

Name of Space	<b>K18 Hanging Hill</b>
Street/Location	Above and south of Church Hill junction with Mill Lane. East of St Peter's Church.
Post Code	DY7 6HZ
Grid ref	SO8459783119
Brief Description	Lovely steep sloping green field overlooking the conservation area at the entrance to the village High Street, and providing picturesque setting to St Peter's Church above and the Conservation area below

Plan



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

Location: In reasonably close proximity to the community, it serves	✓	Yes	Within village, above High Street/Church Hill
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 (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife.	✓	Recreation, sport, events, paths	View enjoyed by everyone in the village as well as visitors. An ancient right of way passes along the southern boundary, from which the grazing land interspersed with gorse and other shrubs can be appreciated.
	✓	Wildlife, ecology	This is low-intensity ancient pasture normally grazed by sheep, with associated flora and wildlife. Its steepness means the pasture is never ploughed. Flora typical of semi natural ancient grassland. Bats are common. It is part of the Heathland Mosaic Nature Recovery Area identified by Staffordshire Wildlife Trust, linking through to Kinver Edge and beyond.

		Heritage	In the core of the Conservation Area, this field was used in the past by the cloth industry centred on Mill Lane, for drying cloth. Foreground to C13/14 St Peter's Church, and to views of the High Street, Old Grammar House (listed) and Conservation Area from the church. Footpath 55 along its north border dates back to mediaeval times.
		Beauty, setting, tranquillity, green lung	Forms a scenic, imposing foreground to St Peter's Church from Dark Lane below; and to the view of the conservation area including the old Grammar School (half-timbered) and Cross Inn from the Churchyard above.
		Other incl flood mitigation, local food	
Size, Scale Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	✓	Area (ha):	1.9
	✓	Local character	In the core of the village, between the church and the High Street
Planning permissions or site allocations	None.		
Other Designations Formal designations or recognised in Local Plan, etc e.g. nature reserve	Conservation Area Green Belt Heathland Mosaic Nature Recovery Area		
Recommendation	✓		Suitable for Local Green Space Designation

Photographs:



The Old Grammar House from Hanging Hill





Hanging Hill and Kinver from the Churchyard



Hanging Hill from Dark Lane

