The Weeping Willow is a particular favourite with many parishioners.
Not an extensive tract of land (% of Parish)	Insignificant percentage of Parish area
Comment	This particular area with the Queens Head in the background provides one of the most photogenic urban views in West Bergholt. It is maintained by the Parish Council.



LGS11 Queen's Road Pond

Site No. & Name	LGS12 Lexden Road Pond
Location	OS Grid Ref. TL958275 Near 87 Lexden Road, West Bergholt, CO6 3BW
Current Use	Village Pond
Any existing designations or planning permission?	Pond
Capable of enduring beyond end of plan period?	Yes
Close proximity to community?	0.2 miles from centre of village (CO6 3HL)
Demonstrably special and local significance? e.g. beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquillity or richness of wildlife	The village pond is on land set aside for the purpose in a plan approved by the Enclosure Commissioners (1865). It provides an environment for local and visiting wildlife throughout the year.
Not an extensive tract of land (% of Parish)	Insignificant percentage of Parish area
Comment	This area is maintained by West Bergholt Parish Council.



LGS12 Lexden Road Pond

Site No. & Name	LGS13 Hall Road Pond
Location	OS Grid Ref. TL959283 adjacent to Ponders, Hall Road, West Bergholt, CO6 3DX
Current Use	Village Pond
Any existing designations or planning permission?	Pond
Capable of enduring beyond end of plan period?	Yes
Close proximity to community?	0.45 miles from centre of village (CO6 3HL)
Demonstrably special and local significance? e.g. beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquillity or richness of wildlife	Despite exhaustive searches over many years, the ownership of this land can't be determined. As the pond itself was becoming totally over-run with Reed Mace, West Bergholt Parish Council decided to undertake regular maintenance work. This has produced a viable environment for very many species – even a few Reed Mace!
Not an extensive tract of land (% of Parish)	Insignificant percentage of Parish area
Comment	An example of intervention producing a desirable visible and environmental asset for the community.



LGS13 Hall Road Pond

Site No. & Name	LGS14 Village Sign/Beacon Area
Location	OS Grid Ref. TL965277 Adjacent to 1 Chapel Road, West Bergholt CO6 3LF Land Registry Title Number: EX103240
Current Use	Highly visible site. Currently incorporates ornamental Village Sign and ceremonial Beacon.
Any existing designations or planning permission?	None
Capable of enduring beyond end of plan period?	Yes
Close proximity to community?	0.3 miles from centre of village (CO6 3HL)
Demonstrably special and local significance? e.g. beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquillity or richness of wildlife	This small piece of land provides a beautiful tableau for those entering the village from Colchester. Historically significant as it accommodates the well-loved village sign and ceremonial beacon.
Not an extensive tract of land (% of Parish)	Insignificant percentage of Parish area
Comment	Land owned and maintained by Essex County Council.



LGS14 Village Sign/Beacon Area