

Name of Space	K05 Woods North of Marsh Playing Fields
Street/Location	N of Marsh Playing Fields, (KSCA) Legion Drive, Kinver
Post Code	DY7 6ET
Grid ref	SO8471884107
Brief Description	A wood beside Edward Marsh playing fields, bike adventure zone and community centre, used on a regular basis especially by young people.

Plan



Suitability for LGS Designation (Add detail as appropriate. Tick indicates satisfies criterion) ✓

Location: near community it serves	✓	Yes. Much used by locals	Next to Kinver's Edward Marsh playing fields & Skate Park. The Hyde bridle path no. 95 runs to the north and pony paddocks and footpath 23 near the eastern side, all close to the edge of village.
Local Significance/ Special Community Value: Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value	✓	Recreation, sport, events, paths	Adjacent footpaths and bridleway are used by riders, ramblers, dog walkers, runners, cyclists, families. Informally the woods are explored by young people and clearly valued as informal space complementing the play provision of the adjacent bike adventure zone and playing fields.
	✓	Wildlife, ecology	These woods are old, relatively unmanaged and seasonally flooded, bordering Mill Brook and close to the Stour. Trees, birds, squirrels,

(including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife.	✓		Muntjacs, Owls, bats, wildlife/flowers including bluebells, and insects inhabit this area. Part of the canal/river corridor for wildlife and forms part of the Wooded Waterways Nature Recovery Area identified by the Staffordshire Wildlife Trust. Habitat of High Distinctiveness and Priority Habitat deciduous woodland. Part of The Hyde (southwest of) Biodiversity Alert Site. Adjoins the seasonally wet Sterrymere area which is currently being improved for wildlife, by the Edward Marsh Trust.
		Heritage	Bordered by the old track leading to the Hyde.
		Beauty, setting, tranquillity, green lung	A beautiful tranquil wooded area which is also used as a short cut to the playing fields . The woods complement the open space of the playing fields.
		Other incl flood mitigation, local food	High flood risk. Floods regularly (both storm water and river flooding) which reduces risk to other areas
Size, Scale Local in character and is not extensive tract of land.	✓	Area (ha):	2.4
	✓	Local character	Yes, adjacent village and playing fields, valued and used by local people
Planning permissions or site allocations	None.		
Other Designations Formal designations or recognised in Local Plan, etc e.g. nature reserve	BAS The Hyde (SW of) Wooded Waterways Nature Recovery Area Priority Habitat deciduous woodland Green Belt		
Recommendation	✓		Suitable for Local Green Space Designation

Photographs:



Cycle adventure zone and playing fields, with the woods in the background



