

Eynsford Parish Neighbourhood Plan

Local Green Space

Eynsford Rise – Tree copse triangle , green area/pathway to bench at top of the field



Community Value

This LGS submission starts on the right at the beginning of Upper Austin Lane. It comprises a triangular copse of trees with a designated footpath through. The path leads through the trees to a linear green space going up the hill until it reaches a bench area at the start of the woods (Chalkhurst woods on OS map)

The LGS would include the wood, the path up the hill and the green spaces to the left of this footpath up to the bench. It follows the fenceline of Eynsford Rise, then as the houseline finishes a hedgerow up to the bench . The LGS includes the hedgerow, the path and green spaces to the left of the path going uphill. This when it leaves the wood runs parallel to the back of the houses on the south side of Eynsford Rise, it then continues up the hill with the hedge / green space / footpath to a bench area below the entrance to the woods.

The LGS does not include the wheat field to the right of the footpath only the green area to the left of the path to the houseline and hedgerow It includes the path itself and the triangle copse of woodland at the bottom of the footpath.

This area is heavily used by especially by residents of Eynsford Rise, Birch Close and the adjoining St Martins Drive and Pollyhaugh. It is especially popular with runners, with birdwatchers, nature and dog walkers both individuals and families . It's an easily accessed area that leads to the bench where there are lovely views across and down the valley. The footpath then continues into Chalkhurst woods to form a circular village walk and it also joins a longer national network footpath

Varied flora and fauna inhabit this area including the protected Roman Giant Snail which breed in the LGS areas. The trees and hedgerow are home to numerous animals, birds and insects. Foxes, badgers, woodpeckers and tawny owls use the area both to hunt and breed in.

Eynsford Rise has a very active bird watching community who watch the birds throughout the year. Birds spotted include woodpeckers, skylarks, blackbirds, greenfinches, robins, song and mistle thrushes, chaffinches, red kites, sparrowhawks, whitethroats, fire and goldcrests and many more

It's a green lung for the village which is used actively all year.

Suitability for LGS Designation.

Special Community Value	The space is of special community value for recreation and health activities including walkers, runners and families as described above. It is also a breeding area for a protected species of snails
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Area of space	Approx. 0.1 acre wood copse area with ¼ mile greenway to bench
Planning permissions or site allocations	None.
Other Designations	It is designated as a Protected National Landscape (AONB) & Green Belt.
Close to the community it serves	It is next to the village from where it is easily visible and accessible providing a rich wildlife habitat, local space to exercise and a great visual amenity

Eynsford Rise LGS



LGS area photos below



